

Beedie 
LUMINARIES



RISE

REFUGEES & IMMIGRANT STUDENT EDUCATION AWARD

SCHOLARSHIP

2025-2026 APPLICATION CYCLE PROGRAM GUIDELINES

VALUE AND DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

FULL-TIME STUDIES:

\$11,000 CAD per year for up to 4 years of funding, or until the student completes their first accreditation in Canada (whichever is the shorter period):

- **Certificate** (funded for up to 1 year)
- **Diploma** (funded for up to 2 years)
- **University transfer program** (funded for up to 2 years plus a university degree funded for up to 2 additional years for a total of 4 years of funding for both institutions combined)
- **Undergraduate degree** (funded for a total of 4 years).

The annual payments will be as follows:

- \$11,000 paid directly to the post-secondary institution in two equal annual installments of \$5,500 (Fall and Winter Term)
- Funds remaining in the account after covering the tuition and student fees per each term should be applied toward school-related and living expenses.

PART-TIME STUDIES:

\$5,500 CAD per year for up to 6 years of funding, or until the student completes their first accreditation in Canada (whichever is the shorter period):

- **Certificate** (funded for up to 2 years)
- **Diploma** (funded for up to 3 years)
- **University transfer program** (funded for up to 3 years plus a university degree funded for up to 3 additional years for a total of 6 years of funding for both institutions combined)
- **Undergraduate degree** (funded for a total of 6 years).

The annual payments will be as follows:

- \$5,500 paid directly to the post-secondary institution in two equal annual installments of \$2,750 (Fall and Winter Term)
- Funds remaining in the account after covering the tuition and student fees per each term should be applied toward school-related expenses.

VALUE & DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP CONTINUED

In addition to the financial support, the Beedie Luminaries Foundation offers student support, including:

- Student Success Managers
- Mentors
- Peer Support Groups
- Special events and workshops
- Beedie Luminaries digital community group
- Paid summer internship opportunities
- Career guidance.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for the 2026 Cohort, a candidate must:

- Be born between the years 1990 and 2006
- Have completed secondary school (or equivalent)
- Be a full-time resident of BC (i.e. have lived in the province for the previous 6 consecutive months)
- Be a protected person in Canada who has been determined under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act to be a Convention refugee and can present a Notice of Decision issued after January 1, 2016 by the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada. (Note: Refugee Claimants are not eligible)
- Be eligible for domestic tuition fees at an eligible BC institution
- Plan to enroll for the 2026 academic year or are already attending (part-time or full-time) an eligible BC institution listed in this document. The Private Training Act (PTA) designated institutions are not eligible
- Have faced financial and other life adversities.

ELIGIBILITY CONTINUED

Eligible post-secondary institutions:

- British Columbia Institute of Technology
- Camosun College
- Capilano University
- Coast Mountain College
- College of New Caledonia
- College of the Rockies
- Douglas College
- Emily Carr University of Art & Design
- Justice Institute of British Columbia
- Kwantlen Polytechnic University
- Langara College
- Nicola Valley Institute of Technology
- North Island College
- Northern Lights College
- Okanagan College
- Royal Roads University
- Selkirk College
- Simon Fraser University
- Thompson Rivers University
- University of British Columbia (all campuses)
- University of Northern British Columbia
- University of the Fraser Valley
- University of Victoria
- Vancouver Community College
- Vancouver Island University
- Native Education College

FIELD OF STUDY/PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- There are no restrictions on the program or discipline of study.
- Program must be of a minimum of 1 year in duration.
- Students in full-time studies must take 60% or more of a full course load (typically a minimum of 3 courses per term) and complete a minimum of 24 credits (or equivalent) over the course of the full academic year.
- Students in part-time studies must take a minimum of 40% of a full course load (typically a minimum of 2 courses per term) and complete a minimum of 15 credits (or equivalent) over the course of the full academic year.
- On-line courses at eligible post-secondary schools are permitted.
- Prerequisite courses required for admission into a post-secondary program are not supported through the scholarship.

CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

- Students must commence, or continue, their post-secondary studies in September 2026. Deferrals in the first year of the scholarship award are not permitted.
- The scholarship may be withdrawn if the student fails to make appropriate academic progress (according to the individual school and program's criteria), fails to obtain sufficient grades to pass a course or complete a program, withdraws from attendance at the selected institution, or commits an infraction or crime; (e.g., infraction such as breaching a school's code of conduct or engaging in plagiarism) or does not complete mandatory academic progress reports and enrolment confirmations as required.
- While receiving Beedie Luminaries funding, a RISE student cannot hold other scholarships or financial awards that total more than \$10,000 over the 4-year scholarship funding period. This does NOT include bursaries or student loans.
- Beedie Luminaries acceptance is limited to a maximum of two active or past recipients per one household/family, each enrolled within a different program (SHINE, SPARK, RISE, BUILD, or the Graduate Studies Award). For example, only one family member may be the recipient of SHINE and another of SPARK, but not both the recipients of SHINE .
- The scholarship funding can only be applied toward courses and credits commencing in September 2026. Students will not be retroactively reimbursed for any studies or courses completed prior to September 2026.
- Employees of Beedie and their dependents are not eligible to apply.

Please note: If a student is currently receiving, or intends to apply for additional funding support including income assistance, government subsidies, school bursaries and other awards, student loans or any other type of financial assistance, it is important that the student discusses the application with the respective administering organization to understand what impact additional funding from a Beedie Luminaries Scholarship may have on the student's eligibility with these programs.

SELECTION PROCESS

The Beedie Luminaries selection of scholarship recipients will be conducted in two phases:

Phase 1: Each application is read and scored by a minimum of two experts on the Beedie Luminaries Selection Committee. The Beedie Luminaries Selection Committee may invite some shortlisted candidates for an interview.

Phase 2: The Beedie Luminaries Foundation will meet to determine the 2026 recipients. All applicants will be notified of the results of the selection process, once available.

Please refer to our website for the selection process timeline. Once the selection process is complete, decisions are irrevocable.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Personal circumstances
- Demonstration of financial adversity
- Responses to application questions
- Clarity of the applicant's educational goals, and focused commitment
- Contributions to community, to family, and/or extracurricular activities
- The reference form.

APPLICATION ENQUIRIES

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