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General Scholarship Opportunities

Open to all BC students — no identity or background requirements. May have academic, leadership, or service criteria. These are the biggest and most broadly accessible awards. Every student should review them.

This Section Covers:

- Provincial Government Scholarships
- Major Private Scholarships
- University Entrance Awards
- Study-Area Specific Scholarships

Provincial Government Scholarships

- Core BC Ministry of Education awards; automatic or nominated.

Scholarship / Award	Focus / Eligibility	Value / Details	How to Apply / Other Notes	Deadline
BC Achievement Scholarship	Top ~8,000 grads based on grades	\$1,250 tuition voucher	Automatic; no application needed	N/A
BC Excellence Scholarship	Leadership, service, career commitment	\$5,000 (≈55 awards)	School nomination + student application	Feb 15, 2026
District / Authority Scholarship	Excellence in trades, arts, Indigenous languages, service	\$1,250	Apply through local school district	Spring 2026 (varies by district)
StudentAid BC Grants & Bursaries	Low/mid-income, Indigenous, disability, French ed.	Amounts vary	Apply when applying for StudentAid BC	Rolling

Private Scholarships

- Canada's most competitive national awards, open to BC students.

Scholarship / Award	Focus / Eligibility	Value / Details	How to Apply / Other Notes	Deadline
Loran Scholars Foundation	Leadership, character, service; open to all Canadian citizens/PRs	~\$100,000 over 4 years (includes tuition, stipend, summer funding)	Apply directly online; school sponsorship optional but helpful	Oct 2025
Schulich Leader Scholarships	STEM excellence, leadership, entrepreneurial spirit; Canadian high school students	\$120,000 (Engineering) / \$100,000 (other STEM)	Requires school nomination + student application to partner universities	Early 2026
TD Community Leadership Scholarship	Exceptional community leadership; Canadian high school students	Up to \$70,000 (tuition, living, summer jobs)	Apply online; judged regionally	Sep–Oct 2025

University & College Entrance Scholarships (BC Institutions)

- Require a separate application or portfolio. Automatic GPA-based awards are excluded.

Scholarship / Award	Focus / Eligibility	Value / Details	How to Apply / Other Notes	Deadline
Centennial Scholars Entrance Award – UBC	High academic achievement + financial need	Up to \$80,000 total over 4 years	Apply with UBC financial aid application	Dec 1, 2025
Beyond Tomorrow Scholars Program – UBC	Black students entering UBC; financial need	Entrance award + tuition + supports	Apply to UBC + separate award application	Dec 15, 2025

Scholarship / Award	Focus / Eligibility	Value / Details	How to Apply / Other Notes	Deadline
President's Entrance Scholarships – SFU	Top academic + leadership achievements	\$10,000–\$20,000 renewable up to 4 years	Apply with admission + awards application	Early 2026
Emily Carr University Entrance Scholarships	Design, media, visual arts; portfolio required	\$1,000–\$5,000	Assessed during admission/portfolio review; some awards require separate forms.	Jan–Feb 2026
BCIT Entrance Awards (select competitive)	Leadership + financial need	\$1,000–\$5,000+	Apply via BCIT awards office	May–Aug 2026
KPU Major Entrance Scholarships	Strong GPA + community service	\$1,000–\$20,000 total	Apply via KPU awards office	March 2026

University & College Entrance Scholarships (Outside BC)

- National-level entrance awards at major Canadian universities. Automatic GPA-based awards are excluded.

Scholarship / Award	Institution	Value / Details	Deadline
National Scholarship Program – U of T	U of T	Tuition + fees + \$7,500/year living	Nov 2025
President's Scholarship of Excellence – U of T	U of T	\$10,000 entrance award	Nov 2025
Chancellor's Scholarships – Queen's	Queens	\$36,000 (\$9,000 × 4 years)	Dec 2025
National Scholarship Program – Western	Western	Tuition + \$2,000 residence credit + summer research	Feb 2026

Scholarship / Award	Institution	Value / Details	Deadline
President's Scholarships of Distinction – Waterloo	Waterloo	\$2,000 entrance + \$1,500 research + \$1,500 international experience	Feb 2026
Major Entrance Scholarships – Calgary	Academic excellence + leadership	Up to \$60,000 over 4 years	Dec 1, 2025
Entrance Scholarships – Dalhousie	Dalhousie	Up to \$40,000 total	Mar 1, 2026
St. Francis Xavier Entrance Scholarships	St. Francis Xavier	Up to \$32,000 over 4 years	Mar 2026

Study-Area Specific Scholarships (University & College Programs)

- Awards tied to the field of study a student plans to pursue.

Scholarship / Award	Focus / Eligibility	Value / Details	How to Apply / Other Notes	Deadline
Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship (Provincial)	BC students entering teacher education	\$5,000 (20 awards)	School nomination + student application	Feb 15, 2026
Health Sciences Association (HSA) Bursaries	Students entering health sciences programs	\$500–\$2,000	Apply via HSA BC website	Spring 2026
Forestry & Environmental Awards (e.g., COFI, Truck Loggers, BC Council of Forest Industries)	Forestry, natural resources, environmental sciences	\$500–\$2,000+	Apply via relevant industry associations	Spring–Summer 2026

Scholarship / Award	Focus / Eligibility	Value / Details	How to Apply / Other Notes	Deadline
Professional Faculty Entrance Awards (UBC, UVic, SFU, etc.)	Faculty-specific entrance scholarships (Engineering, Nursing, Fine Arts, etc.)	\$1,000–\$20,000+	Apply via each institution's faculty/awards portal	Dec 2025–Feb 2026
Royal Canadian Geographical Society Scholarships	Students pursuing geography, environment, or related studies	\$1,000–\$5,000	Apply via RCGS; essay/project criteria vary annually	Spring 2026

Identity & Background-Based Scholarship Opportunities

Targeted funding for students from specific communities or lived experiences. MLA offices can play a key role by proactively sharing these opportunities with eligible students who may not realize they qualify.

This Section Covers:

- Scholarship opportunities for indigenous students
- Scholarship opportunities for black students
- Scholarship opportunities for LGBTQIA2S+ students
- Scholarship opportunities for students with disabilities
- Scholarship opportunities for Immigrant / Refugee Students
- Scholarship opportunities for youth with lived experience in Care (tuition waivers, national bursaries)
- Religious & Faith-Based Scholarships
- Heritage & Cultural Community Based Scholarships

Scholarship Opportunities for Indigenous Students

- Comprehensive supports available for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis learners across all post-secondary pathways.

Scholarship / Award	Focus / Eligibility	Value / Details	How to Apply / Other Notes	Deadline
Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP)	First Nations students funded through band/Indigenous organizations	Up to \$53,000/year	Apply via band office or Indigenous Services Canada regional office	Varies by band
Indspire – Building Brighter Futures (BBF)	First Nations, Inuit, and Métis students across Canada	Varies; bursaries, scholarships, awards available	Single application; administered through Indspire	Rolling deadlines

Scholarship / Award	Focus / Eligibility	Value / Details	How to Apply / Other Notes	Deadline
Indigenous Bursaries Search Tool (ISC)	Indigenous students nationwide	Access to 500+ awards	Search and apply via Indigenous Services Canada database	Ongoing
BC Indigenous Student Award (BC Scholarship Society)	Indigenous students residing in BC	Up to \$5,000/year	Annual application; no essay required	Spring 2026
First Citizens Fund Student Bursary	Indigenous students in BC with financial need	Up to \$1,200 per semester	Apply via BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres	Spring/Summer 2026
New Relationship Trust Scholarships	BC First Nations students (trades, diplomas, degrees, nursing, etc.)	Varies	Apply through New Relationship Trust	May–Aug 2026
BC First Nations Public Service Scholarship	Students pursuing careers in First Nations government/administration in BC	Varies	Apply via program portal	Oct 15, 2025
Coast Mountain College Indigenous Awards	First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students at CMTN (northwest BC)	Varies; includes awards for Indigenous women	Apply via Coast Mountain College Foundation	Spring 2026

Scholarship / Award	Focus / Eligibility	Value / Details	How to Apply / Other Notes	Deadline
Modern Métis Woman Scholarship	Métis-identifying women attending Canadian universities	Varies by essay merit and financial need	Submit 1,000–1,500 word essay online	Oct 31, 2025

Scholarship Opportunities for Black Students

- National and BC-based awards recognizing achievement, leadership, and community contribution.

Scholarship / Award	Focus / Eligibility	Value / Details	How to Apply / Other Notes	Deadline
RBC Future Launch Scholarship for Black Youth	Black-identifying youth across Canada, including BC	Up to \$10,000/year + mentorship/supports	Must be nominated by a BC Community Partner	Sep 17 – Nov 6, 2025
UBC Beyond Tomorrow Scholars Program	Black students entering UBC from high school; financial need	Entrance award covering tuition + wraparound supports	Apply to UBC by Dec 1; complete program application by Dec 15	Dec 1–15, 2025
Black Education Fund (BEF) Scholarships	Black Canadian post-secondary students, including BC residents	\$1,000/year (up to 4 years)	Apply via BEF website	2026 (TBD)
BFCN Scholarships & Aim 2 Achieve Awards	Black high school and university	Varies by award	Apply via BFCN directory	Jul 31, 2026

Scholarship / Award	Focus / Eligibility	Value / Details	How to Apply / Other Notes	Deadline
	students across Canada			
Black Academic Scholarship Fund (BASF)	Black students across Canada (including BC)	Varies; based on donor pool	Apply via BASF portal	Spring 2026

Scholarship Opportunities for Students with Disabilities

- Includes awards for students with physical, learning, sensory, or mental health disabilities.

Scholarship / Award	Focus / Eligibility	Value / Details	How to Apply / Other Notes	Deadline
CIBC Youth with Disabilities Scholarship Program (NEADS)	Canadian youth with disabilities entering post-secondary	\$3,000	Apply via NEADS national scholarship program	June 2026
NEADS National Student Awards	Students with permanent disabilities in post-secondary	\$1,000–\$5,000	Apply via NEADS website	June 2026
Kevin Collins Abilities Scholarship	Canadian students with disabilities pursuing post-secondary	\$3,000	Apply online; essay + references	Spring 2026
Rick & Amanda Hansen Scholarship for Youth with Disabilities	Canadian students with physical disabilities	\$2,500–\$5,000	Apply via Rick Hansen Foundation	Spring 2026

Scholarship / Award	Focus / Eligibility	Value / Details	How to Apply / Other Notes	Deadline
BC Epilepsy Society Scholarships	Students in BC living with epilepsy	\$500–\$1,000	Apply via BC Epilepsy Society	Spring 2026
Cerebral Palsy Association of BC Education Bursaries	Students in BC with cerebral palsy entering post-secondary	\$500–\$1,000	Apply via CPABC	Spring 2026
CNIB Foundation Scholarships	Students with vision loss across Canada	\$1,000–\$5,000	Apply via CNIB Foundation	Summer 2026
StudentAid BC – Grants for Students with Permanent Disabilities	BC residents with documented permanent disabilities	Up to \$4,000/year	Apply automatically when applying for StudentAid BC	Ongoing

Scholarship Opportunities for LGBTQIA2S+ Students

- Scholarships supporting identity, advocacy, and inclusion work.

Scholarship / Award	Focus / Eligibility	Value / Details	How to Apply / Other Notes	Deadline
LOUD Foundation Scholarships	2SLGBTQ+ high school grads and post-secondary students (Canada-wide)	\$2,000–\$2,500 (approx. 20 awards annually)	Apply online via LOUD Foundation	Nov 2025 – Jan 31, 2026
Freddie Scholarship for LGBTQ2S+ Students	LGBTQ2S+ high school or post-secondary students in Canada	~\$1,000 (multiple awards annually)	Apply via Freddie website	Feb 2026 (TBD exact date)

Scholarship / Award	Focus / Eligibility	Value / Details	How to Apply / Other Notes	Deadline
Pride Education Network (BC GSA Fund)	BC students active in GSAs or LGBTQ+ school leadership	~\$300 (recognition-focused)	Apply through Pride Education Network	Varies (Spring 2026 expected)
Lambda Foundation Scholarships	Projects or study in LGBTQ+ education or research	Varies by institution	Apply via participating universities (e.g., UBC, UVic)	Varies (institution deadlines)

Scholarship Opportunities for Immigrant / Refugee Students

- Some awards require proof of refugee or protected status, while others are open to broader newcomer/immigrant categories.

Scholarship / Award	Focus / Eligibility	Value / Details	How to Apply / Other Notes	Deadline
RISE Awards (Beedie Luminaries)	Refugees with PR or protected status in BC; ages 19–34	Up to \$44,000 (FT) or \$33,000 (PT) over multiple years	Apply via Beedie Luminaries website	Late 2025 (for Fall 2026 entry)
Daniel Schickedanz Scholarship Award	Refugee or migrant youth; academics + community engagement	~\$745; 10 awards/year	Apply via Canadian Council for Refugees	Oct 15 – Nov 22, 2025
MOSAIC Scholarships & Awards (BC)	Immigrants/refugees in BC; multiple categories (leadership, education, helping professions)	\$1,000–\$5,000 depending on award	Apply via MOSAIC	Varies (Spring 2026 typical)
WUSC Student Refugee Program (SRP)	Young refugees abroad seeking sponsorship + post-secondary	Full settlement + education support	Apply via WUSC program (coordinate	Ongoing (start process in

Scholarship / Award	Focus / Eligibility	Value / Details	How to Apply / Other Notes	Deadline
			with partner institutions)	2025 for Fall 2026)
Terry Fox Humanitarian Award	Canadian citizens, PRs, or refugees; voluntary service + adversity overcome	Up to \$28,000 over 4 years	Apply online; requires 3 references + transcript	Dec 1, 2025

Scholarship Opportunities for Youth with Lived Experience in Care

- Tuition waivers and national bursaries for students formerly in government care.

Scholarship / Award	Focus / Eligibility	Value / Details	How to Apply / Other Notes	Deadline
Storwell Foster Children Bursary	Former foster youth (Canada/US), up to age 24	\$2,000 (one-time)	Apply online via Storwell portal	Rolling
Children's Aid Foundation of Canada Scholarships	Youth in or from care (temporary or permanent), up to ~age 30	\$5,000 per academic year (renewable)	Apply via CAFDN website	Feb 3, 2026
University Tuition Waiver Programs (BC Institutions)	BC youth in care or former youth in care	Full tuition waiver at all BC public post-secondary schools	Apply through institution's youth-in-care office	Ongoing
Ken Dryden Scholarship (Youth in Care Canada)	Youth who have been or are in government care in Canada	Varies by year	Apply via Youth in Care Canada	2026 (date TBD)

Scholarship / Award	Focus / Eligibility	Value / Details	How to Apply / Other Notes	Deadline
McGill Youth in/from Care Bursary Guarantee	Students from foster care entering McGill undergrad	\$5,000/year or full tuition (whichever is higher)	Contact McGill Student Services for application steps	2026
Public Guardian & Trustee Educational Assistance Fund	Youth formerly in care of BC's Ministry of Children & Family Development	Varies; supports tuition & costs	Apply via PGT BC	Ongoing

Religious & Faith-Based Scholarships

- Scholarships offered through faith communities and related service organizations.

Scholarship / Award	Focus / Eligibility	Value / Details	How to Apply / Other Notes	Deadline
Canadian Japanese–Mennonite Scholarship	Students pursuing human rights/minority protection research	~\$3,000	Apply via MCC Canada; open to undergraduates	Apr 1, 2026
Mountain Scholarship Award	Christian faith-driven students with strong community/church engagement	\$1,000–\$3,000	Apply via Mountain Foundation	Spring–Summer 2026
Ismaili Community Scholarships (Canada)	Ismaili Muslim students; merit + need-based	\$2,000+	Apply via Ismaili community institutions	Early 2026
Jewish Federation Entrance Awards (e.g., Vancouver chapter)	Jewish high school graduates with community involvement	\$1,000–\$5,000	Apply via Jewish Federation (local chapter)	Spring 2026

Scholarship / Award	Focus / Eligibility	Value / Details	How to Apply / Other Notes	Deadline
Khalsa Credit Union Scholarships (BC)	Sikh students in BC; academic excellence + seva (service)	\$1,000–\$5,000	Apply via Khalsa Credit Union	Spring 2026
United Church of Canada Youth Awards	Active youth in United Church congregations, entering post-secondary	\$500–\$1,000	Apply via local congregations	Spring 2026

Heritage & Cultural Community Scholarships

- Awards tied to **specific cultural or heritage communities**.

Scholarship / Award	Focus / Eligibility	Value / Details	How to Apply / Other Notes	Deadline
Victoria Foundation Chinese-Canadian Community Scholarship	Students of Chinese heritage entering UVic	Minimum \$1,000 each	Apply via UVic/Scholarships Canada portal	Feb 15 – Apr 30, 2026
Jean Lumb Awards	Grade 12 students of Chinese heritage (Canada-wide)	~\$1,000 each	Apply via Jean Lumb Foundation	Spring 2026
Super Scholarship Society – Media & Arts Awards	Students of South Asian heritage pursuing media/arts programs	~\$1,400 (2 awards)	Apply via Super Scholarship Society	Apr 2026
Filipino Canadian National Legacy / Academic Excellence	Filipino-Canadian students (various categories)	Varies by award	Apply via Filipino-Canadian National Scholarship Program portal	Spring 2026

Scholarship / Award	Focus / Eligibility	Value / Details	How to Apply / Other Notes	Deadline
/ First Generation Scholarships				
Canadian Turkish Cultural Foundation Awards	Turkish-Canadian students entering post-secondary	\$500–\$2,000	Apply via CTCF regional offices	Spring 2026 (varies by region)
Hellenic Canadian Congress Scholarships	Greek-Canadian students; academics + community service	\$1,000–\$2,500	Apply via Hellenic Canadian Congress	May–Jun 2026

Extracurricular, Talent and Study Area Specific Scholarships

Recognize service, talents, achievements, or the study area a student plans to pursue.

This Section Covers:

- Volunteerism & Service Based Opportunities
- Sports Scholarships
- Art/Creative Studies Scholarships
- Other Extracurricular Club Scholarships

Volunteerism & Service Scholarships

- Recognize community leadership, activism, and humanitarian work

Scholarship / Award	Focus / Eligibility	Value / Details	How to Apply / Other Notes	Deadline
Terry Fox Humanitarian Award	Canadian citizens, PRs, or refugees; voluntary service + adversity overcome	Up to \$28,000 over 4 years	Apply online; requires 3 references + transcript	Dec 1, 2025
Youth in Action Awards (YMCA/Community)	Volunteerism, activism, leadership	\$500–\$1,000	Apply via local YMCA or community partner	Spring 2026
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Bursaries	Youth completing the Duke of Edinburgh program	Varies	Apply via Duke of Edinburgh Canada	Rolling
Kin Canada Bursaries	Canadian high school students demonstrating community service	\$1,000 each (~50 awarded nationally)	Apply via local Kin Canada club	Feb 1, 2026

Sports Scholarships

- Awards for athletic excellence at provincial and varsity levels.

Scholarship / Award	Focus / Eligibility	Value / Details	How to Apply / Other Notes	Deadline
BC School Sports Scholarships (Zone & Dave Gifford Awards)	Graduating BC student-athletes in BC School Sports	\$750-\$1,500	Apply via BC School Sports	Spring 2026
U Sports Athletic Scholarships	Varsity athletes competing at Canadian universities; GPA standards apply	Varies; up to full tuition + expenses	Contact varsity coach during recruitment process	Ongoing
Royal Canadian Legion Sports Awards (regional, some branches)	Youth in cadets or athletics with community involvement	\$500-\$2,000	Apply via local Legion branch	Spring 2026

Arts & Creative Studies Scholarships

- Supports students entering creative and performing arts programs at universities, colleges, or conservatories.

Scholarship / Award	Focus / Eligibility	Value / Details	How to Apply / Other Notes	Deadline
Canadian Universities Music Entrance Awards	Students auditioning for music programs	\$1,000-\$5,000+	Apply as part of university audition process	Winter 2026
BC Arts Council Scholarships	Performing and creative arts (music, dance, theatre, visual arts, writing)	\$2,500-\$6,000	Apply via BC Arts Council; portfolio/audition required	Spring 2026
Royal Conservatory of	High achievement in RCM exams/competitions	\$500-\$2,000+	Automatic or by nomination	Varies

Scholarship / Award	Focus / Eligibility	Value / Details	How to Apply / Other Notes	Deadline
Music (RCM) Scholarships				
Kiwanis Music Festival Scholarships (regional)	Participants in BC Kiwanis Music Festivals	\$250–\$1,000	Awarded during spring festivals	Spring 2026
Theatre BC Entrance Scholarships	Students entering theatre or drama programs in BC	\$500–\$1,000	Apply via Theatre BC with audition/essay	Spring 2026
Canadian Children's Book Centre Awards (youth categories)	Aspiring writers entering creative writing/literature programs	\$500–\$2,500	Apply via CCBC youth competitions	2026 (TBD)

Other Extracurricular Club Scholarships

- Scholarships for students active in national youth leadership programs outside of school.

Scholarship / Award	Focus / Eligibility	Value / Details	How to Apply / Other Notes	Deadline
4-H Canada Scholarships	Youth active in 4-H clubs (agriculture, environment, leadership)	\$1,000–\$20,000 depending on sponsor	Apply via 4-H Canada portal	Spring–Summer 2026
Scouts Canada Scholarship Program	Registered members of Scouts Canada entering post-secondary	\$1,000–\$2,000	Apply via Scouts Canada application portal	Apr–Jun 2026 (varies)

Scholarship / Award	Focus / Eligibility	Value / Details	How to Apply / Other Notes	Deadline
Girl Guides of Canada Scholarships	Current/past members pursuing post-secondary; leadership & service emphasized	\$1,000–\$2,000	Apply via Girl Guides of Canada national scholarship portal	Apr 2026
Royal Canadian Legion Bursaries (local branches)	Youth connected to Legion programs, cadets, or service	\$500–\$2,000	Apply via local Legion branch	Spring 2026

Pathways Beyond Traditional University

Awards for students taking applied, career-focused, or community-based paths.

This Section Covers:

- Trade/Apprenticeship Based Opportunities
- Study-Area Specific Opportunities for certificate, applied, and diploma programs

Trades & Apprenticeships

- Awards designed for students entering skilled trades and apprenticeships. These often stack with apprenticeship wages and employer/union awards.

Scholarship / Award	Focus / Eligibility	Value / Details	How to Apply / Other Notes	Deadline
ITA Youth Work in Trades Scholarship	BC students completing a youth apprenticeship	\$1,000	Apply via SkilledTradesBC (through school/training provider)	Rolling
SkilledTradesBC Awards & Bursaries	Apprentices and pre-apprentices across BC	\$500–\$5,000	Apply via SkilledTradesBC awards portal	Rolling
BC Hydro Trades Scholarships	Students entering electrical/trades programs	\$1,000–\$2,000	Apply via BC Hydro community giving programs	Spring 2026
Construction Foundation of BC Bursaries	Students pursuing carpentry, plumbing, welding, etc.	Varies	Apply via Construction Foundation of BC website	Rolling

Study-Area Specific Scholarships (Not Limited to University Degrees)

- Support for students pursuing career-focused or applied training, not just degrees. Includes college diplomas, technical certificates, conservatory training, and applied programs.

Scholarship / Award	Study Area	Value / Details	How to Apply / Other Notes	Deadline
BC Early Childhood Education (ECE) Bursary Program	Early Childhood Education	Up to \$5,000/semester	Apply via ECEBC	Rolling / per semester
WorkSafeBC Student Safety Grant	Occupational Health & Safety	\$500–\$2,000	Apply via WorkSafeBC	Varies (Spring 2026 typical)
BC Arts Council Scholarships	Performing & Creative Arts	\$2,500–\$6,000	Apply via BC Arts Council	Spring 2026
Pacific Salmon Foundation Awards	Environmental sciences, fisheries	\$1,000–\$3,000	Apply via PSF	Spring 2026
Forestry Sector Awards (COFI, Truck Loggers, etc.)	Forestry, natural resources	\$500–\$2,000+	Apply via industry associations	Spring–Summer 2026
Music Conservatory / Festival Awards (Kiwanis, RCM, local)	Music performance & study	\$250–\$2,000+	Awarded automatically or by application at festivals/conservatories	Spring 2026

Miscellaneous Scholarship Opportunities

Other scholarship opportunities – very much not an exhaustive list!

This Section Covers:

- Community & Local Scholarships
- Employer & Industry Scholarships
- Other Scholarships

Community & Local Scholarships

- Awards offered through local service clubs, chambers, and community foundations. Very much not an exhaustive list – please look into options local to your office.

Scholarship / Award	Focus / Eligibility	Value / Details	How to Apply / Other Notes	Deadline
Community Foundation Awards (Victoria, Vancouver, Okanagan, Fraser Valley, etc.)	Local residents; donor-funded scholarships	\$500–\$5,000	Apply via local community foundation portals	Varies
Rotary Club Scholarships	Volunteerism, leadership, service	\$500–\$2,000	Apply via local Rotary Club	Spring 2026
Lions Club & Kiwanis Club Awards	Local service, academics, extracurricular involvement	\$500–\$1,500	Apply via local service club	Spring 2026
Chamber of Commerce Youth Awards (regional)	Local business/community leadership	\$500–\$2,500	Apply via local Chamber of Commerce	Spring 2026

Employer & Industry Scholarships

- Awards funded by unions, businesses, and employers; some restricted to members' children.

Scholarship / Award	Focus / Eligibility	Value / Details	How to Apply / Other Notes	Deadline
Coast Capital Standing Tall Award	BC youth overcoming adversity to pursue post-secondary	\$3,500	Apply via Coast Capital	May 2026
Vancity Scholarships (local branches)	Youth in community leadership in Vancity's service areas	\$1,000–\$5,000	Apply via local Vancity branches	Spring 2026
BC Hydro Power Pioneers Scholarships	Academic + community service (esp. STEM or trades)	\$1,000	Apply via BC Hydro Foundation	Spring 2026
BMO Financial Group Student Scholarships	Academic excellence, leadership, financial need	\$1,000–\$5,000	Apply via BMO student awards site	Spring 2026
CUPE/BCGEU Union Scholarships	Children of members; some open to all BC students	\$500–\$2,000	Apply via union scholarship portals	Spring 2026
Health Sciences Association (HSA) Bursaries	Students entering health sciences programs; union families prioritized	\$500–\$2,000	Apply via HSA BC	Spring 2026

Other Scholarships

- General awards based on personal circumstances or broad eligibility that don't fit neatly into other categories.

Scholarship / Award	Focus / Eligibility	Value / Details	How to Apply / Other Notes	Deadline
BC Housing Education Awards	Students from BC Housing–assisted households	\$1,000–\$5,000 (~\$80k distributed annually)	Apply via BC Housing CSR program	Spring 2026
Horatio Alger Canadian Scholarships	Students with financial need who have overcome adversity	Up to \$10,000	Apply via Horatio Alger Canada	Mar 15, 2026
Turning Points Awards (The Learning Partnership)	Essay contest recognizing youth resilience and reflection	Awards vary; publication opportunity	Submit essay via program portal	2026 (TBD)

Finding Local Scholarship Opportunities

This guide covers many major scholarships, but it's not exhaustive. Many smaller awards are offered locally through schools, service clubs, community foundations, employers, or cultural groups.

Here are some good places to look for additional scholarships that may exist in your local community!

Community Foundations

- Check regional community foundations (e.g., Vancouver, Victoria, Okanagan, Fraser Valley). They often administer donor-funded bursaries for students from the area.

Local Service Clubs & Associations

- Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, and Legion branches frequently sponsor annual student awards. Contact local clubs directly for application forms.

Chambers of Commerce & Business Networks

- Some Chambers sponsor youth leadership or business-focused scholarships. Ask about member-sponsored awards.

Municipal & Regional Governments

- Check city/town websites for youth bursaries or awards (arts, volunteerism, civic engagement).

School District & Secondary Schools

- Each district administers District/Authority Scholarships and may list additional local awards. School counselors often keep a "scholarship binder" or portal.

Unions & Employers in the Area

- Local employers, credit unions (e.g., Vancity, Coast Capital), and unions sometimes offer scholarships for children of employees or community youth.

Cultural, Faith, or Heritage Organizations

- Local temples, churches, mosques, and cultural associations may have small bursary programs. Encourage families to check with community organizations they're involved in.