

Queen Elizabeth II British Columbia Centennial Scholarship

To commemorate the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to British Columbia in May of 1971, during the province's centennial celebrations, the government established the Queen Elizabeth II British Columbia Centennial Scholarship.

The scholarship is administered by the Student Services Branch of the Ministry of Advanced Education. An advisory committee evaluates candidates for the scholarship and advises the government of its recommendations. The advisory committee consists of representatives of the Ministry of Advanced Education and the public universities of the province.

Number and value of scholarships

Three scholarships are awarded each year; one major scholarship with a total value of \$60,000 and two minor scholarships of \$5,000 each. The major scholarship is awarded for two years of study and follows the policy outlined within the scholarship act. The Scholarship Act currently allows a student to receive an award of \$30,000 for their first year of studies, and then reapply during their second year to be funded the remaining \$30,000 for their third year of studies.

Eligibility

The scholarships will be awarded each year on a competitive basis to a graduate who:

- has obtained an undergraduate degree from a British Columbia public post-secondary institution;
- who domicile or ordinary residence is in the province;
- is a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident (landed immigrant);
- is a person of unusual worth and promise in the opinion of the advisory committee, and qualifies under the regulations; and
- proposes to conduct the studies for which the scholarship is awarded at an institution in any British Commonwealth country except Canada.

Selection

The advisory committee will make its recommendations on the basis of academic achievement, demonstrated aptitudes, personal qualities and character, as well as interest and participation in institutional and community affairs.

Preference will be given to applicants who are in their first undergraduate degree in British Columbia and are proceeding to their first master's or master/PhD degree, or first post-baccalaureate degree.

All inquiries, applications and documents pertaining to this scholarship must be sent to:

Mailing Address:

Ministry of Advanced Education
Student Services Branch
Special Programs Unit
PO Box 9173, Stn Prov Govt
Victoria BC V8W 9H7

Courier Address:

Special Programs Unit
Ministry of Advanced Education
c/o Student Services Branch
835 Humboldt St.
Victoria BC V8W 9H2

Please e-mail questions about this program to
AVED.SpecialPrograms3@gov.bc.ca

Completed applications must be received no later than Jan. 31 in the year for which the scholarship is being offered. Documents and applications become the property of the advisory committee and will not be returned. Selection will be made by April 30.

A successful candidate must...

- Obtain admission to an institution in any British Commonwealth country, except Canada, at a level equivalent to graduate studies or post-baccalaureate at a Canadian university.
- Maintain a satisfactory standing as required by the institution attended.

Required documents

Application

Each applicant must complete an application and forward it, along with a curriculum vitae and a personal statement not exceeding 500 words that includes:

- how this award would help you meet your educational goals;
- your interest and participation in institutional and community affairs;
- your special achievements and hobbies;
- the program of studies, including the name of the institution you will attend;
- future career plans; and
- any further information you feel is relevant.

Transcripts

Each applicant must enclose official transcripts of their post-secondary academic record in an envelope sealed by the institution providing them.

Referees' letters

Each applicant must enclose at least three letters of reference. Each letter must be in an envelope sealed and signed by the referee. At least two of the letters must be from people who have taught the applicant at the undergraduate level.



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Instructions to Applicants

Send one form to each of your referees asking them to provide the statement requested. Ensure that the letter is returned to you, in an envelope sealed and signed by the referee.

Name of applicant

Information for Referees

The advisory committee relies heavily upon the recommendations of referees. In addition to learning the capacity in which you have known the applicant and the length of time, members are interested in your opinion concerning his/her qualification

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