

StudentAidBC 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 StudentAid BC 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 allows a student to receive an award of \$30,000 for their first year of study, and then reapply during their second year to be funded the remaining \$30,000 for their third year of study.

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;
- whose domicile or ordinary residence is in the province;
- who is a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident (landed immigrant);
- who is a person of unusual worth and promise in the opinion of the advisory committee, and qualifies under the regulations; and
- who proposes to conduct full-time 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 school 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 StudentAid BC Special Programs Unit PO Box 9173, Stn Prov Govt Victoria BC V8W 9H7

Courier Address:

Ministry of Advanced Education StudentAid BC c/o Special Programs Unit 1106 Cook St. Victoria BC V8V 3Z9

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 postbaccalaureate 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 academic referees.

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Letter of Reference Form

Instructions to applicants

Send/give one copy of this form to each of your three referees.

You may also wish to provide your referees with a copy of your curriculum vitae, and a copy of the application. This will give your referees a better idea of the principles behind the scholarship you are applying for, and help them to write a letter appropriate to those principles.

| Applicant's Last Name | Applicant's First Name & Initial(s) | |
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| Applicant's Permanent Mailing Address | | |
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Information for referees

The members of the advisory committee rely upon the recommendations and information provided to them in the letters of referees. At a minimum, the referee's letter should include the following information:

- How long the referee has known the applicant, and in what capacity.
- An account of the applicant's academic progress.
- Any activities and involvement in the community and/or school that the referee knows of.
- A description of the applicant's personal character, from the referee's perspective.
- Any other special circumstances or achievements the referee thinks the advisory committee should consider.

Referees will find information about the Queen Elizabeth II British Columbia Centennial Scholarship online at www.StudentAidBC.ca

Reference letters longer than one page do not provide any advantage to the applicant. It is strongly recommended that referees limit their comments to one typewritten page.

NOTE: Please return your signed, typewritten, one-page reference letter and this completed form, in a sealed envelope, signed across the seal, directly to the applicant named above.

