

## GUIDELINES

The Department of Canadian Heritage (Government of Canada) is pleased to offer scholarships to encourage young Canadians who wish to improve their proficiency in their second official language of Canada (English or French) and wish to pursue studies, on a full-time basis, at a Canadian university which functions in the other official language and in a milieu in which that language predominates.

Here's what you need to know.

### NUMBER, VALUE, AND DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

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Up to three scholarships, valued at \$10,000 Canadian, are available to eligible students. Scholarships are available for bachelor's-level undergraduate programs and are available for one year.

### ELIGIBILITY

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You are eligible if you:

- Are a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada.
- Are entering the **third or fourth** year of your first bachelor's degree program, on a full-time basis, in autumn 2026.
  - Note: Candidates enrolled in an institution in Quebec must be entering the **second** year of their first bachelor's degree program, on a full-time basis.
- Have applied for a temporary academic exchange (1-2 semesters) at a recognized Canadian university that offers instruction in your second official language.
  - Eligible exchanges must occur through formal bilateral agreements or national/provincial exchange programs and include credit transfer toward your current degree.

- Have sufficient ability in your second official language to pursue your studies in that language.
- Professional degree programs after the completion of your first bachelor's degree (e.g.: B.Ed. Education, LL.B. Law and M.D. Medicine) are not eligible.

## ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS

You can study at Canadian post-secondary institutions that have recognized degree-granting powers or their affiliates (e.g., universities), and that offer instruction in your second official language.

## FIELDS OF STUDY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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Your program of study can be in any field or discipline **except translation**, lasting four years.

University preparatory programs such as CEGEP pre-university diplomas are not eligible.

Depending on the program of study, an applied Bachelor program may be considered either as a university level program or a college level program.

## CONDITIONS/RESTRICTIONS

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- You may not concurrently hold any other major scholarship or award in excess of \$5,000 Canadian per year.
- You are responsible for gaining admission to the home and host institutions you plan to attend.
- If selected as a recipient, you must provide a list of registered courses wherein more than half of the courses are in your second official language:
  - Your courses must be undertaken on the campus of a Canadian university. Programs of study abroad that are offered by the Canadian institution are not acceptable.
  - Bilingual courses will be considered as courses in your first official language.
  - If you are an Allophone applicant whose mother tongue is neither English nor French:

- To be eligible for this award, you must be pursuing studies in your second official language of Canada. For example, if your mother tongue is Arabic and you have already mastered French, you must be pursuing your studies in English.
- This scholarship is offered based on the information provided in your application. If changes occur and you no longer meet the eligibility criteria, the award may be cancelled.
- If selected as a recipient, you must use the award in the academic year for which it is awarded and keep Universities Canada informed of any changes to your contact information.
  - Requests for a deferral will **not** be considered.
- The Department of Canadian Heritage (Government of Canada) retains the right to change or end the scholarship plan without notice.

## HOW TO APPLY?

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To apply for the scholarship, please submit an online application **no later than June 10, 2026, at 1:00 PM EASTERN TIME**, by visiting <https://portal.scholarshippartners.ca>

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- Transcripts of the last three terms of available marks.
- Proof of enrollment from your home institution confirming that you are currently enrolled in a full-time undergraduate (bachelor's level) program.
- A letter or formal document from your host institution confirming you have applied or registered for their exchange program for one or two semesters during the 2026–2027 academic year.
- An essay of 500 words or fewer outlining your study plan during your exchange. This should include your academic goals, reasons for choosing the host institution, and how the exchange aligns with your long-term aspirations.
- An essay of 500 words or fewer that reflects on your commitment to cultural exchange and the role of bilingualism (or multilingualism) in that journey.
- Two Recommendation Forms:

- One academic reference from a faculty member or administrator at your home institution who is familiar with your academic performance and future goals.
- One extracurricular, volunteer or community reference from someone familiar with you in a non-academic context (e.g., supervisor, coach, volunteer coordinator) and can speak to your character, leadership, and involvement outside the classroom.
- Note: Recommendation Forms can be downloaded directly from the application form.

Remember, your application must be complete to be evaluated, and deadline extensions will not be granted.

## EVALUATION CRITERIA

Applications are assessed on:

- Academic achievement
- Quality and feasibility of the study plan
- Motivation and adaptability
- Commitment to cultural exchange and language learning
- Extracurricular, volunteer and/or community involvement
- Strength and relevance of the recommendations

Preference may be given to candidates who plan to study at an educational institution where their second official language is the predominant language of instruction or daily life.

## SELECTION PROCESS

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A committee of Canadian university and college representatives, chosen by Scholarship Partners Canada (SPC) select scholarship recipients. **The Department of Canadian Heritage (Government of Canada)** has no influence in the decision. The selection committee's decision is final.

All applicants will receive results of the selection process by email.

## SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

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You will receive scholarship confirmation in **August**. When you receive your confirmation, complete the online acceptance process and submit any necessary documentation, which includes proof of registration from your home and host educational institutions.

### SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENT

- Payment will be made after the acceptance process is completed, and all required documents are reviewed by SPC staff.
- The funds will be sent to your educational institution on behalf of the Department of Canadian Heritage (Government of Canada). Receipt of the funds may take 6 to 10 weeks.
- Your educational institution will reimburse you according to its standard practices.
- You are responsible for ensuring that your tuition fees are paid within your institution's established deadlines, regardless of when the scholarship funds are received.

We will communicate with you through your student portal account. Be sure to keep contact information up to date and to notify us of any changes.

## ADMINISTRATOR

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**The Department of Canadian Heritage (Government of Canada)** has entrusted the administration of its scholarship program to SPC, a division of Universities Canada. We administer over 140 scholarship programs for corporations, government agencies, and private foundations in North America and are affiliated with top companies in almost every sector of the economy. For more details, please visit [www.univcan.ca](http://www.univcan.ca).

### SCHOLARSHIP PARTNERS CANADA

*Ref: Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Endowment Fund for Study  
in a Second Official Language Award Program Established by the  
Government of Canada*

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**Support Requests:** <https://spc.univcan.ca/>

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