

What are the RBC Future Launch Scholarships?

The RBC Future Launch Scholarships are part of an innovative new scholarship program for Canadian youth (ages 15 to 29) who are looking to gain new skills for the modern workforce.

How is this scholarship different?

- It is for youth not in school or students studying only part-time*;
- Grades/transcripts are **not** required to apply;
- It is open to diverse learning opportunities including short-term courses, workshops, certificates, part-time studies, online training etc.;
- Each scholarship is valued at \$1,500 and funds can be used for tuition as well as for books, tools, travel, lodging, and other expenses related to the learning opportunity.

Recipients will be selected based on their drive and excitement for lifelong learning, and on how they plan to use the funds to pursue a new learning opportunity to start, change or grow their career.

The application can be completed in five steps where applicants will show their willingness to gain new skills. With over 400 scholarships awarded annually, this is an incredible opportunity for young Canadians!

*Part-time status varies, depending on institutional policies and the degree level (undergraduate vs. graduate programs). If you are enrolled part-time in a diploma or university degree program (undergraduate and graduate), your **part-time status will be determined according to your institution's policies** for the respective program of study. Please contact your educational institution if you are unsure of your education status.

Who can apply?

Applicants must:

- be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident;
- be between the ages of 15 and 29 at the time of the application deadline date;
- not be enrolled in full-time education (high school, college or university);
- **not** be an RBC employee or a dependent of an RBC employee.

The learning opportunity must take place through an institution/organization which is registered for taxation purposes in its home country. A learning opportunity may be any program contributing to the development of new skills including part-time school, online training, weekend courses, conferences, certificates, and many other educational options. **Full-time college diploma and university degree programs are not eligible.**

Previous recipients may re-apply; however, a person can only receive the RBC Future Launch Scholarship twice.

Resources to help identify skills and career paths can be found on the RBC Future Launch Website.



When should I apply?

Applications are accepted year-round. However, if you are selected to receive an award, you will be required to submit a proof of enrollment in your learning opportunity before you can receive your payment, so we would encourage you to only apply once or shortly before you are able to register in your course.

How can I apply?

Applicants must apply by visiting the RBC Future Launch Scholarships online application portal at https://portal.scholarshippartners.ca/welcome/flscholarship EN/

- **Step 1:** Choose your learning opportunity.
- **Step 2:** Register for an account and fill out some basic personal information.
- **Step 3:** Let us know how the scholarship is critical to your learning opportunity and how you will spend the money on tuition, books, or other related educational costs.
- Step 4: Complete your submission by uploading a letter of support.
- **Step 5:** Review and submit your application.

Please note:

- Applicants may return to the application portal at any time to complete the application before clicking "Submit". Applicants are encouraged to click "Save Draft" regularly. No changes to the application can be made after clicking "Submit".
- Applicants will be notified by email once their application has been received and processed by Scholarship Partners Canada. To ensure all supporting documents have been received and accepted, visit https://portal.scholarshippartners.ca/welcome/flscholarship EN/ to review your application information once submitted.
- All communications about the RBC Future Launch Scholarships will be conducted through the application portal and email.

What Documents do I Need?

To support the application, the following documentation is required for submission. If any of the required documents are not received and accepted, the application will be considered incomplete and will not be evaluated.

Letter of Support

The letter of support can come from anyone who has supported you or has been your mentor. Examples include a relative, boss, co-worker, teacher/professor, coach, volunteer coordinator, social worker or any other adult who has played a significant role in your life.



The letter must be dated within one (1) year of the application deadline and include the author's contact information. The person writing the letter should describe how they know you and why they support your application.

Content Submission

The content submission should demonstrate your interest in the learning opportunity and how it will advance your career goals. You may submit their content in the form of a written essay, a video, a blog article, a vlog, an image, an audio recording, a poem, an animation, a presentation (with or without voiceover), or another medium of your choosing.

Audio or video submissions must not exceed one minute in length.

PLEASE NOTE: If any of the application requirements noted above are not met, your application will be considered incomplete and will not be evaluated.

Selection Process

The selection process will be conducted by Scholarship Partners Canada Program Officers. Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- **Impact:** Explanation of how the learning opportunity will lead to advancement of professional goals, how the scholarship funds will be used, and how they are critical to the learning opportunity.
- **Drive for Learning:** Description of educational and professional goals and demonstrated drive and commitment to achieving goals.
- Adversity and Resilience: Applicant has faced adversity and overcome barriers in their life.
- **Application Effort and Overall Quality:** Coherence, clarity, persuasiveness, and thoughtfulness of the application and supporting documents.

Applicants will receive confirmation by email. Depending on application volume, selection may take up to 8 weeks from the date your application is submitted.

Payment

Scholarship recipients will be required to complete the online scholarship acceptance process by uploading proof of registration or evidence of enrollment for their learning opportunity to receive payment. Scholarship payments for this program will be made directly to the applicant by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). To process the payment, recipients will be required to provide Scholarship Partners Canada with a void cheque and complete the SIN (Social Insurance Number) form.

Payments will only be issued upon the applicant's completion of the scholarship acceptance process and the submission and acceptance of all required supporting documentation.



It is the recipient's responsibility to ensure that payment of registration and tuition fees are made within the defined time frame set by the educational institution, regardless of the timing of the scholarship payment.

Universities Canada reserves the right to audit expenses. As such, the recipient will be required to keep the receipts for all expenses for one year related to their learning opportunity and to provide them upon request.

It is the responsibility of the recipient to keep Scholarship Partners Canada informed of any changes to their contact information through their online portal.

Scholarship Administration

Scholarship Partners Canada, by Universities Canada, is the administrator of the RBC Future Launch Scholarships. The RBC Future Launch Scholarships are made possible by a donation from the RBC Foundation in support of RBC Future Launch.

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RBC Future Launch

RBC Future Launch is RBC's commitment empowering Canadian youth for the jobs of tomorrow. RBC is dedicating \$500 million to help young people access meaningful employment through practical work experience, skills development, networking, and access to mental well-being supports and services. For additional information, please visit RBC Future Launch.

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