

Objective

The Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship is aimed at inspiring and educating students from underrepresented and underserved communities to pursue a future in computer science. At Amazon, supporting underserved students in their computer science education is not only important to us—it's imperative to building a diverse tech industry and future. Our Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship program provides students like you with an opportunity to upgrade their careers with a \$7,500 scholarship. Successful applicants will also have access to a paid summer internship related to their field of study at the end of their first year of post-secondary.

Number, Value and Duration of Scholarships

Entrance scholarships will be available at the bachelor level.

These scholarships are valued at \$7,500 CAD per academic year, available for up to four years.

A portion of the scholarships awarded will be reserved for applicants from communities which are underrepresented in computer science.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants must:

- be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- be graduating high school (outside of Quebec) or CEGEP (in Quebec) in 2023
- be planning to enter in full time studies towards a first bachelor in the 2023 Fall academic term
- be pursuing a degree in computer science, software engineering, computer engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, robotics, or other computer-science-related field of study (visit the [application page](#) for a full list of accepted degrees)
- have a minimum average of 75% over the last three terms of available marks*. Non- academic courses such as career or personal development related courses will not be considered
- demonstrate financial need

*Universities Canada's policy on calculation of average has been developed in consultation with university and college admissions and financial aid officers from across the country. There is enormous diversity among the applicants for this scholarship program. The applicants come from different geographical regions and have reached various levels of studies. Furthermore, and of great significance, is the fact that grading systems differ among educational institutions. It is Universities Canada's policy to calculate the academic average of applicants so that it reflects an academically well-rounded individual, while recognizing the differences in programs of study. For this purpose, the most recent, followed by the highest available grades of four courses will be considered. In the case of high school transcripts, the following categories will be considered: Language, Social Sciences, Mathematics and Sciences. Six courses are chosen for each applicant, with no more than two in each category. If there are not enough available courses, the calculation of academic average may be based on four or five courses.

Eligible institutions:

Canadian educational institutions which have recognized degree granting powers, or their affiliates.

Conditions / Restrictions

- Amazon reserves the right to modify or amend the Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship at any time without further notice.
- Students who have studied at the post-secondary level are not eligible.

Amazon retains the right to change and/or end the sponsorship of the scholarship plan without notice.

Selection Process

The selection of scholarship recipients is made by a committee of Canadian university and college representatives chosen by Scholarship Partners Canada (SPC). Amazon exercises no influence in the adjudication process. Once complete, the selection committee's decision is irrevocable.

Evaluation criteria:

- Financial need
- Quality and relevance of the essays and reference letters
- Knowledge and skills in computer science
- Demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, and work experience
- Academic performance

All applicants will receive confirmation of the results of the selection process, once available.

Successful Applicants

Successful applicants will also have access to a paid summer internship related to their field of study at the end of their first year of post-secondary as long as they meet eligibility requirements for employment at Amazon.

SPC will advise successful scholarship applicants on the scholarship acceptance process. It is the responsibility of all applicants to keep SPC informed of any changes to their contact information through the online portal.

Payment

- Scholarship payment(s) will only be issued upon completion of the scholarship acceptance process and review and acceptance of all required supporting documentation by SPC.
- SPC will forward payment of the scholarship to the educational institution on behalf of Amazon.
- It is the student's responsibility to ensure that payment of tuition fees is made within the defined time frame set by the educational institution regardless of the timing of the scholarship payment.

- Payment by the institution to the student will be made in accordance with the normal practice of the educational institution.
- Note that, depending on method of payment, receipt of payment can take 6-8 weeks following the applicant's acceptance of the award or submission of the online renewal.

Application Process

The student is considered the owner of the application and must be eligible for the scholarship according to the program guidelines. The student will need to add awards@univcan.ca to their safe senders in their junk email options so that they can continue to receive important messages from SPC.

Note: In compliance with Privacy Law, information about a student's application will not be released to anyone who has not been specifically authorized by the student. Third parties (parents, guardians, etc.) may contact SPC on behalf of the student, in person, by phone, or by email, to receive information about the application but only if authorized on the account. To add an individual to the file, the student must complete the "Access to File" section of the application.

1. Submit an online application by visiting: https://portal.scholarshippartners.ca/welcome/Amazon_En/
2. The application and all supporting documents must be submitted to SPC no later than **1:00 PM EST, April 26, 2023**.
3. Documents will be reviewed by SPC staff to ensure all requirements have been met.
4. Receipt of applications will be acknowledged by email following processing by SPC.
5. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all supporting documents have been received and accepted by visiting https://portal.scholarshippartners.ca/welcome/Amazon_En/ to review their scholarship application status.
6. Award renewals and account maintenance will be conducted online.

Supporting Documentation

The supporting documentation described below is required as part of this application. If any of these documents are not received and accepted, your application will be considered incomplete and will not be evaluated. SPC will send a final follow-up email to the applicant on April 23, 2023 requesting any missing or incomplete documentation.

Reference Letters

Students are required to submit one reference letter and may submit a second optional letter. All letters must be dated, typewritten, signed with an electronic signature and include the reference's contact information. The person writing the reference letter should describe their relationship to the applicant in the letter. Reference letters must be dated within one (1) year from the deadline date.

Computer Science Letter (Required)

Students must submit a letter from a past or present teacher or other school official who knows the applicant and is familiar with their computer science knowledge and skills.

Optional Letter

Students may submit a second reference letter. This letter can come from an academic or extracurricular source and can touch on both academic and extra-curricular activities. The author of the second letter must not be the same individual who provided the computer science reference.

Transcript

Provide a transcript of the last three terms of available marks, that is, marks for the period of September 2021 to December 2022. If the applicant was not enrolled during this time, marks for the last three available terms will be accepted. Home school grades will only be accepted if they have been validated through a recognized, independent evaluation process.

Essay

As part of the application, students will be asked to write the following three essays:

- Describe your career goals and aspirations. How will your university degree help you reach these goals? (250 words)
- At Amazon, we have 16 [leadership principles](#). Every engineer is expected to “think big” and demonstrate “customer obsession.” To demonstrate your ability in these areas, pick a problem in your school or community that you think could be solved with the help of computer science, robotics, or engineering. Describe the problem, its impact, and your “think big” solution. (250 words)
- **Optional:** Please describe any family or personal circumstances that have affected your achievement in school, work experience, or participation in school and community activities. (250 words)

Employee Consent (Children of Amazon Employees Only)

Applicants who are the dependent children of an Amazon Employee are eligible to apply, however, employee grade and compensation will be considered when selecting successful applicants. If you are the dependent child of an Amazon Employee, your parent or guardian who is an employee must complete the Employee Consent form and include it with the application. This information will not be used or disclosed for any other purpose unless required or authorized by law. A dependent child is described as a biological or legally adopted child, ward in legal guardianship, or stepchild.

Documents must be uploaded by submitting an online application or sent directly to the email address below by 1:00 PM EST April 26, 2023.

PLEASE NOTE: If any of the requirements noted above are not met, the application will be considered incomplete. Deadline extensions will not be granted.

Administrator

Scholarship Partners Canada (SPC), a division of Universities Canada, administers the scholarship program on behalf of Amazon. Universities Canada's mandate is to facilitate the development of public policy on higher education and to encourage cooperation among universities and governments, industry, communities, and institutions in other countries. Universities Canada is associated with leading firms in nearly every sector of the economy through its provision of scholarship services and management of more than 130 different scholarships programs on behalf of corporations, government agencies and private foundations throughout North America. For additional information, please visit www.univcan.ca.

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