

Program guidelines

At TELUS Friendly Future Foundation, we're committed to helping youth reach their full potential. We understand that not all youth have equal opportunities or the resources to do so, including access to higher education. Being able to obtain a college diploma or university degree opens doors for youth to gain skills, launch careers and become the changemakers of tomorrow. While many student award programs focus on recognizing academic achievement, we will enable students experiencing critical financial need to thrive in post-secondary education and make a difference in their communities.

Here's what you need to know.

Number, value and duration of bursaries

Up to three hundred non-renewable bursaries are available to eligible students pursuing full-time post-secondary studies in a first bachelor's degree program or first diploma program for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Bursaries are valued at the following:

- Bachelor's degree or associate's degree recipients are awarded \$5000 Canadian for one year.
- Diploma level recipients are awarded \$3000 Canadian for one year.

Note: Only the first 500 submitted applications will be accepted for review. Please apply early. If 500 applications have been submitted prior to the application deadline, the portal will close regardless of the date.

Eligibility

You are eligible if you:

- Are a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada; or have proof of status as a Protected Person or Convention Refugee from Immigration and Citizenship Canada. Claimants are not eligible.
- Are planning to start or continue full-time studies in your first bachelor's degree, first associate's degree or first diploma program in the 2024-2025 academic year.
- Are between 17-29 years of age at the time of the application deadline.
- Demonstrate strong financial need, aligned to the Canada Student Grant guidelines found [here](#).

- Are not a current TELUS employee team member (or on leave) or the dependent of a current TELUS employee, for which there are other funding opportunities available. Please inquire directly with scholarship@telus.com.

Note: If you have a permanent disability or a persistent or prolonged disability, you may choose to be considered a full-time student if you're taking at least 40% of a full course load. Contact your financial aid office if you need help determining your course load percentage.

Eligible institutions

You can study at accredited educational institutions in Canada that have recognized degree, diploma granting powers or their affiliates (e.g., universities, colleges, CEGEP diploma).

Fields of study/program requirements

Your program of study can be in any field or discipline, lasting at least two years. University preparatory programs such as CEGEP pre-university diplomas are eligible. Depending on the curriculum, an applied bachelor program may be considered either as a university level program or a college level program.

Conditions/restrictions

- You must have at least one year remaining in your program of study at the time of applying for the bursary.
- You must use the award in the academic year for which it is awarded.
- If you are enrolled in a CEGEP pre-university diploma, you are eligible to apply.
- If you are already the holder of a bachelor's degree, associate's degree or diploma, you are not eligible and cannot apply for this bursary.
- If you have previously received a TELUS Student Bursary, previously known as the TELUS Friendly Future Social Impact Bursary, you are eligible to apply so long as the eligibility criteria are still met and you can demonstrate progress on your social impact project.
- Bursaries are not automatically renewable and the level of comparative financial need will take precedence in application assessments.
- TELUS Friendly Future Foundation retains the right to change or end the program without notice.

How to apply?

To apply for the bursary, please submit an online application no later than **April 24, 2024, at 1:00 PM EST**, by visiting portal.scholarshippartners.ca/welcome/Telus_En/.

Note: Only the first 500 submitted applications will be accepted for review. Please apply early. If 500 applications have been submitted prior to the application deadline, the portal will close regardless of the date.

Your application must be completed and submitted directly by you in order to be evaluated, and deadline extensions will not be granted. If you have questions, please contact SPC at portal.scholarshippartners.ca/ex/ex_Apppage.jsp?token=Hw8ITR0GYV1QShNR&lang=1.

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.

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- Personal financial information: you will be asked about your tuition, finances and employment to establish your level of financial need.
- A Personal Statement providing any information you deem useful in evaluating your application, including information on your financial need and educational goals. Describe any special circumstances that might impact your ability to enroll in or complete a post-secondary program. Tell us why we should choose you! How have you overcome adversity? How will the education that you're seeking help you fulfill your goals and overcome barriers?

Your Personal Statement must be submitted as a written statement of no more than 500 words.

- A Social Impact Commitment Statement telling us what your project or volunteer initiative is/will be about. It could be something related to helping people, caring for our planet, or whatever you are passionate about that drives a positive social benefit in your community or more broadly. Be sure to include details on how you are or will be able to measure success and the outcomes of your social impact project. For example, a student may wish to organize a walkathon in support of a health issue they are passionate about and plan to track the number of donors, how much funding is raised, how many social media mentions are generated, and how the funds are used to help advance a specific research project that will help make progress on the issue.

Your Social Impact Commitment Statement can be submitted in one of two formats:

- **Written Statement:** Your written statement should exceed no more than 500 words; OR
- **Video Statement:** If you prefer to submit your statement in video format, please upload your video (3 minutes maximum) to YouTube and provide the link in the textbox below. Ensure the video is set as Public and Unlisted to allow the SPC team and the scholarship selection committee to access it.

Here are more examples of ways you can help contribute to positive social, environmental or health outcomes in your community or you can read about past Bursary recipients' efforts to do good at friendlyfuture.com/bursary.

- **Lend a friendly hand:** volunteer with a local food bank, plant trees, organize a clothing drive for a shelter, or participate in other community service projects.
- **Share your resilience:** Volunteer as a mentor to help youth who can benefit from your skills, advice, and life experience.
- **Build community:** Mobilize fellow students for a shoreline clean-up or a charity garage sale or create an initiative to support isolated seniors.
- **Spread the goodness:** Support or launch an awareness campaign on social and environmental issues that affect the community.

Note: Video Statements will be evaluated based on the content you share, rather than the creativity or quality of the video itself. As a result, appearing on screen is not mandatory. For example, you may choose to create a short presentation with a voice-over or simply record yourself speaking without including any visual components.

Detailed instructions can be found in the application. Remember, your application must be complete to be evaluated, and deadline extensions will not be granted.

Evaluation criteria

Applications are assessed on content and relevance of the Personal Statement that conveys both the impact of the bursary and the resulting advancement of career and social impact goals as well as a practical and measurable Social Impact Commitment.

Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate strong financial need.

Selection process

The selection of bursary recipients is made by an adjudication committee organized by the TELUS Friendly Future Foundation and will be determined based on the eligibility criteria. Once complete, the selection committee's decision is irrevocable.

All applicants will receive results of the selection process by email directly from Scholarship Partners Canada (SPC) via awards@univcan.ca. If you do not receive notification from this email address by August 30, 2024, please log-in to your student account and navigate to Contact Support.

Successful applicants

You will receive scholarship confirmation by the end of August. When you receive your confirmation, complete the online acceptance process and submit any necessary documentation, which includes proof of registration from your educational institution.

Bursary payment

Payment will be made after the acceptance process and document review. It can take 6 to 8 weeks, depending on the method of payment chosen. Funds will be sent to your educational institution on behalf of the sponsor. If you do not receive your funds within 6 to 8 weeks, please contact your institution's Financial Aid and Awards Office to confirm receipt of payment.

Please make sure to pay your tuition fees within the defined time frame, regardless of the timing of scholarship payment. Your institution will reimburse you according to their normal practices.

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We want to support you every step of the way! We would love to learn from your educational journey, should you be interested in sharing your story. If selected to receive this bursary, you will be offered ongoing wraparound support as described below and we will also ask for feedback on this bursary and updates on your efforts to make the world a better place to help inspire more like-minded students to do good!

We know it takes more than the education you will receive to be successful. Our well-rounded offering includes potential mentorship, networking and career guidance, and access to discounted phone and Internet services. We want to support recipients of this bursary with these and other optional benefits both during and after your education.

The TELUS Student Bursary is also available to students through the student financial aid offices at the following partners. Students attending these institutions are encouraged to apply to them directly to access this bursary. Indigenous students may apply through this application process or directly through Indspire.

- [Humber College](#)
- [Indspire](#) (for Indigenous students)
- [McGill University](#)
- [Northern Alberta Institute of Technology](#)
- [University of Victoria](#)

Note: Those currently working at TELUS (or on leave) or a dependent of someone working at TELUS are not eligible. Contact [TELUS People & Culture](#) for more details on scholarships available to TELUS employee team member families.

TELUS Friendly Future Foundation has entrusted the administration of its scholarship program to SPC, a division of Universities Canada. SPC administers over 140 scholarship programs for corporations, government agencies, and private foundations in North America and is affiliated with top companies in almost every sector of the economy. For more details, please visit www.univcan.ca.

Scholarship Partners Canada

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