



December 15, 2025

**Attention: Scholarship Contact**

To whom it may concern,

The BC General Employees' Union (BCGEU) is pleased to once again offer scholarships for post-secondary studies undertaken by BCGEU members, staff and their families.

We are proud that the scholarship program, funded by our members, offers up to \$125,000 annually to support post-secondary and post-graduate studies. Awards are available for both full-time and part-time students, with awards of \$2,500 for full-time students and \$1,500 for part-time students.

This year we are offering new scholarships for students of Indigenous ancestry. Awards are available for both full-time and part-time students, with awards of \$2,500 for full-time students and \$1,500 for part-time students. For eligibility requirements please visit [bcgeu.ca/scholarships](http://bcgeu.ca/scholarships).

Details of our scholarship program, including eligibility requirements and link to the online application may be found in the attached brochure and online at [bcgeu.ca/scholarships](http://bcgeu.ca/scholarships).

Applications must be submitted online by **midnight on February 15, 2026.**

We appreciate your assistance in promoting these scholarships to eligible students.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

Paul Finch  
President

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We are located on the unceded and shared traditional territory of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) & Səl̓ílwat̓ən (Tsleil-Waututh) peoples.



# 2026 BCGEU Scholarships

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## WHO WE ARE

The BC General Employees' Union (BCGEU) is one of the largest and most diverse unions in British Columbia. We represent over 95,000 members who work in the provincial public service as well as the broader public and private sectors.

We trace our beginnings back to the early 1900s when provincial civil servants first formed an association to address their working conditions.

Since then, the BCGEU has continued to organize and represent thousands of workers outside of government – including health care, community-based social services, post-secondary education, libraries and local governments, highways maintenance, credit unions, and casinos – and we continue to grow!

The BCGEU is affiliated to district labour councils and the BC Federation of Labour, and is a component of the National Union of Public and General Employees (NUPGE). Through NUPGE, we are affiliated to the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC), Public Services International (PSI) and the International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers' Association (IUF).

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### **The BCGEU Scholarship program seeks to foster member engagement, and provide fair, accessible scholarship opportunities for applicants.**

The program strives to promote diversity, inclusion, and equity to make post-secondary education a viable choice for members and their families.

*The BCGEU scholarship program supports members and their families in their post-secondary pursuits. We are proud to support students to achieve their learning goals.*

– BCGEU President  
Paul Finch



# ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a BCGEU scholarship applicants must meet the following requirements:

- a. Be a BCGEU member in good standing, immediate relative of current, retired or deceased BCGEU member and staff. Eligible relatives include spouses, parents, children or grandchildren (including foster, adopted, step children and step grandchildren).
- b. Applicants must be a student or prospective student to post-secondary or higher learning. They must be enrolled, registered or planning to attend an eligible educational institution in the year the scholarship is to be awarded. Full-time and part-time students are eligible.
- c. Eligible educational institutions must be designated by Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC).
- d. Applicants must complete the application by the established due date, as advertised in promotional materials and on our website. No late applications will be considered.
- e. Applicants are limited to one application per year. Previous scholarship recipients are not eligible to apply.



## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

Applicants who are Indigenous may apply for our Indigenous scholarship fund which offers awards of \$2,500 for full-time and \$1,500 for part-time students. Proof of Indigenous ancestry is required. Please see [bcgeu.ca/scholarships](http://bcgeu.ca/scholarships) for more details.

# APPLICATION

## PROCESS

The application process consists of two parts, a personal statement and an essay, video, song or infographic in response to questions selected annually by the Provincial Executive.

We encourage original research and the incorporation of personal experiences.

Applicants should consider interviewing labour activists and BCGEU members as part of their research. Applications are expected to be original work created by the applicants.



## AWARD VALUES

The BCGEU constitution (article 10.20) sets out \$125,000 or \$1,500 per member, whichever is greater for the BCGEU scholarship program. Awards for full-time students are \$2,500 and \$1,500 for part-time students.

## ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

You may also be eligible for one of these five scholarships worth \$2,500 awarded by our national union, NUPGE:

Brian Fudge Memorial Scholarship  
Scholarship for Indigenous Students  
Scholarship for Students of Colour  
Terry Fox Memorial Scholarship  
Tommy Douglas Memorial Scholarship

For more information on these scholarships, including eligibility criteria and the deadline for submissions visit [nupge.ca](http://nupge.ca).

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