

# FORESTERS COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

**Q. Why did Foresters change the company that administers the scholarship program? How was the new supplier selected?**

A. The administration of Foresters Competitive Scholarship Program was put out to tender. The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) was selected because it administers scholarship programs for a large number of companies across North America, and has on-line application and tracking capabilities.

**Q. I am currently enrolled in the scholarship program. How does the change in the administrator affect me?**

A. You will remain under the care and administration of the previous service provider.

### APPLYING FOR FORESTERS COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

**Q. How do I apply for a Competitive Scholarship?**

A. The Competitive Scholarship application season is open from September 1 through November 30 each year.

There are two easy ways to apply:

1. Visit [www.foresters.com/scholarships](http://www.foresters.com/scholarships) and click on 'Apply now for a Foresters Scholarship'. You will be redirected to the AUCC's online application service.

Supporting documentation requested on the application will need to be sent by mail to the AUCC.

2. Contact the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada directly.

**Q. How do I contact the AUCC?**

A. You can contact the AUCC at:

Higher Education Scholarships

Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC)

Ref: Foresters Scholarship Program

600-350 Albert Street

Ottawa, Ontario K1R 1B1

Telephone: (613) 563-1236

Facsimile: (613) 563-9745

E-mail: [scholarships@aucc.ca](mailto:scholarships@aucc.ca)

Website: [www.aucc.ca](http://www.aucc.ca)

**Q. I am currently in high school/university. Can I apply for a Competitive Scholarship?**

A. You can apply in your final year of high school or in any year of your first undergraduate degree or diploma.

## ELIGIBILITY

- Q. I won a Competitive Scholarship when I was 22 years old but decided not to accept the award. Do I have to reapply?**
- A. You cannot defer your award. You will need to reapply.
- Q. I'm over 25 years old and not insured under a rider on my husband's certificate. Am I eligible to apply for a Competitive Scholarship?**
- A. Yes, you are eligible to apply for a Competitive Scholarship.
- Q. I won a scholarship at the age of 23 and I am currently turning 26 and returning to school. I have not yet received all four years of award payments. Do I need to reapply as a mature student or am I eligible to follow the normal renewal process?**
- A. If you are a member, you can continue with the normal renewal process. If you were not a member prior to turning 26 (i.e. a dependant), you must become a member to be eligible to continue the normal renewal process.
- Q. What constitutes community service?**
- A. Community service includes volunteering for any recognized community organization (e.g. Boys & Girls Club, Lions Club, Girl Guides, sports camps, school-related activities, etc.).
- Q. What proof will be required for the community service?**
- A. You are required to have a guidance counselor, school principal/school official, Branch officer or charitable organization leader sign the Community Service Achievement List attached to your application.
- Q. Will I still be able to apply for a Competitive Scholarship if I can't obtain proof of my community service?**
- A. Community service is an achievement requirement. Lack of proof of community service will impact your application.
- Q. I completed over 40 hours of community service when I was in grades 9 and 10. Can I use this service to qualify for a Competitive Scholarship?**
- A. Your community service hours have to be obtained in the two years leading up to your Competitive Scholarship application. Contact your school guidance department for suggestions, or Connect America, Volunteer Canada or your local Branch to find out where you can acquire 40 hours between now and the next Competitive Scholarship application deadline.
- Q. Will the Competitive Scholarship end upon completion of my undergraduate program or can I still continue as a graduate student until the four years of award payments have been made?**
- A. The scholarship award is only tenable until your first undergraduate degree or diploma is obtained. It will not continue for graduate studies.

- Q. What is the definition of a mature student?**  
A. A mature student is a Foresters member or member's spouse 26 years of age or older who has enrolled in but not yet completed an undergraduate university/college/vocational program.
- Q. Once I'm enrolled in the Competitive Scholarship program, do I have to maintain a certain number of community service hours while attending post-secondary schooling?**  
A. No, this is not required.
- Q. Is there a minimum age requirement for a dependent child to apply?**  
A. No, we do not have a minimum age limit on dependent children applying for a Competitive Scholarship.
- Q. Will part-time courses or programs be considered for the Competitive Scholarship program?**  
A. No, only full-time studies for an undergraduate degree or diploma from an accredited institution are considered.

#### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

- Q. How many Competitive Scholarships does Foresters award in any given year?**  
A. Foresters provides up to 350 Competitive Scholarships per year. We may provide five \$5,000 Ken Peterson Awards for Community Leadership to applicants who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and extraordinary effort and ability to overcome adversity.
- Q. Is the Ken Peterson Award for Community Leadership for \$5,000 renewable or is it a one-time award?**  
A. This special award offers a grant of \$5,000 in the first year and \$2,000 in the renewal years.
- Q. Who selects the successful Competitive Scholarship recipients?**  
A. The selection of Competitive Scholarship recipients is made by and solely within the discretion of a committee composed of Canadian and American university and college representatives chosen by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC). The selection committee's decision is irrevocable.
- Q. How are Competitive Scholarship payments made?**  
A. The AUCC will forward payment of the Competitive Scholarships to the educational institutions on behalf of Foresters.