



Foresters Scholarship Program Guidelines



Number of Scholarships

- Up to three hundred and fifty (350) scholarships.
- Five scholarships (Ken Peterson Award for Community Leadership) of \$5,000 each may be awarded to applicants who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and extraordinary effort and ability to overcome adversity.

Value and Duration of the Scholarships

- \$2,000 CDN or US depending on the institution for university, college or vocational/technical studies, tenable for up to four consecutive years or until first degree or diploma is obtained.

Type of Scholarship

- Applicable towards full-time studies leading to a first undergraduate degree or diploma from an eligible institution.

Requirements of Eligibility

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

- The scholarship applicant or the parent of the applicant must have one of the following types of Foresters Membership Certificates:
 - Foresters life insurance
 - Foresters annuity
 - Social Fraternal Membership
 - Registered non-voting member (must have registered on or before December 31, 2006)

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- Eligible applicants are:
 - The dependent children of Foresters™ member or Foresters member, 25 years of age or under; or
 - Mature students (must be a Foresters member or member's spouse over the age of 25) currently enrolled in full-time post secondary studies (excluding masters or PHD level)
- A dependent child must be a Foresters member's:
 - biological child; or
 - legally adopted child

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- The dependent child or the Foresters member, 25 years of age or under must have:
 - minimum average of 75% (Canadian tens scale) or a GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in the last year of studies if enrolled in bachelor studies in the year of the award and 65% or a GPA of 2.5 in the last year of studies if enrolled in diploma studies in the year of the award.
- Mature students:
 - will have their academic qualifications evaluated based on proof of registration at an eligible institution as submitted as part of their application package.

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ACHIEVEMENT REQUIREMENTS

- All applicants (dependents and mature students) must have performed a minimum of forty (40) hours of community service in the 2 years prior to application.

** Applicants who are unable to meet the community service criteria due to extenuating circumstances (i.e. single parent, family illness, disability) may still apply provided they submit a written account of such circumstances which must be validated by a minister, doctor, school counsellor or family service agency.*

RESTRICTIONS TO ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants who have previously received a Foresters Competitive Scholarship will not be eligible to apply for a new scholarship.
- Foresters membership must be in effect at the time the scholarship award is made.

-If the member dies in the course of the scholarship, the scholarship given to the dependent child will continue up to its maximum duration as long as that child continues to meet the renewal criteria.

-The scholarship will terminate at the end of any academic year in which the Foresters member, if the scholarship recipient, or the sponsoring member ceases to be a member of Foresters.

Eligible Institutions

- Canadian and American educational institutions which have recognized degree/diploma-granting powers
- University preparatory programs in any jurisdiction are not eligible (e.g. CEGEPs/pre-university diploma)

Field of Study

- No restrictions on the program of study or discipline.
- Program must be of minimum two-year duration.

Selection of Scholarship Recipients

- The selection of the 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) with appropriate regard to geographical representation.
- Selection Committee's decision is irrevocable.

** Foresters exercises no influence in the selection of the scholarship recipients in the adjudication process.*

Evaluation Criteria

- Minimum 40 hours of volunteer/community involvement.
- Quality of reference letters (as per letter of reference guidelines available with application) with one in support of the applicant's community service and one from either the applicant's school or a Foresters Branch officer (not related to the applicant).
- Academic performance.

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Responsibilities of Scholarship Recipients

RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE 1ST YEAR OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

- Return the signed Award Acceptance Form.
- Send proof of registration in a full time program of study in an eligible institution.
- Use the scholarship in the academic year it is awarded.

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR RENEWAL OF THE SCHOLARSHIP IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS

- Complete and return the Renewal Report sent to student by the AUCC each spring.
- Renewal Report must be signed by the student and signed and stamped by the institution.
- Maintain a full-time course of study and remain in good academic standing as defined by the educational institution.
- For those students who have previously received the Scholarship Award, there are no changes to the renewal process.

Payment

- AUCC will forward payment of the scholarship to the educational institution on behalf of Foresters.

Scholarship Administrator

The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) administers the scholarship program on behalf of Foresters. The AUCC is the voice of Canada's universities. They represent 92 Canadian public and private not-for-profit universities and university-degree level colleges. Their 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. They provide services to member universities in three main areas; public policy and advocacy, communications, research and information sharing and scholarships and international programs.

On-line Application Procedures

During the application season, applicants have the option to apply for a scholarship electronically by visiting www.foresters.com/scholarships and clicking on 'apply now for a Foresters scholarship' that will redirect applicant to the AUCC's new online application service.

Through this system the applicant will be able to track the application using the Scholarship tracking system. Once the application has been submitted electronically, the applicant will be required to mail the supporting documentation requested on the application to the address below.

- Documents to be forwarded to the AUCC to support an online application are:
 - an official transcript of the last year of available marks;
 - Community Service Achievement List;
 - 2 letters of reference (as per letter of reference guidelines available with application) one in support of the applicant's community service and one from either the applicant's school or a Foresters Branch officer (not related to applicant).

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Paper Application Procedures

- Application packages must be sent to the AUCC post marked no later than the application deadline.
- A complete application package to be forwarded to the AUCC must consist of:
 - the completed application form;
 - an official transcript of the last year of available marks;
 - Community Service Achievement List;
 - 2 letters of reference (as per letter of reference guidelines available with application) one in support of the applicant's community service and one from either the applicant's school or a Foresters Branch officer (not related to applicant);
 - the Member Consent form.

** Only official transcripts will be accepted. Photocopies will not be accepted unless they bear the original signature, school stamp or seal.*

Further information and application forms should be requested directly from the AUCC at the address noted on the right. Please refer to the Foresters Scholarship Program.

MAIL YOUR COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE TO:

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

Internet: www.aucc.ca

Continuation

Foresters retains the right to change and/or end the scholarship program without notice.

**Foresters Scholarship Program is a competition for scholarships, of \$2,000 per year, for up to 4 years, open to eligible applicants meeting the eligibility requirements. Scholarship recipients will be selected from the completed applications submitted before the deadline date. This program is administered by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada*

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