



BC Epilepsy Society

2025 Post-Secondary Bursary Program

Program Description

The BC Epilepsy Society is pleased to offer bursaries to BC residents living with epilepsy who currently attend or plan to attend a post-secondary institution of education or training. Successful applicants will receive a bursary of \$1000 applicable to the 2025-2026 academic year.

Eligibility

Application for a bursary is open to residents of BC aged 16 years and older who are Canadian citizens and who have a history of epilepsy. Your family physician or neurologist may endorse your application.

Part 1: General Information

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address/City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

How did you learn of this bursary? _____

Are you a Canadian citizen? _____(Yes/No)

Do give permission to Sonia Velji or Deirdre Syms from the BC Epilepsy Society to contact your physician to confirm a diagnosis of epilepsy as a requirement of this application? _____(Yes/No)

Have you ever applied for one of our bursaries/scholarships in the past? _____(Yes/No)

If you are a successful applicant, would you be willing to write a thank you letter to the BC Epilepsy Society Board of Directors? _____(Yes/No)

Section A:

Please fill out this section if you are currently a high school senior with a completed application to a Canadian university, college, or vocational/technical/arts program.

Name of High School: _____

Address of High School: _____

Postal Code: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Post-Secondary institutions to which you have applied: _____

Section B:

Please fill out this section if you are currently a student attending a Canadian university, college, or vocational/technical/arts program. Please also include a copy of your most recent transcript.

Name of Post-Secondary Institution: _____

Address of Post-Secondary Institution: _____

Postal Code: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Part 2: Essay

Please prepare and submit a short essay of 1,000 words maximum, addressing all of the following questions:

- How has epilepsy affected your life (ex. overcoming obstacles and positive experiences)?
- If you are chosen as a recipient, how will this bursary help you?
- What are your future aspirations?

Part 3: Enclosures

1. Please include two (non-family) letters of recommendation with your application. In order to be eligible, one reference must be from an academic professional (ex. teacher, principal, professor, dean, etc.)
2. Please attach a copy of your current academic transcripts.
3. Please attach a copy of your university, college, trade/vocational/arts school application(s), acceptance letter(s), or confirmation of enrolment. If these items are unavailable, please enclose a list of the addresses and telephone numbers of the admission office(s).

Please return this application with all supporting documents by email no later than May 31, 2025 to:

sonia@bcepilepsy.com

Or, return by mail or courier to:

BC Epilepsy Society
Attention: Executive Director
PO Box 30521
Burnaby RPO Madison, BC
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Applications can be postmarked no later than May 31, 2025 to be eligible.