

OBJECTIVE

The Beedie Luminaries Single-Parent Awards recognize the challenges and dreams of single-parents who want to further their education and provide more opportunities for their families but are facing financial adversity.

The recipients join a strong, diverse, well-connected support network of Beedie Luminaries students and future program alumni, as well as community leaders and mentors.

NUMBER, VALUE AND DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

In its 2021 program year, the Beedie Luminaries Foundation will offer 10 Single-Parent Awards for the following:

- \$10,000 CAD per year for full-time* post-secondary studies, tenable for **up to four years of funding** or until the first undergraduate degree/ certificate or diploma is obtained (whichever is the shorter period) (\$5,000 paid directly to the post-secondary institution & \$5,000 stipend paid directly to the student); OR
- \$5,000 CAD per year for part-time post-secondary studies, tenable for **up to six years of funding** or until the first undergraduate degree/ certificate or diploma is obtained (whichever is the shorter period) (\$2,500 paid directly to the post-secondary institution & \$2,500 stipend paid directly to the student).

(*Full-time studies are defined as taking a minimum of 3 courses per semester)

In addition to the financial support, the Beedie Luminaries Foundation offers student support, including:

- Invitations to Beedie Luminaries events;
- Invitation to join Beedie Luminaries digital community group;
- “Stay on Track” student support;
- BL Peer Support Groups;
- Access to mentors; and
- Career guidance

ELIGIBILITY

An eligible 2021 applicant must be:

- a Canadian citizen or permanent resident for at least three years;
- a full-time resident of British Columbia;
- at least 19 years of age;
- a single parent, with no married spouse or common-law partner present, living in a dwelling with one or more dependent children*, regardless of their marital status;
- planning to enroll or currently pursuing a first vocational diploma/certificate; or a first bachelor's degree in Canada as a full-time or part-time student at one of the eligible institutions listed below**;
- able to begin or continue their post-secondary studies in September 2021 or January 2022
- ineligible for the BC Tuition Waiver Program (for former youth in care);
- not presently enrolled or concurrently receiving support from [WorkBC Single Parent Employment Initiative \(SPEI\)](#);

***Dependent child:** An unmarried child, stepchild, adopted child or legal ward, supported by the applicant, who is:

- Under 18 years of age; or
- Under 21 years of age and registered in full-time school, university or vocational institute which provides a recognized diploma, certificate, or degree; or
- Of any age who, because of mental or physical infirmity, is accepted as a dependent for income tax purposes.

****Eligible post-secondary institutions:**

British Columbia Institute of Technology	Northern Lights College
Camosun College	Okanagan College
Capilano University	Royal Roads University
Coast Mountain College	Selkirk College
College of New Caledonia	Simon Fraser University
College of the Rockies	Thompson Rivers University
Douglas College	University of British Columbia (all campuses)
Emily Carr University of Art and Design	University of Northern British Columbia
Justice Institute of British Columbia	University of the Fraser Valley
Kwantlen Polytechnic University	University of Victoria
Langara College	Vancouver Community College
Nicola Valley Institute of Technology	Vancouver Island University
North Island College	Native Education College

You must be:

- A single-parent/legal guardian to a current Beedie Luminary Student who may or may not have active involvement with one or more of our community partners;
- A single-parent who has active involvement with one or more of our community partners:
 1. Canadian Women's Foundation
 2. Immigrant Services Society of BC (ISSofBC)
 3. Mom2Mom
 4. Mothers Matter
 5. YMCA of Greater Vancouver
 6. YWCA Metro Vancouver
 7. Family Services of Greater Vancouver
 8. Minerva Foundation

FIELD OF STUDY / PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- There are no restrictions on the program of study or discipline.
- Program must be of a minimum of 1 year in duration.

CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

- Depending on the curriculum, an applied bachelor program may be considered either as a university-level program or a college-level program;
- Students must commence, or continue, their post-secondary studies in **September 2021** or **January 2022** Students must be enrolled in **full-time or part-time studies** at one of the eligible institutions listed in this document;
- The scholarship may be withdrawn if the family gross income exceeds the stated levels, if the student fails to make appropriate academic progress (according to the individual school and program's criteria), fails to obtain sufficient grades to pass a course or complete a program, withdraws from attendance at the selected institution, or commits an infraction or crime; (e.g., infraction such as breaching a school's code of conduct or engaging in plagiarism)
- Employees of Beedie and their dependents are not eligible to apply; and
- A Beedie Luminaries Single-Parent Award cannot be held concurrently with any other education-related financial award(s) that total more than \$10,000 per year, excluding student loans.

SELECTION PROCESS

The Beedie Luminaries selection of scholarship recipients is made by experts from the community and educational institutions in British Columbia. The selection process will be conducted in three phases:

Phase 1: Each application is read and scored by a minimum of two experts on the Beedie Luminaries Reader Panel and Beedie Luminaries Selection Committee.

Phase 2: The Beedie Luminaries Selection Committee will interview* shortlisted candidates for interviews.

Phase 3: The Beedie Luminaries Foundation will meet to determine award recipients.

Once the selection process is complete, decisions are irrevocable.

* Only the finalists will be invited to an interview.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Demonstration of financial adversity;
- Personal circumstances;
- Applicant's proven work ethic, grit and resilience in the face of adversity;
- Clarity of the applicant's educational goals, and focused commitment;
- Career goals;
- Quality and relevance of the reference letters.

All applicants will be notified of the results of the selection process, once available.