



Ben Bourque Scholarship Guidelines and Application

OVERVIEW

The Ben Bourque Scholarship is awarded to young people who are or who were in the care of the Province of New Brunswick and who are looking to pursue post-secondary education. The scholarship covers up to \$500 of the cost of post-secondary tuition and fees. Anyone who is from care in New Brunswick can apply, including students who have applied for or obtained the scholarship in previous years.

The Ben Bourque Scholarship fund was founded by family, friends and colleagues.

"My husband and I wanted a meaningful way to commemorate our son's life and recognize the contributions he made to young people through his work with the Department of Social Development. In conversations with friends, family and some of Ben's colleagues, we decided that an award to young people wanting to continue their education would be a fitting tribute. Ben was a committed social worker and through his work was able to help many young people along their often challenging life journeys. Our family's long history with education made reaching out to someone wishing to continue on their educational pathway all the more meaningful. We know that Ben would have found this a useful and appropriate recognition of his contribution to our world, one he had to leave too soon."

– Wendy Bourque

The Ben Bourque Scholarship is administered by Partners Foundation Inc. The successful applicant will be chosen by the NBYICN Scholarship Youth Committee.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

- Be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant
- Be successfully enrolled in an education program (e.g. College, University, Trade school, etc.)
- Be a current or former youth in care from the Province of New Brunswick
 - This includes anyone who is or was in temporary or permanent care, or was assigned a social worker as part of an official care agreement
- Have successfully provided all required application documentation before the deadline of *November 29th*.

Please review these eligibility criteria carefully and ensure you have completed all required documentation before submitting your application. The letters of reference must be sent separately and directly from your chosen references.



APPLICANT INFORMATION

*Please ensure that you have completed all of the fields indicated below.
Incomplete fields may be considered inadmissible.*

Surname: _____ Given Name: _____ Date of Birth (yyyy/mm/dd): _____

Preferred Gender: _____ Community: _____

Email: _____ Phone number (with area code): _____

Address: _____

City/ Province: _____

Mailing Address as of September 1st (if different from above) _____

Community: _____ City/ Province: _____

Citizenship: Canadian Landed Immigrant

Name of social worker (if available): _____

Have you been involved in NBYICN projects/ events? Yes No

Region where you were in care the longest (Community): _____

Name of Education Program: _____

Name of Issuing Post-Secondary Institution: _____

Do you have any dependents? Yes No

Do you plan on working while going to school? Yes No

Will you be receiving financial assistance from other sources? Yes No

If yes, please indicate the sources and amounts you will be receiving:



PERSONAL ESSAY

On separate pages, please write an essay describing both your time in care and your aspirations moving forward. This is your chance to convince the review committee that you are the one who should be receiving the scholarship. This information will be very important for us when choosing a successful application. This essay should be typewritten and must not exceed 1 page.

REFERENCES

All applicants must arrange for us to receive **two** letters of reference. At least one letter should be from a professional source who can speak on your academic, employment or volunteer experience and should be written on the official letterhead of the institution/ organization. The second letter may be from any source you choose. These letters must be sent directly from your references. Do not include them as part of the application package. Please remind your references to clearly identify you in their letters.

SUBMISSION DETAILS

All part of your application must be sent by mail (**not by fax**) to:

Partners for Youth Inc.
487 Brunswick Street
Fredericton, NB E3B 5L6

The deadline for submissions is: November 29th.

Please note that any documentation or references received after the deadline may disqualify your application.

Please ensure that you have completed the application form in full and have included your personal essay in your submission package.

For more information on the Ben Bourque Scholarship, please contact the NBYICN Coordinators by phone at 506-462-0323 ext.3. or visit the Partners for Youth website at www.partersforyouth.ca.

Please note that successful candidates will be required to submit proof of enrollment in a graduate-level program.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, _____, attest that all the information provided on this application form and in my personal essay is true, accurate and complete. I understand that my application may be disqualified if any of the information provided is found to be untrue.

Signature: _____

Date Signed: (yyyy/mm/dd): _____