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, or will be, successfully enrolled in any educational program. The Scholarship covers up to $500 of expenses relating to supporting training or education. Anyone who is or who was in 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 Ben's 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 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 the New Brunswick Youth in Care Network through Partners Foundation Inc. The successful applicant will be contacted by the Ben Bourque Scholarship Committee (BBSC) by *April 2nd, 2027* and will receive funds by cheque.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- Be a current or former youth in care in 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.
- Be enrolled in any educational or training program.
- Have successfully provided all required application documentation before the deadline of *January 31st 2027*

Please review these eligibility criteria carefully and ensure you have completed all required information before submitting your application. The letters of reference must be sent as a separate document and sent directly from your chosen referees.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Please ensure that you have completed all of the fields indicated below.

Surname: _____ First Name: _____

Date of Birth (yyyy/mm/dd): _____

Email: _____Phone number (with area code): _____

Address: _____

City/ Province: _____

Mailing Address (if different from above – please update if it changes after submission)

_____

Name of social worker (if available): _____

Region where you were in care: _____

Training / Education Provider: _____

Program Enrolled in: _____

Please note that successful candidates will be required to submit proof of enrollment in any educational or training program.

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:

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PERSONAL READINESS

Please tell us something about yourself. What makes you ready for the educational or training program that you are interested in? Please share only what you're comfortable with. Please provide this information as an email attachment If you are not comfortable writing a statement, contact us and we can arrange for an alternative method.

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REFERENCES

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

Please identify referees names and contact information:

1. _____

2. _____

SUBMISSION DETAILS

All parts of your application must be sent by mail to:

Ben Bourque Scholarship c/o Partners for Youth Inc.
487 Brunswick Street
Fredericton, NB E3B 5L6

Or, by email to:

info@partnersforyouth.ca. Please add Ben Bourque Scholarship in the Subject of email.

The deadline for submissions is: January 31st, 2027

Please note that all documentation or references must be received by the above deadline.

For more information on the Ben Bourque Scholarship, please visit the Partners for Youth website at www.partersforyouth.ca.

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

- Application/Personal Readiness
- Two Reference Letters (must be submitted by referees to info@partnersforyouth.ca)

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): _____