



Program Guidelines

At the TELUS Friendly Future Foundation, we're committed to helping youth reach their full potential. We understand that not all youth have equal opportunities or the resources to do so, including access to higher education. Being able to obtain a college diploma or university degree opens doors for youth to gain skills, launch careers and become the changemakers of tomorrow. While many student award programs focus on recognizing academic achievement, our intention is to empower students experiencing critical financial need to thrive in post-secondary education and make a difference in their communities.

Here's what you need to know.

How is this award different?

- Open to any year of study, any field of study at any accredited school for domestic students within Canada.
- No grades, transcripts, references or additional documentation are required to apply.
- Financial need is self-reported through a financial need assessment included in the application form.
- Successful applicants will receive a well-rounded offering of additional supports including free or low-cost TELUS mobility and internet plans, mental health services, and career learning and networking opportunities.

Number, value and duration of bursaries

The TELUS Friendly Future Foundation intends to provide up to 530 non-renewable one-year bursaries available specifically to eligible students pursuing full-time post-secondary studies in a first bachelor's degree program (\$5,000 CAD) or first diploma program (\$3,000 CAD) for the 2026-2027 academic year.

Important Note: Applications may close early based on interest. We intend to keep applications open until March 27, 2026; however, we will only accept 1,500 submitted applications for review. If 1,500 applications have been submitted prior to the application deadline, the portal will close early regardless of the date. **Please apply early.**



Eligibility

You are eligible if you:

- Are a domestic student that is either a Canadian citizen, Permanent Resident, Protected Person, or Convention Refugee (Claimants are not eligible).
- Are between 17-29 years old as of the application deadline date.
- Are planning to start or continue full-time studies in your first bachelor's degree or first diploma program in the 2026-2027 academic year.
- Demonstrate financial need through the self-reported financial need assessment included in the application form, developed by Universities Canada with guidance from subject matter experts at post-secondary institutions.

Important Eligibility Notes:

- **We welcome and encourage applications from everyone.** Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate high financial need and, secondarily, to those identifying with equity-deserving groups. Indigenous students may apply through this application process or directly through our partner Indspire when explicitly stated on their [website](#).
- **If you have a permanent disability or a persistent or prolonged disability**, you will be considered a full-time student if you're taking at least 40% of a full course load. Contact your financial aid office if you need help to align with your school criteria.
- **If you are completing or planning to complete a college-to-university transfer pathway** (e.g. 1-2 years at a college followed by a transfer to a university bachelor's degree program, you are eligible to apply.
- **Those currently working at TELUS** (or on leave) or a dependent of someone working at TELUS are not eligible. Contact [TELUS People & Culture](#) at scholarship@telus.com for more details on scholarships available to TELUS employee team member families.

Eligible institutions and program requirements

You are eligible to apply **in any year of study, field or discipline**. You **MUST** study at a Canadian educational institution that has recognized degree, diploma granting powers or their affiliates (e.g., universities, colleges, CEGEP technical diploma). We do not grant awards to students who intend to study at a non-Canadian academic institution.

Conditions/restrictions

- Your program of study must be a total of at least two years, and you must have **at least one year remaining** in your program of study at the time of application (expected graduation date of Spring 2027 or later).
- University preparatory programs such as CEGEP pre-university diplomas are eligible.



- Depending on the curriculum, an applied bachelor program or an associate's degree may be considered either as a university level program or a college level program.
- If you are completing or planning to complete a college-to-university transfer pathway (e.g. 1-2 years at a college followed by a transfer to a university bachelor's degree program, you are eligible to apply.
- If you are already the holder of a bachelor's degree, you are not eligible and cannot apply for this bursary.
- You are only eligible to receive one TELUS Student Bursary for the coming school year. If you have directly to a partner organization that directly administers a TELUS Student Bursary, such as Indspire, you may be deemed ineligible for selection by either party.
- If you have previously received a TELUS Student Bursary, you are eligible to re-apply so long as the criteria are still met and you report on your Social Impact Commitment. **Note: Bursaries are not automatically renewable and the level of financial need will take precedence in application assessments.**
- The TELUS Friendly Future Foundation retains the right to change or end the program without notice.

How to apply?

To apply for the bursary, please submit an online application starting **March 16, 2026**, and no later than **March 27, 2026, at 1:00 PM EST** by visiting portal.scholarshippartners.ca/welcome/Telus_En/.

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Your application must be completed and submitted directly by you in order to be evaluated, and deadline extensions will not be granted. If you have questions, please contact SPC at <https://spc.univcan.ca>.

We will communicate with you through your SPC student account. Be sure to keep contact information up to date and to notify us of any changes.

Required content

- **Information on financial need:** you will be asked details on your annual household and individual income and expenses, including expenses related to your education. The information is used to better understand your level of financial need.



- **A Personal Statement:** Submitted as a written statement (max 500 words). Your statement should communicate the impact of the bursary should you receive it, adversity you've overcome and goals ahead.
- **A Social Impact Commitment:** Submitted in one of two formats: written (max 500 words) or video (max 3 minutes uploaded to YouTube). Detailed guidance and instructions are found within the application.

Below are some examples of ways you can help contribute to positive social, environmental or health outcomes in your community. You can also read about past Bursary recipients' efforts to do good at friendlyfuture.com/bursary.

- **Lend a friendly hand:** volunteer with a local food bank, plant trees, organize a clothing drive for a shelter, or participate in other community service projects.
- **Share your resilience:** Volunteer as a mentor to help youth who can benefit from your skills, advice, and life experience.
- **Build community:** Mobilize fellow students for a shoreline clean-up or a charity garage sale or create an initiative to support isolated seniors.
- **Spread the goodness:** Support or launch an awareness campaign on social and environmental issues that affect the community.

Evaluation criteria

Applications are assessed on content and relevance of the Personal Statement and the extent to which it conveys both the impact of the bursary and the resulting advancement of career and social impact goals. Assessment is also based on well-thought-out and articulated practical and measurable Social Impact Commitment.

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Selection process

After screening by Scholarship Partners Canada (SPC), a division of Universities Canada, a TELUS Friendly Future Foundation committee will evaluate anonymized applications based on established criteria. Normalized scores will determine final selection with Board approval. By applying, applicants authorize the TELUS Friendly Future Foundation and its partners to collect and use application information for program administration and promotion purpose only.

All applicants will receive results by email directly from SPC. If you do not receive notification from SPC by early October 2026, please log-in to your student account and navigate to "Contact Support" to notify the office.



Successful applicants and payment

You will receive scholarship confirmation between September and early October 2026. When you receive your confirmation, you must complete the online acceptance process by the deadline communicated by SPC and submit any necessary documentation, which includes proof of registration from your educational institution.

Following completion of the acceptance requirements, payment will be made directly to your educational institution. If you do not receive your funds within the standard 6-to-8-week time frame, please contact your institution's Financial Aid and Awards Office to confirm receipt.

Please make sure to pay your tuition fees within the defined time frame, regardless of the timing of scholarship payment. Your institution will reimburse you according to their normal practices. If the funds cannot be applied to tuition for the current or following semester, you may request their release by logging into your SPC student account and navigating to "Contact Support" to notify the office.

Stay in touch with the TELUS Friendly Future Foundation

We want to support you every step of the way! We're committed to supporting your journey however we can. If selected, you will be asked to provide feedback on the Bursary as well as updates on your progress through an annual survey.

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Our administrative partner

The TELUS Friendly Future Foundation has entrusted the administration of its scholarship program to SPC, a division of Universities Canada. SPC administers over 140 scholarship programs for corporations, government agencies, and private foundations in North America and is affiliated with top companies in almost every sector of the economy. For more details, please visit www.univcan.ca.

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