

GUIDELINES

The Flight 302 Legacy Award honours the memory of the Canadian victims of Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 in a visible and meaningful way by supporting students enrolled in programs aligned with the interests and passions of the victims for environmental and humanitarian causes. The scholarships support Canadian and international students who are enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program at a Canadian educational institution.

FLIGHT 302 LEGACY AWARD BACKGROUND

On March 10, 2019, Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 (ET302) crashed near Addis Ababa in Ethiopia, claiming the lives of all 157 people aboard. Victims represented 35 nationalities, including 18 Canadian citizens, as well as permanent residents and others with ties to Canada. The flight was en route to Nairobi, where many of the passengers were scheduled to take part in the United Nations environmental conference. The Flight 302 Legacy Award will contribute to supporting students whose areas of study help to commemorate the victims of the Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 tragedy.

Here's what you need to know.

NUMBER, VALUE, AND DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

In the 2026-2027 academic year, the Flight 302 Legacy Award will support **forty-two (42) non-renewable scholarships**. Scholarships are valued at **\$10,000 each for one year**.

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ELIGIBILITY

You are eligible if you:

- are a Canadian or international student enrolled at a Canadian educational institution.
- are enrolled in a full-time program in an eligible field of study.
- have completed at least one year in this program at the time of applying for the scholarship.
- have at least one year remaining in your program at the time of applying for the scholarship (anticipated graduation date spring 2027 or later).

ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS

You can study at Canadian educational institutions that have recognized degree, diploma granting powers or their affiliates (e.g., universities, colleges, CEGEP technical diploma). University preparatory programs such as CEGEP pre-university diplomas are not eligible.

FIELDS OF STUDY/PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The Flight 302 Legacy Award will contribute to supporting students whose areas of study help to commemorate the victims of the Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 tragedy. Fields of study must be related to one of the following:

- Environmental Studies
- Humanitarian Aid
- Education
- Arts and Social Science
- Aviation

Examples of eligible programs include, but are not limited to the following:

- Environmental Studies: marine biology, ocean preservation, wildlife conservation, forestry, global environmental issues
- Humanitarian Aid: community development, social advocacy
- Education: special education, youth education, life skills development, student support
- Arts and Social Science: African literature, African studies, Indigenous studies, Indigenous relations, and international development and globalization
- Aviation: aircraft maintenance, air traffic control, and aviation management

CONDITIONS/RESTRICTIONS

- You must have at least one year remaining in your program at the time of application (anticipated graduation date spring 2027 or later).
- You must continue to be enrolled full-time at the institution and in the program of study listed on your application throughout the tenure of the award. Proof of registration, at the time of acceptance of the award, will be required before funds are released.
- Your application must clearly demonstrate relevant ties to one or more Canadian victims of the Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 tragedy, either through your chosen area of study or by demonstrating how your studies help commemorate one or more of the Canadian victims.
- If you are awarded a scholarship, you will not be able to apply again in a subsequent year.

HOW TO APPLY?

To apply for the scholarship, please submit an online application no later than Wednesday, July 8th, 2026, at 3:00 PM EST by visiting <https://portal.scholarshippartners.ca/welcome/Flight302/>.

Detailed instructions can be found in the application. Remember, your application must be complete to be evaluated, and deadline extensions will not be granted.

THIS APPLICATION INCLUDES MULTIPLE PARTS:

1. **Application Form:** Please read the application guidelines and instructions carefully before submitting your application.

2. **Personal Statement – written or video:** Tell us how your program of study is aligned with the interests and passions of one or more of the victims, and how receiving a scholarship will help you to continue to honour the victims through humanitarian, environmental causes and/or aviation.
3. **Proof of Registration:** Provide official proof of registration from your institution showing that you are enrolled and have completed at least one year of your program of study at the time of application.
4. **Referee Assessment Form:** Nominate a referee to complete and submit a referee assessment form which supports your dedication to humanitarian or environmental causes and/or aviation.
 - a. Referees can include a mentor, colleague or peer who is familiar with your community involvement. The assessment should provide specific examples of your contributions to your community, school, or workplace.
 - b. You can nominate a referee by navigating to the ‘Reference Forms’ tab of your application in the online portal and entering their name and email. This will send the form directly to your referee, who can complete and submit it as part of your application. It is your responsibility to obtain your referee’s consent before nominating them in the portal and to ensure they are aware of the application deadline to allow them sufficient time to complete the assessment form.
 - c. If the referee you nominate is unable to complete the form, or if you would like to nominate someone else, you can re-assign the form in the online portal.
 - d. A referee assessment will only be accepted if completed using the form and process available on the portal.
5. **Financial Need:** You will be required to demonstrate financial need.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Applications are assessed on their dedication to humanitarian, environmental causes and/or aviation; commitment to their area of study; and how the applicants will use the scholarship to honour the memories of the ET302 victims.

SELECTION PROCESS

The Flight 302 Legacy Award selection committee is comprised of community leaders, higher education professionals, international student administrators, and family members of the ET302 victims.

Following the application evaluation period, top-ranking candidates will be invited to participate in an asynchronous interview assessment. During this one-way interview, you'll be asked to submit timed video responses to pre-recorded questions. Each question has a designated amount of prep and response time, and you can track your remaining time for each component on the screen. You can record your responses from anywhere you choose and at a time convenient to you, before the deadline. The entire process should take approximately 20-30 minutes to complete. You will require a desktop or laptop computer with a functioning webcam, microphone, and internet connection.

Once complete, the selection committee’s decision is final. All applicants will receive the results of the selection process by email.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

- You will receive scholarship confirmation in December. When you receive confirmation, complete the online acceptance process, and submit any necessary documentation, which includes proof of registration from your post-secondary institution.
- As part of receiving a scholarship, you may be asked to participate in various promotional activities which may include print advertising or social media. By accepting a scholarship, you should understand that you may be contacted by the Program team before or after the scholarships are announced. Participation in promotional activities is optional.
- You must continue to be enrolled full-time at the institution and in the program listed on your application throughout the tenure of the award. Proof of registration dated at time of acceptance will be required before funds are released.
- You will also be invited to join a virtual award recipients' network. This is an opportunity to connect with fellow award recipients, share events, publications, and updates relevant to your fields of study and which help to commemorate the victims of the Flight 302 tragedy. Participation is optional.

SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENT

Payment will be made after the acceptance process and document review. It can take 6 to 8 weeks, depending on the method of payment chosen.

Payments will be made in two disbursements split evenly between you and your post-secondary institution. The portion paid directly to you will be processed by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Please note that EFT payments can only be made to a Canadian bank account AND the account must be in your name. The other portion of the payment will be sent directly to the institution.

Please make sure to pay your tuition fees within the defined time frame, regardless of the timing of scholarship payment. If a scholarship award results in an overpayment of tuition, reimbursement will be made to the student directly from the institution in accordance with the institution's normal practice.

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

The Flight 302 Legacy Award has entrusted the administration of its scholarship program to Scholarship Partners Canada (SPC), a division of Universities Canada. We administer over 140 scholarship programs for corporations, government agencies, and private foundations in North America and are affiliated with top companies in almost every sector of the economy. For more details, please visit www.univcan.ca.

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