



GUIDELINES

RBC, RBC Foundation® and RBC Foundation USA have committed \$2 billion by 2035 to fund innovative programs across three ambition areas; support the transition to a net-zero economy, equip people with the skills for a thriving future, and drive more inclusive opportunities for prosperity.

Through the Skills for a Thriving Future ambition area, the RBC Reimagine Scholarship aims to provide financial support for individuals ages 25+ seeking reskilling opportunities to grow in their current career or transition into a new field/industry with strong job growth prospects.

NUMBER, VALUE AND DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2026, the RBC Reimagine Scholarship **will provide 100 scholarships valued at \$1,500 or \$5,000 CAD** to individuals over the age of 25 at time of application, who demonstrate financial need and who are resuming studies after a break of three years or more.

Please Note: The RBC Reimagine Scholarship 2026 program will accept the first 500 submitted applications for review per cycle. If 500 applications have been submitted prior to application deadline of 1pm on June 4th, 2026, the portal will close, regardless of the date.

For the fall application period, if 500 applications have been submitted prior to the application deadline of 1pm on October 8th, 2026, the portal will close, regardless of the date.

ELIGIBILITY

You are eligible if you are:

- able to demonstrate financial need through the self-reported financial need assessment included in the application form.
- 25 years or older at time of application.
- entering or currently enrolled in part-time or full-time studies after a gap of at least three years since completing your last degree, diploma, or certificate.
- a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada; or have proof of status as a Protected Person or Convention Refugee from Immigration and Citizenship Canada (claimants are not eligible).
- active in the workforce or seeking employment (not retired).
- are not an RBC employee or the dependent of an RBC employee.

ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS

- 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).



- The institution must be located in Canada, even if the program is delivered entirely online. We do not grant scholarships to students who intend to study at a non-Canadian academic institution.
- For career certifications, trades training, and micro-credentials, the credential must be issued by the Canadian post-secondary institution, even if the program is delivered in partnership with industry or professional bodies.

FIELDS OF STUDY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Your program must:

- lead to a recognized credential or qualification (e.g., diploma, post-graduate certificate, professional certification, trade license, or stackable micro-credential)
- be upcoming or currently in progress at the time of application.
- not be completed at the time of application.
- have a total duration of at least 16 weeks and no longer than three years, whether pursued part-time or full-time.
 - Exception: Micro-credentials have different duration requirements. They must have a total duration of at least 40 instructional hours.

Eligible programs/courses:

Category	Examples	Value
1. Formal credentialed programs	• Diploma programs, including advanced diplomas, technical diplomas • Cégep technical program (3 years) • Post-Graduate certificate or post-graduate diploma • Master's degree programs, including course-based, research-based and professional master's programs	\$5,000
2. Career certification and trades training	• Courses which lead to a recognized professional or trade training, certification or apprenticeship. • Programs must represent a course of study aligned with recognized industry or regulatory standards. • Examples: CPA, project management (PMP), Certified Financial Planner (CFP) TESL certification, Canadian Securities Course) healthcare re-certification, Canadian credentialling, HVAC technician, electrician, occupational health and safety, forest management	\$5,000
3. Micro-credentials	• Must be a part of a stackable series that lead to a recognized credential or certificate. These programs should consist of multiple related modules or courses designed to build comprehensive skills aligned with industry or academic standards. • Must have a total duration of at least 40 instructional hours. Courses may be combined to meet the minimum duration, if they are part of the same micro-credential series. • Badges or certificates that only confirm attendance or participation are not eligible. • Examples: Digital marketing, cybersecurity, data analysis, UX design, applied AI, web development, non-profit management	\$1,500



Not eligible:

- Programs exceeding three years in duration, such as 4-year undergraduate degrees or professional degrees
- Doctoral programs (PhD programs)
- Two-year pre-university DEC (Diplôme d'études collégiales) programs.
- Preparatory, qualifying, foundation-year, or upgrading programs, including programs primarily intended to meet admission requirements for another program.
- Single-course micro-credentials or stand-alone modules that do not form part of a broader stackable pathway
- Online platforms such as Coursera, Udemy, or LinkedIn Learning

WHEN TO APPLY?

Application period:	Dates and Deadline	Your program/course must be upcoming or in progress when you apply
Spring	April 13 – June 4 at 1 p.m. EST	Start before August 1, 2026
Fall	August 31 – October 8 at 1 p.m. EST	Start on or after August 1, 2026

HOW TO APPLY?

Apply online at [RBC Reimagine Scholarship](#).

Item	What to include:	Note
1. Course Information	Provide the following details: • Details about the program (provider, duration, description) and explain why you chose it and why now. • Demonstrate your commitment to learning and this program specifically, describe how it will help you build or refine skills and how it will impact your career and inspire you personally. • Proof of enrolment or registration (tuition invoice, statement of account or letter from the Registrar's Office) confirming you are registered in course(s).	The course or program must be in progress or confirmed at the time of application. Letters of admission or acceptance are NOT considered valid proof of enrolment. They do not confirm that you are actively registered.



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2. Information on Financial Need	Complete the self-reported financial need assessment to provide details on your annual household and individual income and expenses, including expenses related to your education.	This information is used to better understand your level of financial need.
3. Recommendation Form	• Upload a completed recommendation form from a supervisor, mentor, or colleague who is familiar with your commitment. • Must be dated within 12 months of the application deadline.	You must use the official recommendation form provided found in the application portal.
4. Resume / CV	Your resume or CV should provide a clear overview of your career journey, including your current employment status, academic history and previous roles.	Maximum length: 2 pages File format: PDF only

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- You can apply once per application cycle.
- Recipients may receive one scholarship per calendar year and a maximum of two scholarships in total.
- You must upload all documents before the deadline.
- We will contact you through your student portal, so keep your email address up to date.
- After the application deadline, all eligible submissions will be forwarded to the selection committee for consideration.
- Please add awards@univcan.ca to safe senders in your junk email options so that you continue to receive important messages from SPC.

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection of scholarship recipients is made by a committee of leaders and experts in adult education or financial aid chosen by Scholarship Partners Canada (SPC). RBC supports the program but does not take part in the selection decisions. Once the committee completes its selection, the decision is final and cannot be changed.

The selection committee will consider the following:

- Financial need: Demonstrated need, such as supporting dependents or living on a low income, and why the scholarship funds are essential.
- Career goals and impact: Clear goals and how the scholarship will support career growth.
- Drive for learning: Motivation and commitment to reaching educational and career goals.
- Application quality: Effort, clarity, and organization of the application.

All applicants will receive the results of the selection process by email.



SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

You will receive scholarship confirmation in December 2026. When you receive your confirmation, complete the online acceptance process and submit any necessary documentation, which includes proof of registration from your educational institution, your social insurance number (**SIN**) and a **direct deposit form** (or void cheque).

As a scholarship recipient, you may be invited to participate in promotional activities such as print advertising or social media. Please note by accepting a scholarship, the program team may contact you before or after the scholarships are announced. Participation in these activities is **optional**.

SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENT

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

Scholarships will be disbursed in two parts: one portion will be sent directly to your post-secondary institution, and the other portion will be paid to you via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Please note that EFT payments can only be made to a Canadian bank account registered in your name.

Please make sure to pay your tuition fees within the defined time frame, regardless of when your scholarship payment is processed. If your scholarship award results in an overpayment of tuition, your institution will reimburse you according to its standard practice.

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

RBC has entrusted the administration of its scholarship program to 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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