



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 Ignite Scholarship aims to support youth aged 16-20 with the skills, training, and confidence they need to secure their first job and build a strong foundation for their future.

NUMBER AND VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIPS

There are up to 500 scholarships available in 2026, and you could receive \$250, \$500, \$1,000, or \$1,500.

The value of the award is based on the cost of your course or program and the documents you include in your application.

Note: *The program may close early if all available funds are awarded before the deadline.*

WHO CAN APPLY

You are eligible if you:

- Are 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).
- Are between 16-20 years old when you apply.
- RBC employees or dependents of RBC employees are **NOT** eligible.

WHAT YOU CAN APPLY FOR

Your course must:

- Be 12 months or less in duration.
- Take place between June 23 and December 10, 2026.
- Be upcoming or still in progress when you apply.
- Be offered or hosted in Canada (in-person, online, or in a hybrid format).
- The school or course provider must be registered in Canada. You may be asked to submit an HST number.



Eligible courses:

Category	Description	Examples:
Job-ready certifications:	Courses that are required for specific jobs.	Lifeguarding, responsible beverage service training programs (e.g., Smart Serve), food handling, First Aid/CPR, First Responder and Emergency Medical Responder certifications (e.g., for firefighters or paramedics), healthcare certifications (e.g., medical administration, Personal Support Worker, Health Care Aide), Early Childhood Assistant training programs, Counselor in Training programs, recreational instructor or coach/referee certification, outdoor leadership courses, personal fitness trainer certification.
Skill-building courses:	Short programs to learn new skills or improve existing ones.	Graphic design, coding bootcamps, Teaching English as a Second Language, project management, public speaking, high school credit upgrading, mental health response training.
Hands-on training (vocational or trade programs):	Programs that teach practical job skills through hands-on learning. These include short-term training in trades or technical fields that prepare for entry-level work.	Culinary arts, information technology, automotive service and repair, heavy equipment operations, hair styling and esthetics, telecommunications services, pre-apprenticeship programs (e.g., plumber, electrician), trades discovery and exploration programs, technical training (the in-school portion of an apprenticeship).

NOT eligible:

- Courses/programs longer than one year, such as DEC, Diplomas or Bachelor degrees, or courses that are part of these programs
- Online platforms such as Coursera, Udemy or LinkedIn Learning
- Private lessons, tutoring
- Language classes
- Conferences, summits, retreats
- The work portion of an apprenticeship (on-the-job training)

Important notes:

- Courses in sports, recreation, or the arts should support a pathway to paid roles (e.g., coaching, instruction, officiating, or performance work). Priority will be given to courses that lead to recognized certifications or develop teachable, job-ready skills.



- Camp-related sessions are only eligible for participants in unpaid, training or leadership roles (e.g., Counselor-in-Training, leadership development programs). General camper experiences are not eligible for scholarship support.

WHEN TO APPLY

Application period:	Dates	Your course must be upcoming or in progress when you apply and:
Winter	January 27 – March 31, 2026	must start before August 6, 2026,
Fall	June 23 – October 1, 2026	must start on or after June 23, 2026

Note: You can't apply for courses that you have already finished, even if they fall within the date range.

HOW TO APPLY

Apply online by visiting RBC Ignite Scholarship:

<https://portal.scholarshippartners.ca/welcome/RBC-Ignite-EN>

Item	What to include	Extra
1. Course Information	• Name of school or provider, address, website • start and end dates, cost and what you'll learn • How it helps you prepare for the workforce	• Make sure your course dates align with the appropriate application period.
2. Recommendation Form	• You must use the official RBC recommendation form found in the application portal • The form must be completed by someone who knows you well (teacher, coach, boss, etc.)	• Reference letters will not be accepted • Must be dated within 12 months of the application deadline. • Yes, you can reuse the same form for another application period if it's still valid.



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3. Proof of registration or payment	• This document must include: your name, name of the school or provider, dates of the course, and total cost • It must confirm that you're actively registered in the course	• Acceptance letters or deposit confirmations don't count as proof you are registered. • The value of your award is based on the documents you submit with your application • If you don't include proof of payment, your application will require an additional review and may take longer.

Important Notes

- You can apply once per application period (Winter or Fall)
- You can receive this scholarship a maximum of two times
- You must upload all documents before the deadline
- You can't apply if you currently receive the RBC Future Launch Scholarship for Indigenous Youth or Black Youth
- We'll contact you through your student portal, so keep your email address up to date
- Please add awards@univcan.ca to safe senders in your junk email options so that you continue to receive important messages from SPC.

HOW WE REVIEW APPLICATIONS

We look at:

- Whether you meet the eligibility rules
- If your application is complete and includes all required documents
- The overall effort and clarity of your application

There are two ways your application may be considered:

- **Immediate approval:** If you meet all eligibility rules and show proof that you are registered and have paid for your course, your application may be approved quickly.
- **Selection review:** If you don't have proof of payment but still meet the eligibility rules, your application will go into a selection review.

Getting funding isn't guaranteed. It depends on the amount of money available and the program's focus. This selection process can take up to **8 weeks** after the deadline.

Scholarship Partners Canada select recipients. RBC supports the program but does not take part in the selection decisions.



IF YOU'RE SELECTED

You'll get an email from awards@univcan.ca, congratulating you on your successful application. After receiving the email, you will need to:

- Complete the online award acceptance process
 - Provide your social insurance number (**SIN**) and a **direct deposit form** (or void cheque)
 - Upload proof that you paid for your course

Note: *The amount of money you receive will depend on the information provided in your proof of payment.*

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.

RECEIVING YOUR FUNDS

- Payments can take up to **6 weeks** after you submit everything.
- You are still required to pay your course fees on time, even if your scholarship money hasn't arrived yet. Make sure you follow the payment deadlines set by your school or program.
- Keep all receipts related to your course for one year. Universities Canada may ask to see them.

RBC has partnered with Scholarship Partners Canada (SPC), a division of Universities Canada, to manage this scholarship. Scholarship Partners Canada administers over 150 scholarship programs on behalf of corporations, government agencies, and private foundations across North America. We work with leading organizations from a wide range of sectors. Learn more at www.univcan.ca.

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