

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

The NPF Benevolent Foundation is proud to offer a new bursary program in 2026 supported by the generosity of EHN Guardians.

This bursary award supports those graduate or post-graduate students who are working to advance research and treatment for police and/or first responders with trauma, addictions, suicide prevention, or any mental injuries sustained by those public safety professionals we rely on as Canadians to keep us safe.

Here's what you need to know.

NUMBER, VALUE, AND DURATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The NPFBF will award one (1) \$10,000 bursary, for a one-year (1) term, to support a graduate student (Master's or Doctoral). The bursary will fund research focused on policing and public safety personnel mental health, including trauma, trauma treatment and recovery, and suicide prevention.

ELIGIBILITY

You are eligible if you:

- Are a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada; or have proof of status as a Protected Person from Immigration and Citizenship Canada (claimant are not eligible to apply).
- Are planning to start or continue full-time or part-time postgraduate studies (Master's or Doctoral program) for the 2026-2027 academic year.
- Are in good academic standing with your university.
- Conduct research that has the potential to improve the mental health of policing and public safety personnel.
- Exhibit potential for a high-impact research proposal in any area of mental health specific to the experiences of policing and/or public safety personnel in Canada; including, any

form of depression, suicide prevention, anxiety, trauma and PTSD, moral and sanctuary trauma.

ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS

You MUST study at Canadian educational institutions that have recognized graduate degree granting powers or their affiliates (e.g., universities). We do not grant bursaries to students who intend to study at a non-Canadian academic institution.

FIELDS OF STUDY / PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Your program of study must last at least two (2) years and be related to policing and public safety personnel mental health, specifically as it relates to trauma, trauma recovery and treatment.

The following programs are NOT eligible:

- undergraduate programs
- certificate programs

CONDITIONS / RESTRICTIONS

- You must have at least one (1) 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 or part-time at the institution and in the program of study listed on your application throughout the tenure of the scholarship. Proof of registration, at the time of the acceptance of the scholarship, will be required before funds are released.
- You must not be currently employed by EHN Canada, EHN Guardians or NPF employees.
- You can only receive this award once. If you are awarded this bursary, you are not eligible to apply in subsequent years.
- If selected as the successful candidate, you must agree to share your research findings with EHN Guardians and NPFBF once completed for the purpose of educating the public and/or promoting the bursary.



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- If selected as the recipient, you shall acknowledge EHN Canada and NPF Benevolent Foundation as sources of funding in all presentations and publications related to the scholarship research.
- The NPFBF retains the right to change or end the sponsorship of the bursary plan without notice.

HOW TO APPLY?

To apply for the scholarship, please submit an online application no later than **May 26, 2026, at 1:00 PM EST** by visiting <https://portal.scholarshippartners.ca/welcome/EHN-NPFBF-EN>.

Remember, the application must be completed and submitted by you. If you have questions, please contact SPC at <https://spc.univcan.ca/>.

Please add awards@univcan.ca to your safe senders in your junk email options so that you can continue to receive important messages from SPC.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- **Transcript:** Submit a transcript of your undergraduate degree or graduate degree to support your academic status.
- **Work experience and extracurricular activities:** List your relevant work experience and involvement in student or community settings as it relates to policing and public safety. This can include activities such as volunteering, participation in advocacy groups, leadership roles in policing or other public safety organizations, as well as involvement in research or initiatives related to public safety personnel mental health, trauma exposure and recovery or treatment.
- **Referee Assessment Form:** Submit a referee assessment completed by a university professor or faculty member who has intimate knowledge of your academic achievements and abilities. The form should be typed and signed by the author with an original or secured electronic signature and submitted in PDF format.

The [referee assessment form](#) is available for download from the online portal. A reference will only be accepted if completed using this form.

Ask your referee to complete and return the form so you can upload and save it with your application. You are responsible for advising the referee of the application deadline and giving them enough time to complete the assessment form.

- **Essay:** Write a 500–700-word essay that specifically demonstrates how your research aims to improve the mental health of policing and public safety personnel in Canada in areas such as depression, suicide prevention, anxiety, trauma and PTSD, or moral and sanctuary trauma.

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

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Applications are assessed on academic performance, volunteer/community involvement, extracurricular activities and/or work experience, and content and relevance of the essay and reference form.

A multi-disciplinary committee will review the applications. As such, technical terminology should be kept to a minimum.

SELECTION PROCESS

A committee of Canadian university and college representatives, chosen by Scholarship Partners Canada (SPC) pre-selects the scholarship recipient. Final selection of the recipient will be made by a committee consisting of Directors/Chair or delegates of the NPFBF. Once complete, their decision is final.

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

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT

You will be informed of the results of the scholarship program in August. When you receive your confirmation, complete the online acceptance process and submit any necessary documentation, which includes proof of registration from your educational institution.

You will need to agree to the Declaration of Consent stating that NPFBF may wish to use your personal information (i.e., story, picture, etc.) to publicly promote the program and the award recipient.

BURSARY 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. Funds will be sent to your bank account via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) on behalf of the sponsor.

Please make sure to pay your tuition fees within the defined time frame, regardless of the timing of the bursary payment.

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 NPFBF 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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