

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

NPF Member Child Bursary - The 2026 Sarah Beckett Memorial Bursary

The NPF Member Child Bursary will be awarded this year in Honour and Memory of Constable Sarah Beckett, who was killed in a motor vehicle accident on April 5, 2016, while protecting her community. This year marks the 10th anniversary of her passing. Sarah had a passion for supporting the youth in the community with the hope that they would make positive choices in their future. She supported families during difficult circumstances and ensured that they were provided with the external resources and outreach needed to live safe and happy lives.

The National Police Federation Benevolent Foundation (NPFBF) is proud to provide financial assistance to the children of active NPF Members across Canada through the NPF Member Child Bursary, which will be awarded annually to one student enrolled in post-secondary undergraduate studies who demonstrates exceptional leadership, compassion, and support for their community.

NPF Spousal Bursary

The National Police Federation Benevolent Foundation (NPFBF) is proud to offer bursaries to support the spouses of Members of the National Police Federation (NPF) who are pursuing in-person, online, or distance-studies for post-secondary education in the form of a one-time bursary. The function of this bursary is to support spouses who must establish a new career or enhance their professional development, as a result of an RCMP relocation.

Here's what you need to know.

NUMBER, VALUE, AND DURATION OF BURSARIES

The 2026 Sarah Beckett Memorial Bursary is valued at \$5000 Canadian for one year. It is available to eligible children of active NPF Members who have shown exceptional leadership, compassion and support for their community. One (1) award will be distributed to a successful applicant.

Three (3) non-renewable bursaries, valued at \$2500 Canadian each for ne year, are available to the eligible spouses of active, registered NPF Members, residing in the following regions:

Pacific/North (British Columbia, Nunavut, Northwest Territory and the Yukon), **Prairie** (Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta), and **Atlantic/Central** (Ontario, Quebec, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick), who are pursuing in-person, online or distance-studies towards post-secondary education. One (1) bursary will be awarded per Region.

ELIGIBILITY

NPF Member Child Bursary:

You are eligible if you:

- are a Canadian citizen or permanent resident;
- are the child, born within or outside of marriage, including an adopted child, of an active Member of the NPF or a child of an NPF Member who is deceased;
- are between the ages of 17 and 25 years old at the time of the application deadline;
- are planning to start or continue full-time undergraduate studies at an accredited post-secondary institution (i.e., university, college, or polytechnic institute) in the 2026-2027 academic year.
- have a minimum cumulative average of 70% or equivalent over the last three terms of available marks.

NPF Spousal Bursary:

You are eligible if you:

- are a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.
- are the spouse of an active, registered NPF Member. The legal definition of “spouse” as defined by the Government of Canada, means:
 - “Married” means that you have a spouse who is an active, registered Member of the National Police Federation
 - ‘Living common-law’ means that you are living in a conjugal relationship with a person who is **not** your married spouse, and **at least one** of the following conditions applies:
 - the person has been living with you in a conjugal relationship for at least 12 continuous months;

- the person is the parent of your child by birth or adoption;
 - the person has custody and control of your child (or had custody and control immediately before the child turned 19 years of age) and your child is wholly dependent on them for support.
- are planning to start or continue full-time or part-time undergraduate or graduate studies at an accredited online, in-person, or distance learning post-secondary program in the 2026-2027 academic year.

ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS

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

FIELDS OF STUDY / PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Your program of study can be in any field or discipline, lasting at least one year. University preparatory programs such as CEGEP pre-university diplomas are not eligible. Depending on the curriculum, an applied Bachelor program may be considered either as a university level program or a college level program.

CONDITIONS / RESTRICTIONS

- If you start post-secondary studies in January, you are eligible for the summer competition of the same year.
- You must have at least one year remaining in your program at the time of application (anticipated graduation date spring 2027 or later).
- Applicant children cannot be the children of any NPF salaried employee. **Note: This does not include children of Local Area Representatives (LARs).**
- Applicant children can apply to both the NPF Member Dependent-Spouse Bursary or the NPF Public Bursaries. If you are a member child, the NPF Member Child bursary will be chosen first and the successful candidate will not be eligible for the Gordon Clarke Bursary or the Regional Bursaries.
- Applicant spouses are not eligible to apply for any other NPFBF Bursary Program.

- If there are no qualified applicants each year, the bursaries will not be awarded for that year.
- If you have previously won a NPFBF bursary, you are not eligible to apply again.
- The NPFBF retains the right to change or end the sponsorship of the scholarship plan without notice.

HOW TO APPLY?

To apply for the bursary, please submit an online application no later than **May 14, 2026, at 1:00 PM EST**, by visiting <https://portal.scholarshippartners.ca/welcome/NPFBFMD-EN/>.

Access the Member dependent-spouse bursary program using the organization code:
425NPF2026

Remember, the application must be completed and submitted by you and not by your parent or guardian. If you have questions, please contact SPC at <https://spc.univcan.ca/>.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- Member consent form completed by the NPF Member;
- **If applying as a dependent child:** Both an academic and an extracurricular reference form from someone not related to you. The academic form must be completed by a past or present teacher who is familiar with your academic history. The extracurricular form must be completed by a person who is familiar with your volunteer, community involvement, and/or extracurricular activities. The forms must come from different individuals.
- **If applying as a dependent child:** Transcripts of the last three terms of available marks. Home school grades will only be accepted if they have been validated through a recognized independent evaluation process.
- **If applying as a dependent child:** A 500-word essay describing your volunteer/community involvement and/or extracurricular activities over the past three years. Provide specific examples of your motivations and impact on your community. The essay must clearly demonstrate your exceptional leadership, compassion, and support for your community through your activities.

- **If applying as a spouse:** A 500-word essay explaining how the pursuit of the specific program you are engaged in will support your career objectives, professional, or personal development.

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

For those applying as a dependent child, applications will be assessed on academic performance; volunteer/community involvement and/or extracurricular activities; and content and relevance of the essay and reference forms.

For those applying as a spouse, applications will be assessed on the content and relevance of the essay.

Preference will be given to spouses who are residing in a rural, remote, or isolated post as solely defined by the [National Joint Council's \('NJC'\) Isolated Government Post Housing Directive \(IPGHD\)](#).

SELECTION PROCESS

A committee of Canadian university and college representatives, chosen by Scholarship Partners Canada (SPC) pre-selects bursary recipients. Final selection of recipients will be made by a Selection Committee consisting of Directors/Chair or delegates of the NPFBF. The Selection Committee's decision is irrevocable.

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

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

You will be informed of the results of the bursary 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.

Bursary applicants will need to consent 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 bursary recipients.

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 personal banking 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 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.

SCHOLARSHIP PARTNERS CANADA

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