

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

The National Police Federation Benevolent Foundation (NPFBF) is proud to offer bursaries providing financial assistance to post-secondary students across Canada who will be pursuing jobs in a field related to, or in, Public Safety.

Here's what you need to know.

NUMBER, VALUE, AND DURATION OF BURSARIES

The Gordon Clarke Bursary

Gordon Clarke served as a dedicated Member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and led an exemplary career serving Canadians in various capacities for over 60 years. Originally from New Brunswick, Gordon began his career with the RCMP in 1957, serving faithfully with many well-deserved and regular promotions. You are encouraged to read more about Gordon Clarke [here](#), and understand the many reasons why the NPFBF is proud to honour his legacy, leadership, and invaluable contributions to our Members and Canadians with this award.

One (1) non-renewable bursary, valued at \$5,000 Canadian for one (1) year, is available to eligible students from across Canada that demonstrate exceptional leadership, academic excellence, compassion, and support for their community.

The Regional Bursaries

Twelve (12) non-renewable bursaries, each valued at \$2500 Canadian for one (1) year, are available to eligible students from 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). Four bursaries will be awarded by Region.

ELIGIBILITY

You are eligible if you:

- are a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.
- are planning to start or continue full-time undergraduate studies in the field of, or related to Public Safety in the 2026-2027 academic year. A list of acceptable fields of study / programs can be found under Fields of Study / Program Requirements.
- have a minimum cumulative average of 80% or equivalent over the last three terms of available marks to be considered for the Gordon Clarke Bursary.
- have a minimum cumulative average of 70% or equivalent over the last three terms of available marks to be considered for the Regional Bursaries.

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 must be in the field of, or related to Public Safety, lasting at least one year. There are five pathways for jobs within Public Safety, which are Emergency and Fire Management Services, Law Enforcement Services, Legal Services, Correction Services and Security and Protective Services. This includes, but is not limited to the following areas of study:

- Public Safety
- Police Foundations
- Firefighting / Fire Inspection & Safety
- Paramedicine & EMS/EMT Management
- Nursing (with Mental Health or Psychiatric specializations)
- Legal Studies/Law
- Mental Health and Addiction Counselling
- Security and/or Cybersecurity
- Disaster and Emergency Management
- Intelligence and Defence Studies
- Military and Strategic Studies
- Peace and/or Conflict Studies

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

- you only need to fill out one (1) application to be considered for both the Gordon Clarke Bursary and the Regional Bursaries.
- the Gordon Clarke Bursary will be chosen first. If you are not selected for the Gordon Clarke Bursary, you will be considered for one (1) of the twelve (12) regional bursaries.
- you must have at least one (1) year remaining in your program at the time of application (anticipated graduation date spring 2027 or later).
- if you are the child of an NPF Member, you can apply to both NPFBF bursaries (the NPFBF Public Bursary Program and the NPFBF Dependent-Spouse Bursary Program). If you are a member child, the NPFBF Member Child bursary will be chosen first and the successful candidate will not be eligible to receive the Gordon Clarke Bursary or the Regional Bursaries.
- you cannot be the child of any NPF salaried employee. **Note: This does not include children of Local Area Representatives (LARs).**
- if there are no qualified applicants in a Region in any specific year, then no bursary will be awarded for that year.
- if there are no qualified applicants for the Gordon Clarke Bursary in any specific year, then no bursary will be awarded for that year.
- if selected for the Regional Bursaries, you must live in the Region from which you are applying. However, you can attend a post-secondary institution in a different Region.
- if you have previously won an NPFBF bursary (the NPFBF Public Bursary Program and the NPFBF Dependent-Spouse Bursary Program), you are not eligible to apply.
- if you start post-secondary studies in January, you are eligible for the summer competition of the same year.
- the NPFBF retains the right to change or end the sponsorship of the bursary 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/NPFBFP-EN/>.

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:

- 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.
- transcripts of the last three (3) terms of available marks. Home school grades will only be accepted if they have been validated through a recognized independent evaluation process.
- and a 500-word essay describing your volunteer/community involvement and/or extracurricular activities over the past three years that clearly demonstrate your exceptional leadership, compassion and support for your community. **Note: A link to your desire to contribute to Public Safety is strongly recommended.**

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, and/or extracurricular activities; and content and relevance of the essay and reference forms.

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 of 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 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 bursary 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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