



BLACK ACADEMIC
SCHOLARSHIP FUND

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

1. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1.1 Mandatory Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for any scholarship offered by the Fund, all applicants must meet ALL of the following requirements:

A. Identity and Community Connection

The applicant must be a self-identifying member of the Black community.

For the purposes of this policy:

- "Self-identifying" means the applicant personally identifies as Black, which may include but is not limited to individuals of African, Caribbean, or Afro-descendant heritage
- Applicants self-declare their identity; the Fund does not require proof of racial or ethnic background
- The Fund respects and honours each applicant's self-identification

B. Residency and Educational Institution

The applicant must meet ONE of the following residency requirements:

OPTION 1: A resident of Quebec studying at a post-secondary institution in any Canadian province or territory

OPTION 2: A resident of any other Canadian province or territory who is registered at a post-secondary institution located in Quebec

For the purposes of this policy:

- "Resident of Quebec" means the applicant's primary place of residence is in Quebec
- "Post-secondary institution" includes universities, colleges (CEGEP), professional schools, and other recognized post-secondary educational institutions in Canada
- Institutions must be recognized by the appropriate provincial/territorial ministry or department of education

C. Community Engagement

The applicant must demonstrate involvement in community activities.

Community involvement may include but is not limited to:

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- Volunteer work with community organizations, charities, or non-profits
- Participation in sports teams or athletic activities
- Involvement in cultural, artistic, or social events
- Leadership roles in student organizations or clubs
- Mentoring, tutoring, or peer support activities
- Religious or faith-based community participation
- Activism, advocacy, or social justice work
- Other extracurricular activities demonstrating community connection

The Scholarship Selection Committee recognizes that community involvement takes many forms and will consider the breadth, depth, and impact of an applicant's engagement.

1.2 Academic Standing

Minimum Academic Requirements:

All applicants must be in good academic standing at their current or most recently attended educational institution.

"Good academic standing" means:

- The applicant is not on academic probation
- Provide your most recent transcript, showing a GPA of 3.5 or greater in core program courses
- The applicant is making satisfactory progress toward their degree or diploma

1.3 Ineligibility

The following individuals are NOT eligible to apply for scholarships:

- Children, grandchildren, siblings, or other immediate family members of current Directors or Officers of the Fund (as per the Conflict-of-Interest Policy and By-law Section 8.5)
- Individuals who have previously been found to have submitted fraudulent or falsified application materials
- Individuals who are not in good standing with any post-secondary institution they have attended
- Individuals who do not meet all mandatory eligibility requirements set out in Section 1.1

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2. PROGRAM OF STUDY

Eligible programs of study include:

Beiersdorf Scholarship

Supported by Beiersdorf, a leading provider of innovative skin and personal care products under the brands NIVEA, Eucerin, Aquaphor and Coppertone, one scholarship of \$3000.00 CAD. Beiersdorf believes in embracing inclusion and diversity of thought, experiences and perspectives to make us stronger as individuals and as a company. The company is committed to creative inclusive workplaces where everyone feels a sense of connection and belonging. Preference will be given to students representing Beiersdorf core values of Care, Simplicity, Courage and Trust. Beiersdorf will also offer the recipient the opportunity of an internship within its company.

Undergraduate Programs:

- Associate degrees
- Bachelor's degrees
- Undergraduate certificates and diplomas
- Professional degrees (law, medicine, dentistry, etc.)

Fondation Famille Pineau Scholarship

With the support of the Fondation Famille Pineau, two scholarships with a value of \$5000 each to be awarded to students registered in an undergraduate or a graduate degree program. Preference is given to students registered in programs with a focus on computer science, computer engineering, neuroscience, software engineering, statistics/mathematics.

Undergraduate Programs:

- Associate degrees

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- Bachelor's degrees
- Undergraduate certificates and diplomas
- Professional degrees (law, medicine, dentistry, etc.)

Graduate Programs:

- Master's degrees
- Doctoral degrees (PhD)
- Graduate certificates and diplomas

Entrance Scholarship

The BASF Entrance Scholarship will award \$3000 to a student who has recently graduated from a CEGEP program or secondary school and who has been accepted into an undergraduate program at a recognized university.

Any student entering the first year:

Undergraduate Programs:

- Associate degrees
- Bachelor's degrees
- Undergraduate certificates and diplomas
- Professional degrees (law, medicine, dentistry, etc.)

Undergraduate Scholarship

The BASF Undergraduate Scholarship will award \$3000 to students who are currently pursuing full-time studies in an Undergraduate program at a recognized university.

Undergraduate Programs:

- Associate degrees
- Bachelor's degrees
- Undergraduate certificates and diplomas



- Professional degrees (law, medicine, dentistry, etc.)

Graduate Scholarship

The BASF Graduate Scholarship will award \$3000 to a student who is in the final year of an undergraduate program in at a Canadian University and who has been accepted into a Graduate Program or who is currently pursuing full-time studies in a Graduate Program.

Graduate Programs:

- Master's degrees
- Doctoral degrees (PhD)
- Graduate certificates and diplomas

The Sylvia Piggott Memorial Scholarship

The BASF Sylvia Piggott Memorial Scholarship will award \$3000 to students who are currently pursuing full-time studies at the Undergraduate or Graduate level.

Undergraduate Programs:

- Associate degrees
- Bachelor's degrees
- Undergraduate certificates and diplomas
- Professional degrees (law, medicine, dentistry, etc.)

Graduate Programs:

- Master's degrees
- Doctoral degrees (PhD)
- Graduate certificates and diplomas

All programs must be offered by recognized post-secondary institutions in Canada.



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SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

3. COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE

Your application form must be accompanied by the following documents:

A. Scholarship Application Form

- The Fund's official on-line application form, fully completed and submitted

B. Personal Statement / Letter of Consideration

- Maximum ONE (1) page
- Should state why his/her application deserved favourable consideration
- Written and signed by the applicant

C. Essay

- Maximum ONE (1) page
- Topic: **"Describe a person in the Black community (historical or contemporary) who has inspired you"**
- Free-form format – applicant may include:
 - The person's achievements and their meaning to the applicant
 - The person's impact on the Black community
 - How this person influenced the applicant's journey
 - Why this person serves as an inspiration
- Written and signed by the applicant

D. Current Curriculum Vitae (CV) or Résumé

- Outlining education, work experience, volunteer activities, community involvement, awards, and achievements
- No length restriction, but should be concise and relevant

E. Official Academic Transcripts

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- Last post-secondary institution attended
- Must be OFFICIAL transcripts bearing the institution's seal or stamp
- Must be sent directly to the Fund by the issuing institution via:
 - Sealed envelope by mail, OR
 - Electronic transmission (e.g., institution's transcript service)
- Transcripts submitted by applicants themselves will NOT be accepted
- High school transcripts may be required for first-year undergraduate applicants

Note: it is recommended to request transcripts well before the deadline for submission as late transcripts may disqualify the applicant.

F. Reference Letters

- TWO (2) letters
- Must be current (dated within the last three months)
- Must be ORIGINAL signed letters
- Must be sent directly to the Fund via email directly from the referee's professional or institutional email address
- Reference letters submitted by applicants themselves will NOT be accepted
- References from family members are NOT accepted.

At least one referees must be:

- Teachers, professors, or academic advisors

The second may be from any one of the list below:

- Employers or supervisors
- Community leaders or volunteer coordinators
- Coaches, mentors, or program directors
- Religious or spiritual leaders

G. Additional Requirements for Entrance and Graduate Scholarships

- Letter of acceptance to a recognized institution



4. APPLICATION SUBMISSION

4.1 Submission Methods:

Applications may be submitted by:

- **Email:** scholarships@basfund.ca or bourses@basfund.ca
- **Mail:** P.O. Box

4.2 Submission Deadline:

Applications must be received by June 30th 11:59 PM ET annually

4.3 Late Applications:

Applications received after the deadline will not be considered unless:

- The applicant requested and received prior written approval for a deadline extension due to exceptional circumstances
- The Scholarship Selection Committee determines that the delay was due to circumstances beyond the applicant's control and the application can be accommodated

4.4 Incomplete Applications:

Applications missing required components will be considered incomplete. The Fund will:

1. Notify the applicant of missing items, and the applicant will have until the deadline to submit. If materials are not received by the deadline, the application will not be considered.

Language:

Applications may be submitted in English or French.