



CICan PAUL AND GERRI CHARETTE BURSARY PROGRAM

Student Financial Aid and Awards

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DESCRIPTION

The Colleges and Institutes Canada (CICan) Paul and Gerri Charette Bursary Program provides financial support to college and institute students that demonstrate financial need and face challenges or barriers to participating in and completing post-secondary education. Students attending colleges or institutes in rural, remote or northern areas will be given preference.

VALUE

- Ten bursaries of up to \$5,000 each

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- This must be the first time that the student will be attending a post secondary institution.
- Must be enrolled full time in the first or second year of a multi-year program at a CICan member institution.
- Must be a Canadian citizen, landed immigrant, permanent resident, or a protected person.
- Must provide a short essay describing your financial situation and community involvement (page 3).
- Must provide THREE letters of support from people who know you. This can include a past or current employer, a teacher, a college administrator, a member of a community or campus organization, someone involved in student services or a faculty member. Please use reference form provided and submit with your application form.

SELECTION PROCESS

- BCIT Student Financial Aid and Awards will review all BCIT applications and nominate one eligible applicant to CICan for consideration.
- Final selection will be by a national committee of regional representatives from CICan member institutions whose positions are directly related to student services.
- CICan will inform BCIT of the status of the applications by the end of November. The first bursary disbursement will be done by December 15.

Submit your completed application package (including letters of support) by email to sawards@bcit.ca. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

- Application deadline: September 22, 2025



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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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| BCIT ID | | |
| Last Name | | First Name |
| Program Name | | Email |
| Phone | | Citizenship <input type="radio"/> Canadian <input type="radio"/> Permanent |
| Marital Status <input type="radio"/> Single <input type="radio"/> Married/Common Law <input type="radio"/> Single parent <input type="radio"/> Married with children | | Number of dependant children in your custody List their ages |
| Have you applied and been approved for government funding? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | | Do you identify as Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Colour? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| Is this the first time that you will be attending a post-secondary institution? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | | Do you identify as 2S/LGBTQIA+? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| Do you identify as a person living with a disability? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | | |



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SHORT ESSAY

Describe the impact this bursary will have on your ability to attend BCIT and your involvement in the community (max 1000 words). **This essay holds weight with reviewers so be specific, be clear, and be bold!**



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FINANCIAL EXPLANATION

Explain your financial situation and how this bursary will impact it. (max 750 words)



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BARRIERS OR CHALLENGES

Demonstrate how this bursary will help eliminate challenges or barriers to you participating in and completing your education. (max 750 words)

BCIT collects your personal information including your contact information, educational and financial information for the purpose of awarding bursaries to eligible students.

DECLARATION: I understand that I am applying for funding based on financial need, and that by signing below it means:

I certify that the information I have provided on this application is complete and accurate.

- I am and will continue to be a full-time student for the academic period stated in this application.
- I consent to THE BCIT STUDENT FINANCIAL AID AND AWARDS OFFICE to release information from my application package to the Colleges and Institutes Canada (CICan).

Signature (electronic signature accepted)

Date