



One World International Scholarship Program

Purpose and Objectives

Using annual returns on a \$13 million endowment provided by the Province of British Columbia, the BC Scholarship Society ("the Society") manages a suite of international scholarship programs designed to assist students to participate in academic, cultural, language or experiential study programs outside of Canada and the United States*. In delivering these programs, the Society hopes to encourage students who are intellectually curious and are interested in expanding their educational experiences while at the same time developing a globally literate citizenry and workforce for BC.

Scholarships of \$2,000 to \$5,000 are awarded on a competitive basis to students from all regions of BC who demonstrate a combination of strong academic achievement and community involvement, along with clearly defined career and educational goals. Applications are collected and adjudicated by each of the province's 25 public post-secondary institutions for their own students.

See www.bcscholarshipsociety.ca for application details.

***First Nations, Metis, Inuk students are eligible to participate in study programs offered by credit-granting Indigenous institutions in the United States of America.**

2024 One World International Scholarship Eligibility Criteria

Eligible Overseas Programs and Award Amounts

To be eligible for a One World International Scholarship, students must be accepted into an international experience program outside of Canada or the United States of America*. The program can either:

- i) Carry academic credit recognized by their home institution. (These scholarships are valued at \$2,000 to \$5,000 each.) **OR**
- ii) Offer an opportunity for experiential learning, usually involving language and/or cultural training, but does not carry academic credit. (These scholarships are valued at \$2,000 each.)

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Student Eligibility Requirements

Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis to students who:

- are Canadian citizens, permanent residents (landed immigrants), convention refugees, or protected persons living in Canada;
- are residents of British Columbia, defined as having a primary residence in the province for at least 12 consecutive months prior to the date of full-time enrollment in the program for which the scholarship is applied;
- have clearly demonstrated community and/or school involvement;
- are enrolled in a full-time academic program of at least one year at a BC public post-secondary institution and have been accepted into an eligible international experience program;
- can demonstrate links between the international experience they are pursuing and their educational or career goals;
- are *not* planning an international experience in a country from which they have immigrated within the past 5 years;
- have not previously received a One World International Scholarship or a Premier's International Scholarship;
- plan to begin their international experience prior to May 1st, 2025.

Selection Criteria

To receive a One World International Scholarship, students' applications should demonstrate:

- academic achievement;
- interest and involvement in their educational institution and/or community;
- past experiences that relate how they will be successful in their international experience (e.g. independence, leadership, maturity, previous travel experience, familiarity with the language, cultural sensitivity); and
- a clear link between their proposed international experience and their educational/career goals.

Note: Preference will be given to students pursuing their first degree.

2024-25 One World International Scholarship Application

Scholarship Type (choose A or B)

- A** My international experience will grant *academic credit* recognized by my home institution. (Scholarships of \$2,000 to \$5,000)
- B** My international experience provides experiential learning opportunities involving language acquisition and/or cultural training. I will *not receive academic credit* for participating in the program. (Scholarships of \$2,000)

Required Documents

You must complete this **application** and submit it to the International Office or Financial Aid & Awards Office at the institution you are currently attending together with the following attachments:

- Unofficial transcripts** of all post-secondary studies to date, in British Columbia and elsewhere.
- One reference form** (attached), provided by an individual who can comment on your accomplishments, character and motivations and confirm your participation in community and/or school activities.

(A) Personal Information

Please complete ALL FIELDS; incomplete applications will not be considered. **Scholarships are paid by electronic funds transfer. Do not use your institution's email.**

First Name

Last Name

Permanent Mailing Address

City/Town

Province

Postal Code

Area Code

Telephone Number

Email

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Student Number

When did you emigrate (month and year):

Country you emigrated from (if applicable):

Please check with the International Office or Financial Aid Office at your institution for their application deadline.

(B) Educational Information

Name of the BC public post-secondary institution that you currently attend:

Institution	Program Name	From Year / Month	To Year / Month

Name of the international experience in which you are **planning to take part**:

Institution/Organization	Program	Country	From Year / Month	To Year / Month

Will you earn credits towards completion of your BC credentials through this international experience? Yes No

Name of any international experience programs in which you **have previously taken part**:

Institution/Organization	Program	Country	From Year / Month	To Year / Month

(C) Volunteer Activities

List your volunteer and community activities over the past three years. **Do not include paid work or service that is required as part of an academic program.**

Name and type of volunteer community and/or school involvement	Hours Per Month	From – To Year/Month
Organization: Activity: Description of your duties: What have you learned from performing these duties:	_____	_____ / _____ to _____ / _____
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If circumstances prevented you from volunteering in your community and/or school, (for example, family/employment responsibilities, health condition), please explain the reasons below.

(D) About You

Why have you chosen this country and program for your international experience? How does this relate to your educational and career goals?

What personal qualities and experience do you have that will help you be successful in your international experience?

What do you expect to learn from this international experience, and how will you apply these lessons upon your return to Canada?

Declaration

I confirm that I am applying to the BC Scholarship Society (the "Society") for a *One World International Scholarship* and certify that the information I have provided in this application is true and complete **and that I meet the eligibility criteria.**

I authorize the Society and its agents to verify the information contained in this application, and in any supporting documentation I have supplied, with (1) relevant post-secondary educational institution(s) within and outside of British Columbia, (2) the reference I have identified. I further consent to the release of information from those sources that may be approached by the Society to verify the information I have provided.

I understand that all documents submitted to the Society as a part of my application become the property of the Society and will not be returned to me regardless of the outcome of my application.

I understand that the Society relies on award recipients to assist in the promotion of its scholarship programs. Therefore, should I be a successful applicant, I consent to the publishing of my name in support of the Society's promotional efforts.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

PRINT NAME

DATE

MONTH

DAY

YEAR

SIGN HERE

PRINT NAME HERE

Application and Notification Process

You should submit your completed application form and related materials to the International Office or Financial Aid & Awards Office at your current institution. The deadline for applications is determined by your institution.

If you are not accepted for enrolment in the international experience detailed in your application, an awarded scholarship will not be issued.

If you are unable to participate in the international experience for which you have received an award, you must return any and all award funds paid to you.

You will be notified of the results of your application by the institution through which you applied. If you receive a scholarship, payments will be issued to you directly from the BC Scholarship Society.

Deferrals

If a student wishes to defer his/her participation in the international experience for which they have been awarded a scholarship, the student must apply to the Society for a deferral by contacting info@bcscholarshipsociety.ca, by text 778-200-2502, or phone 1-844-478-4645 (toll free).

One World Reference Form

Instructions to applicants:

Choose a referee who can comment on your accomplishments, character and motivations, and confirm your participation in community and/or school activities. The reference should not be a family member or close personal friend. Send or give one copy of this form to your referee, asking them to provide the information indicated below. Make sure the form is signed by your referee and given to you to submit with your application.

Applicant's Full Name: _____

Referee's Full Name: _____

Referee's Relationship to Student: _____

Information for referees:

The adjudication committee relies on references to assess the consistency and depth of an applicant's community involvement. The quality and accuracy of each reference is very important to the candidate's application.

Information about the BC Scholarship Society's international awards program can be found www.bcscholarshipsociety.ca

1) Describe what you know of the applicant's volunteer activities. What community activities did the applicant regularly and consistently participate in (e.g. coaching, working with children, working with volunteer organizations)

2) Describe how you know of the applicant's activities in general, including involvement with peers, leadership roles taken, abilities, employment, family obligations, etc.

3) How would you describe the applicant's character?

4) How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

Referee signature: _____

Please return this form directly to the applicant named above.