

Overview

The Ben Bourque Scholarship is awarded to young people who are or who were in the care of the Province of New Brunswick and who are looking to pursue post-secondary education. The scholarship covers up to \$500 of the cost of post-secondary tuition and fees. Anyone who is from care in New Brunswick can apply, including students who have applied for or obtained the scholarship in previous years.

The Ben Bourque Scholarship fund was founded by family, friends and colleagues.

“My husband and I wanted a meaningful way to commemorate our son's life and recognize the contributions he made to young people through his work with the Department of Social Development. In conversations with friends, family and some of Ben's colleagues, we decided that an award to young people wanting to continue their education would be a fitting tribute. Ben was a committed social worker and through his work was able to help many young people along their often challenging life journeys. Our family's long history with education made reaching out to someone wishing to continue on their educational pathway all the more meaningful. We know that Ben would have found this a useful and appropriate recognition of his contribution to our world, one he had to leave too soon.”
-Wendy Bourque

The Ben Bourque Scholarship is administered by Partners Foundation Inc. The successful applicant will be chosen by the NBYICN Scholarship Youth Committee.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Ben Bourque Scholarship, you must:

- Be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant.
- Be successfully enrolled in an educational program (e.g. College, University, Trade school etc.).
- Be a current or former youth in care from the Province of New Brunswick. This includes anyone who is, or was in temporary or permanent care, or was assigned a social worker as part of an official care agreement.
- Have successfully provided all required application documentation before the **deadline of November 29, 2022.**

Please review these eligibility criteria carefully and ensure you have completed all required documentation before submitting your application. The letters of reference must be sent separately—directly from your chosen references.

Personal Essay

On separate page, please write an essay describing both your time in care, and your aspirations moving forward. This is your chance to convince the review committee that you are the one who should receive the scholarship. This information will be very important for us when choosing a successful applicant. The essay should be typewritten and must not exceed one page.

References

All applicants must arrange for us to receive **two** letters of reference. At least one letter should be from a professional source—describing your academic, employment or volunteer experience—and should be written on the official letterhead of the institution/organization. The second letter may be from any source you choose. These letters must be sent directly from your references. Do not include them as part of the application package. Please remind your references to clearly identify you in their letters.

Submission Details

All parts of your application must be sent by mail (**not by fax**) to:

Partners For Youth Inc.
487 Brunswick St
Fredericton, NB, E3B 5L6

The deadline for submissions is **November 29, 2022**

Please note that any documentation or references received after the deadline may disqualify your application.

Please ensure that you have completed the application form in full and have included your personal essay in your submission package. For more information on the Ben Bourque Scholarship, contact the NBYICN coordinator at zbourgeois@partnersforyouth.ca, or visit the Partners For Youth website at www.partnersforyouth.ca. Please note that successful candidates will be required to submit proof of enrollment of their chosen program.

Acknowledgement

I, _____, attest that all the information provided on this application form and in my personal essay is true, accurate, and complete. I understand that my application may be disqualified if any of the information provided is found to be untrue.

Signature _____

Date Signed _____