

# EMPOWERED MINDS FOUNDATION

## 2025 TUITION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please complete the following form and include it with your application.

Name:

Email:

Phone:

### Education Program Type (Select one):

Undergraduate / Bachelor Degree (3-4 years)

Certificate Program (6-12 months)

Diploma / Associate Degree (2 years)

Other (please explain):

Name of School:

Please ensure that you have attached formal proof of enrollment that includes your student number, program name, program year, and school contact information.

### Your address

Address :

City :

Province:

Postal code:

### Alternative Contact Method (optional):

Alternative phone:

Alternative email:

If selected as a scholarship recipient, do you consent to have your photo and short biography published on our website?

Yes  No  Bio only (no photo)

Applicant's Signature

Date Signed

### Submission Information & Award Notification

Please ensure that this form in addition to all required documents are submitted by **4:00 PM on March 31st, 2025**. Only complete application packages will be accepted (see application checklist on the next page). Files must be in PDF or .docx format. Completed application packages can be sent to [empoweredmindsfund@gmail.com](mailto:empoweredmindsfund@gmail.com). Late and incomplete submissions will not be accepted or reviewed. Only successful applicants will be contacted. Scholarship winners will be notified by approximately mid-May of each year and cheques will be mailed to the institution within 2-3 weeks of the notification.

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### Application Checklist

- Your story (a personal essay of 1000 words maximum or a video no more than 7 minutes)**

Tell us about the obstacles you have faced in your pursuit of education and what this scholarship will mean to you. You have the freedom to tell us anything that you feel is relevant - so be honest and real. Everyone has a story. No personal essays or videos will be shared outside of the scholarship review committee.
- Proof of enrolment in a post-secondary program**

Eligible post-secondary programs include:

  - Any public or private college or university program leading to a certificate, associates degree, trades certification, diploma, or bachelor degree
  - Online programs may be eligible, provided they will lead to one of these credentials in either Canada or the United States and the student is not temporarily living outside of Canada

*If you are not sure whether your program is eligible, please email us. As long as the program leads to a marketable credential, we are willing to consider it. After all, that's the point of this scholarship - no barriers, right?*
- Proof of residence in Canada**

You must reside in Canada and attend a Canadian institution. If you are residing in Canada but obtaining your education online at a US institution, please email us to ensure that we can accommodate this. The scholarship cheque will be mailed directly to your school to be applied to your tuition costs. International students, permanent residents, and those with protected-person status are welcome to apply.
- Reference letters (2)**

We are asking applicants to provide at least one professional or academic reference letter (i.e., an employer, professor, instructor, volunteer supervisor, etc.). Your second letter can be a professional/academic or a personal reference (provided that it is not written by a family member). A personal reference can speak to your character, informal community involvement, and other things about you that will help us understand who you are and what you are capable of achieving.
- Budget form**

Please complete the budget form below so that we can get a better understanding of your financial situation. While financial need is not a requirement, we do consider this. There is no maximum income threshold because everyone's expenses are different - someone making \$75,000 per year could have \$30,000 in student debt, a car loan, and two kids to care for while someone else with the same income may have no debt and no children. Successful applicants may be asked for proof of financial need if this was factored into the decision.
- Unofficial transcript or record of course progress**

If a transcript of grades is available, please provide an unofficial copy of the most recent version. If you do not receive letter or percentage grades, please submit something that demonstrates your progress in the program.
- OPTIONAL supporting documentation (up to 3)**

You have the option to include up to 3 additional supporting documents - this could come in many forms including but not limited to:

  - News articles about your involvement in community initiatives
  - An up-to-date resume
  - Social media links that demonstrate your community involvement or achievements
- OPTIONAL biography (50-75 words) and photo**

If you are selected as a scholarship recipient, we would like to share your photo and a brief biography (your first name, school/program of study, and future aspirations).