



2025 CHF BC Scholarships

Application Deadline: Sunday, March 28, 2025

Introduction

The Co-operative Housing Federation of BC (CHF BC) works to support the community of housing co-ops in BC. The purpose of the CHF BC Scholarship Fund is to support the educational goals of co-op members, particularly young co-op members who are already making a contribution to their communities. Our goal is to invest in the future of housing co-ops by supporting the education and development of young co-op and community leaders. Scholarships can be awarded to students graduating from high school and planning to enroll in a college, university, or apprenticeship program; students already enrolled in a college, university, or apprenticeship program; and students returning to school after a break in their education. Scholarships are for undergraduate studies only.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- ✓ Live in a CHF BC member co-op
- ✓ Plan to attend, or already attend, a Canadian, publicly funded, accredited college, university or government-approved apprenticeship program on a full-time basis in the 2024/2025 academic year
- ✓ Have made a positive contribution to their school, co-op, or community
- ✓ Demonstrate financial need

Scholarship Awards

The maximum award is \$5,000. Scholarship winners will receive \$2,000 in their first year of study and \$1,000 each year thereafter for up to four years of study. Scholarship winners who are already enrolled in a program will receive \$2,000 in their first scholarship year.

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Contact Jarrett Hagglund, jhagglund@chf.bc.ca, 604-879-5111/1-866-5111 with any questions. More information is also available at www.chf.bc.ca/scholarship.

Completed applications should be emailed to scholarships@chf.bc.ca OR couriered or mailed to:

CHF BC Scholarships
220 - 1651 Commercial Drive
Vancouver, BC V5L 3Y3

FILL IN THIS FORM DIGITALLY, SAVE OR PRINT A COPY FOR SUBMISSION

Part A

PERSONAL INFORMATION

First name: _____ Initial: _____ Last name: _____

Name of housing co-op you live in: _____

Home address: _____

City: _____ Postal code: _____

Home phone number: _____ Cell phone number: _____

Email address: _____ Date of birth - day/month/year: _____

EDUCATION

Please check which year of a program you will be enrolled in September 2022:

college:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1 st year	<input type="radio"/> 2 nd year	<input type="radio"/> 3 rd year	<input type="radio"/> 4 th year
university:	<input type="radio"/> 1 st year	<input type="radio"/> 2 nd year	<input type="radio"/> 3 rd year	<input type="radio"/> 4 th year
apprenticeship:	<input type="radio"/> 1 st year	<input type="radio"/> 2 nd year	<input type="radio"/> 3 rd year	<input type="radio"/> 4 th year

Name of high school you are graduating from or have graduated from: _____

Year you will graduate, or year you did graduate: _____

Post-secondary institution you plan to attend: _____

Area of study you plan to pursue: _____

If you are already enrolled, please provide your student number: _____

Was your education interrupted? Yes, for _____ years between high school and post-secondary school.

CHF BC is committed to the principles of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. If you identify with an equity seeking group and wish to share that with us do so below e.g. Indigenous, Person of Colour, 2SLGBTQIA+:

Part B

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

On a separate page please list your three most recent volunteer activities in your community.

Include:

- Name of organization or group
- Detailed description of each activity
- Your role and responsibilities
- Start and end dates and hours per week

Part C

Submission

Complete and attach with your application a 3–5-minute video, 500-word essay, or virtual presentation on one of the following subjects:

How would you describe co-op housing and the co-operative business model to the public to help them understand the power and impact of co-ops? What challenges can co-ops help solve?

OR

Diversity strengthens a community, but that transition is not easy for everyone. Can you describe ways you have or would strengthen diversity and community connections in your co-op?

OR

Identify a global issue impacting our communities (eg. climate change, tech and AI, increase in hate crimes), and explain how co-ops are uniquely positioned to take on this challenge in their community.

Then, in the space below or using another page, please summarize your submission's most essential points in a few sentences.

Part C

FINANCIAL SITUATION

Fill in the chart below as accurately as possible. It should reflect any expenses and income sources for the upcoming year. Remember to calculate for the entire year and not just the school year.

Expenses:

Housing:
Travel (car, public transit):
Tuition and fees:
Books and supplies:
Personal expenses
(personal care items, etc.): Other
(specify):

Total expenses:

Income:

What financial assistance will you receive from family or other sources? Attach separate sheets if necessary.

Part D

REFERENCES

Provide two reference letters. The letters should be no more than 500 words each. Both letters should describe your character, community contributions, and academic successes.

If you are graduating from high school, one letter must be from a teacher, school counsellor or administrator from your school and on school letterhead.

If you are part way through a college, university, or apprenticeship program, one letter must be from an instructor or professor on school letterhead.

If you are returning to school after an interruption, your letters could be from your co-op manager or an employer.

Part E

RESUME AND TRANSCRIPT

- Provide most recent academic transcript
- Provide a current employment resume

Part F

CONSENT AND DECLARATION

I certify that this application has been honestly and accurately completed. I understand that any false or incomplete information may cancel my application.

I, _____, agree that

1. Scholarship decisions may only be made by the CHF BC Scholarship Fund and those decisions are final.
2. Scholarship funds will only be granted to me if I am enrolled full time in a Canadian, publicly funded, accredited college or university or a government-approved apprenticeship training program for the upcoming academic year.
3. If I am successful, my name and photograph may be used by CHF BC for promotional purposes.
4. If requested, I will participate in CHF BC functions.

Applicant's name _____

Applicant's signature _____

Parent/Guardians' signature _____ Date _____
(if under 18 years old)

The CHF BC Scholarship Fund is a program of the Co-operative Housing Federation of British Columbia (CHF BC). CHF BC is committed to ensuring the confidentiality of all personal information it holds. By providing the information on this form, you agree that CHF BC can use the information to determine your eligibility for an award from the CHF BC Scholarship Fund, and to correspond with you about that award from time to time.

You have the right to withdraw your consent to the collection, use or disclosure of your personal information at any time. Withdrawing consent may mean that CHF BC is no longer able to provide you with particular services. We will advise you of the likely consequences upon receiving written notification of withdrawal of consent.

Application Checklist

- I have filled out the application form completely.
- I have signed and dated the application form.
- I have enclosed an up-to-date employment resume.
- I have included an up-to-date academic transcript.
- I have provided two reference letters. One from my school, on school letterhead. or if not in school, from a co-op manager or employer on co-op or business letterhead.
- I have submitted the application by the deadline of Sunday, March 28, 2025.

All checklist items must be submitted with the application, either as attachments to an email, or as appendices to a printed form or fax. Incomplete applications will not be considered.