

Deaf Community Bursary (up to \$1000.00)

Applications should be submitted at least 3 months before the course starts.
Additional instructions and information are on pages 3 and 4.

Are you Deaf **Deafblind** **or Hard of Hearing**

A) Personal Information

First name: _____

Last name: _____

Birth date: _____

Mailing address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Texting number: _____

E-mail address: _____

B) Course Information

Name of Community Centre, School, College or University:

Course Name: _____

Length of course: _____

Start date of course: _____

Registration fee due date: _____

Name of contact person: _____

E-mail of contact person: _____

C) Cost Information

Tuition Costs: _____

Other Costs (list): BCDST can pay for interpreters for bursaries within the \$1000.00 limit.

D) Other Information

Have you previously applied for any other scholarships or bursaries from BCDST?

Yes No

If yes, please provide the name and other details (year and course or program):

Did you complete the program? Yes No

E) Briefly describe your involvement in the Deaf community (see page 4)

F) Please attach any of the following documents that you have

- Details of your intended course (e.g. name, fee, dates, registration fee, due date)
- Copy of your driver's license or BC ID
- Any other documents from the community centre, school, college or university that may be helpful in processing this application

G) Signature and Consent for Promotional Release

I give consent to the BC Deaf Scholarship Trust (BCDST) to use my name and/or photo in public/program reports and/or promotional material, including the BCDST website.

(This decision will not affect any eligibility for a BCDST Bursary.)

Yes No

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Instructions and Further Information for the Deaf Community Bursary Application

Want to learn a new skill or develop a hobby?

(e.g. sewing, web design, photography, cooking, art, woodworking)

The BC Deaf Scholarship Trust Deaf Community Bursary for Continuing Education could help. This bursary is designed to support the unique learning needs of the BC Deaf Community Members.

A committee established by the BC Deaf Scholarship Trust makes the selection of bursary recipients. No Class Members or current BCDST Trustees are on this selection committee.

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Bursaries are available for members of the BC Deaf community.

Each applicant can apply for up to \$1,000.00, if accepted in a community centre, school, college or university course. The actual amount of the bursary depends on the cost of the course, books, supplies, and interpreters. **Receipts are required.**

Eligibility:

To be eligible for the BCDST CA Bursary for Continuing Education you must:

- Be a member of the BC Deaf community.
- Have proof of the cost of the course and supplies.
- Be a BC resident for 5 years.

Send the completed form to: info@bcdst.ca or

BC Deaf Scholarship Trust
Attn: Scholarship Committee
PO Box 50051
South Slope
Burnaby, BC
V5J 5G3

Section A – Personal Information:

Fill in your personal information, so the Bursary Committee can contact you with any questions and can contact you if you are eligible for the bursary.

Section B – Course Information:

Fill in the information about the course, so the Bursary Committee can confirm that the program meets the bursary requirements.

Name/e-mail of contact person for the course: Fill in this information, so the Bursary Committee can confirm details easily.

Section C - Cost Information:

List any books or equipment that are required. Be sure to include bills, invoices or receipts from the institution. If you paid for the course yourself and request a reimbursement, you must submit an application within three months of the end of the course.

Section D – Other Information:

Other scholarships or bursaries from BCDST
This information helps us keep track of our statistics.

Section E – Involvement in the Deaf community:

A condition of eligibility for the BC Deaf Community Bursary is either membership in the BC Deaf community or BCDST Class Action membership.

The primary indicator of membership in the BC Deaf community is the use of ASL (American Sign Language) in daily life. The use of ASL along with a hearing loss with a greater than 55 dB level would be the clearest way to show that you are a member of the culturally Deaf community in BC.

Other indicators of membership in the BC Deaf community could include:

- Participation in Family Network for Deaf Children and Deaf Youth Today recreation programs
- Attending Family Deaf Camp on Hornby Island
- Playing on a Deaf sports team
- Attending regional, provincial, national or international Deaf youth or adult events with other signing Deaf people
- Attending a district resource program for signing Deaf students
- Being a student at BC School for the Deaf or Vancouver Community College Deaf and Hard of Hearing Department
- Socializing primarily with other signing Deaf and Hard of Hearing youth or adults
- Being on the board of a Deaf organization

Section F – Attachments:

Attach any information you think will help, including the documents listed.

Section G - Signature:

Be sure to sign and date the form!

For more help or questions contact the BCDST Administrator at info@bcdst.ca