

2026 BGC Winnipeg  
Bursary Application

**Application Deadline: April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**BGC Winnipeg is pleased to offer post-secondary bursaries to current and former members attending a post-secondary and/or vocational training program for the 2026-2027 academic year. Applicants must be enrolled in a program at an accredited post-secondary educational institution beginning in September 2026.**

**Recipients will be notified in writing no later than June 20<sup>th</sup> 2026. Funds must be used by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026.**

**To be eligible to apply for a bursary, minimally you must meet the following requirements:**

- Demonstrate financial need
- Be a current or former BGC member for a minimum of one year
- Be registered at a post-secondary program for the 2026-2027 school year

**Completed Applications must include the following:**

- Fully completed application form with legal release signed
- If you are currently in a university or vocational training program, please provide a copy of your most recent school transcript detailing all classes taken since the start of your post-secondary and/or vocational training program. If you are in Grade 12, please provide your school transcripts for as far back as Grade 9.
- One Letter of Recommendation
- One Club Nomination Form

Interested applicants must return the completed application package, including all supporting materials, in a sealed envelope OR by email to either:

The Club Manager at applicant's local BGCW Club

**or**

Michelle Schmidt, Director of Programs,  
michelle.schmidt@bgcwinnipeg.ca  
BGC Winnipeg  
300-61 Juno Street, Winnipeg, MB R3A 1T1  
(204) 982-4945

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**AVAILABLE BURSARIES**

**BGC Winnipeg Bursary**

Multiple bursaries valued at up to \$3000 each

BGC Winnipeg offers multiple bursaries to BGC members who are pursuing post-secondary education and have demonstrated financial need. Applicants can be in any year of a program and must be enrolled in at least 15 credit hours. Financial need, past and present club involvement, and past and present community involvement are factors in the selection process. Applicants can be up to 29 years of age (as of December 31, 2026).

**Pay-It-Forward Bursary**

At least 1 bursary valued at up to \$2000 each

The Pay-It-Forward Bursary is awarded to a BGC Winnipeg member who is enrolled in any year of a post-secondary program offered by one of the Province of Manitoba's universities or community colleges. The successful applicant must be enrolled in at least 15 credit hours for the 2026-2027 school year. Financial need, past and present club involvement, and past and present community involvement are factors in the selection process. Applicants can be up to 29 years of age (as of December 31, 2026).

The recipient of the Pay-It-Forward Bursary is expected to make the moral commitment that they, when financially able, will financially assist others in achieving their post-secondary education. The Pay-It-Forward Bursary is funded by a former BGC Winnipeg Board member and spouse.

**Eric and Carol Johnson BGCW Bursary**

1 bursary valued at \$32,000

The Eric and Carol Johnson BGC Winnipeg bursary will be awarded annually to a BGC Winnipeg member who is entering the first year of a four-year undergraduate program at an accredited post-secondary institution within Manitoba. The bursary will cover tuition costs for each year of the undergraduate program until graduation as well as some educational expenses. Once the bursary is claimed, the recipient must continue and successfully complete each year of the program, or the remaining amount of the award will be forfeited.

**Mike Owen Bursary**

1 bursary valued at \$1000

In memory of Mike Owen the longest running President and CEO of BGC Winnipeg. The Mike Owen Bursary will be awarded to a BGC member who is pursuing post-secondary education and has demonstrated financial need. Applicants must be entering the first year of a program and must be enrolled in at least 15 credit hours. Financial need, past and present club involvement, and past and present community involvement are factors in the selection process. Applicants can be up to 29 years of age (as of December 31, 2026).



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Other Volunteer/Community Involvement:	Number of years:
Please describe your involvement. If more space is needed, please use the back of the form:	

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### **EXPENSES AND INCOME**

Financial obligations are a significant aspect of attending post-secondary institutions. You are *strongly* encouraged to research your chosen post-secondary institution to identify the listed costs of the university/college/program you are pursuing. Because post-secondary institutions often have several additional costs and fees above and beyond tuition, take these expenses into consideration in your estimates.

Please be as specific as possible in this section as it provides an important picture of your financial need.

Helpful links:

University of Manitoba tuition fee link: [Undergraduate tuition and fees | University of Manitoba](#)

University of Winnipeg tuition fee link: <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/fees/tuition.html>

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How many credit hours do you plan on taking this year?

Please check all the boxes that apply to your living situation:

- I will live with my parent(s)/guardian(s) while attending post-secondary
- I will live away from my parent(s)/guardian(s) while attending post-secondary
- I am an independent student
- I am married/common-law without dependents
- I am married/common-law with dependents. Number of dependents: \_\_\_\_\_
- I am a single parent. Number of dependents: \_\_\_\_\_

How many people over the age of 18 live with you?

How many people under the age of 18 live with you?

INCOME FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR		EXPENSES FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR		
INCOME ITEM	AMOUNT	EXPENSE	AMOUNT	
Personal savings		School Expenses:		
Employment Income		Application Fee		
Family Contributions		Tuition and Fees		
Scholarships/bursaries		Books and Supplies		
Other (please specify)		Medical Insurance		
		Sport/Rec Fee		
		Transit/parking fee		
		Living Expenses		
		Rent		
		Phone		
		Utilities		
		Cable/internet		
		Transportation		
		Food (school year)		
		Other Expenses		
		Prior financial obligations (ex. Student loans)		
		Childcare		
		Medications		
		Other (please specify)		
				Take the total income from <b>TOTAL A</b> and subtract it from the total expenses in <b>TOTAL B</b> to get your <b>TOTAL C</b> amount

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				<b>TOTAL B – TOTAL A = TOTAL C</b>
<b>TOTAL A:</b>		<b>TOTAL B:</b>		<b>TOTAL C:</b>

**LEGAL RELEASE**

Applicant (or applicant's parents or legal guardian(s) if applicant is under 18 years of age) warrants by their signature that they have read and understand the following declaration and release.

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	<b>Legal Parent/ Guardian Name:</b>
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Declare the Following:

1. That I have read and understood and comply with the criteria that is related to this application.
2. That I have honestly and accurately completed all aspects of this application.
3. That I understand that all submissions, including all intellectual property rights, become property of BGC Winnipeg. I understand that BGC Winnipeg reserves the right to use all such material they receive. I consent to the use of my name and/or photo in any form of media in conjunction with BGC Winnipeg Bursaries.
4. That I understand that personal information, such as my Social Insurance Number (SIN), is required by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) for the purpose of issuing T4A Slips. Personal information of this nature will not be shared, traded, sold, or used in any manner not explicitly approved by you. If you have any questions or concerns regarding BGC Winnipeg and your privacy, please visit our web site at: [www.bgcw.mb.ca](http://www.bgcw.mb.ca).
5. That should my financial situation change significantly, (i.e. notification of additional scholarships/bursaries etc.) after the submission of my application, I will notify BGC of Winnipeg for discussion.

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Signature:</b>
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\* By typing your name in the above signature line, this indicates that the applicant or legal guardian has read and understood the above declaration and release.

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**APPLICANT PROFILE**

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability to provide the awards committee with an idea of who you are, what your goals are, and what will help you to be successful in your post-secondary studies.

What do you intend to study at post-secondary and why?

What are your long-term career goals and why?

What personal strengths do you think will help you be successful in your post-secondary studies and why?

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**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

*This should be completed by a club staff (current), teacher, coach, etc. NOT by a family member*

Name of Applicant:

Name of Individual Completing Form:

Position:

Email Address:

Phone:

Relationship to Applicant:

Why do you recommend this individual as a candidate for a BGC Winnipeg Bursary?  
Please consider the individual's contributions to their financial need, community and/or Club involvement, and personal attributes. (Respond in the space below.)

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**CLUB NOMINATION FORM**

*This should be completed by a current club staff, if this is a barrier for you, please contact  
michelle.schmidt@bgcwinnipeg.ca*

*If you require more space for the questions below, please provide it on a separate sheet.*

Applicant Name:

Name of person completing form:

Nominating Club:

How long have you known the applicant?

Please indicate the applicant's need for financial assistance:

Low Need

Medium Need

High Need

Please explain the reasons for your ranking (describe things such as family, home, and employment situation, other scholarship/bursary opportunities, etc.).

Please describe the applicant's level of involvement with the club (consider years of membership, volunteerism, club work, leadership roles, etc.).

In consideration of the two primary qualifications (financial need and club involvement), please provide any other details that the selection committee should consider regarding this applicant (ex. activities outside of the club, personal attributes, community involvement, etc.).