



External Financial Supports for Apprentices

Canada Apprentice Loan

The Canada Apprentice Loan offers interest-free loans to help registered apprentices with the cost of their training. Apprentices registered in a Red Seal trade apprenticeship can apply for interest-free loans of up to \$4,000 per period of technical training, for up to 5 periods of technical training.

<https://www.pca-cal.ca/en/Home>

Tuition Tax Credit for Examination Fees

Examination fees paid to an educational institution, professional association, provincial ministry or other similar institution, to take an occupational, trade or professional examination that is required to obtain a professional status recognized by federal or provincial statute, or to be licensed or certified as a tradesperson, to allow you to practice the profession or trade in Canada, may be eligible for the tuition tax credit.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/topics/about-your-tax-return/tax-return/completing-a-tax-return/deductions-credits-expenses/line-32300-your-tuition-education-textbook-amounts/eligible-tuition-fees.html>

Tradesperson's Tools Deduction

You may be able to deduct the cost of eligible tools you bought in the past tax year to earn employment income as a tradesperson. This cost includes any GST and provincial sales tax (PST) you paid.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/topics/about-your-tax-return/tax-return/completing-a-tax-return/deductions-credits-expenses/line-22900-other-employment-expenses/employed-tradespersons-including-apprentice-mechanics.html>

BC Training Tax Credit

If you're a BC resident and enrolled in an eligible apprentice program, you can claim the completion tax credit for completing level 3 (\$2000) or level 4 (\$2500) for Red Seal or non-Red Seal training programs. An enhanced tax credit is also available if you're an eligible First Nations individual or an eligible person with a disability.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/income-taxes/corporate/credits/training/apprentice>

Employment Insurance/WorkBC Apprentice Services

The Employment Program of British Columbia (EPBC) provides financial support to apprentices through a network of WorkBC Apprentice Services. This support includes Employment Insurance (EI) benefits, which are typically income replacement, through Service Canada. It also includes support for basic living expenses, dependent care, daily commuting and more.

For more information on financial support through the EPBC, please contact WorkBC Apprentice Services at 1-844-428-4730.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/jobs/training/support-skilled-trades-apprentices/ei-apprentices.html>

WorkBC Apprentice Services assists eligible Apprentices registered with SkilledTradesBC with financial support to help them attend SkilledTradesBC–approved trades training.

<https://workbcapprenticeservices.ca/apprentice-services-information/>

BC Building Trades Fred Randall Bursary

The British Columbia Building Trades established two bursaries to support skilled trades training. These are named in memory of the late Fred Randall, Business Manager of the Operating Engineers Local 115 from 1980 to 1991 and MLA for Burnaby-Edmonds from 1991 to 2001. \$500 will be awarded each to two successful candidates.

<https://www.iuoe115.ca/membership/scholarships/>

ECABC Jack Funk Scholarship

The Electrical Contractors Association of BC (ECABC) Jack Funk Scholarship honours the memory of Jack Funk, a long-time electrical contractor and leader in British Columbia. Jack ran his electrical contracting business for 45 years and served as President of ECABC from 1994 to 1996. These scholarships reflect his commitment to training and supporting future generations of electrical workers and electrical contractors.

Registered apprentices enrolled in Years 1-4 of their electrical apprenticeship and employed by an ECABC contractor member can apply for the scholarship. They must be receiving their electrical apprenticeship training through an approved BC training institution.

<https://cfbc.ca/ecabc-jack-funk-scholarship/>

TrustedPros Scholarship

To help qualified applicant meet the demand of rising tuition, TrustedPros will award two yearly scholarships (one to a Canadian resident and the other to a US resident). Each scholarship is in the amount of \$1000 and will be awarded to qualified applicants enrolled in a residential renovation or construction trade-related course of study. Scholarship winners may apply the funds to the cost of tuition or textbooks.

<https://trustedpros.ca/scholarships>

Co-op Housing Fund (CHF) BC Scholarship

A scholarship worth up to \$5000 awarded to applicants that live in a CHF BC member housing co-op, plan to attend, or already attend a Canadian, publicly funded, accredited college, university, or government-approved apprenticeship program.

<https://www.chf.bc.ca/scholarships/>.

BC Electrical Association (BCEA) Bursary Program

Bursaries of \$500 - \$1,000 are available to grade 12 and post-secondary students pursuing a career in electrical (including apprentices), marketing, electrical engineering or business.

Applicants applying for a BCEA bursary and pursuing a career in the electrical field will also qualify for the \$1,000 Tommy Haddock Scholarship.

<https://www.bcea.bc.ca/scholarships>

ECF Scholarships for Western Canada

Electro-Federation Canada (EFC) is a national, not-for-profit industry association that represents over 220 member companies that manufacture, distribute, market, and sell a wide range of electrical and automation products. Apply for up to 3 scholarships for assistance pursuing post-secondary education in a discipline which targets a career in the Electrical industry, including electrician trades training.

<https://www.electrofed.com/about/efc-scholarship-program/efc-scholarships-for-western-canada/>

Irving K Barber BC Scholarship Society Indigenous Award

The Society offers Indigenous Award programs for students pursuing post-secondary education in BC, including trades training. They are available to students who identify as Indigenous – First Nations (Status or Non-Status), Métis or Inuit. All are renewable in order to provide sustained funding over multiple years (\$1000-\$5000).

<https://www.ikbbc.ca/indigenous-awards/about-this-award/>

New Relationship Trust Foundation

The New Relationship Trust Foundation **Bursaries** are awarded to students pursuing Certificates, Diplomas, Trades and Associate degrees. Applicants must be a First Nation (status or non-status) member of a B.C. First Nation Community and planning to attend university, college, skilled trades, and technology programs full-time at an accredited post-secondary institution anywhere in the world.

<https://newrelationshiptrust.ca/apply-for-funding/student-funding/student-scholarship-and-bursaries/>

Indspire’s Building Brighter Futures: Bursaries, Scholarships and Awards (BBF) Program

Indspire’s Building Brighter Futures program opens doors through education. Since 2004, Indspire has provided over \$153 million in financial support through more than 49,000 bursaries, scholarships and awards to First Nations, Inuit and Métis students. All Building Brighter Futures donations are matched by the Government of Canada, allowing us to be double the impact for students. Bursaries, scholarships, and awards available for full and part time studies in college, university, skilled trades, apprenticeships and technology programs.

<https://indspire.ca/programs/students/bursaries-scholarships/>

Credit Unions of BC Bursary Program

Provides education awards to British Columbia resident post-secondary students in need of financial assistance for academic, technological, or vocational training at accredited schools within the province. Awards are also given to mature students upgrading their basic education and skills to allow them to enter the workforce.

<https://cufoundation.org/student-application/>

Paige Family Foundation Bursary

The Paige Family Foundation Bursary program is designed to provide financial resources to assist student’s pursuing Post-Secondary Education in one of the following:

- Apprenticeship or Trades certification or diploma programs.
- University/ College / Institute certificate, diploma or degree program.

The Paige Family is proud to fund a number of bursaries that play an essential role in enabling students to achieve their education goals. The purpose of the bursaries is to increase the opportunity for those who face obstacles and barriers to post-secondary education.

<https://www.paigefamilyfoundation.com/bursary>

Coast Capital Road to Red Seal

The Coast Capital Road to Red Seal is a program that offers a suite of tools and one on one support directly to apprentices to ensure they continue to progress in their apprenticeship and ultimately, complete their training and achieve their Red Seal Endorsement.

The Coast Capital Road to Red Seal program is a no-fee service that is available to anyone in or entering the skilled trades who have not yet achieved their trade qualification or Red Seal Endorsement.

<https://cfbc.ca/road-to-red-seal/>

The Timber Wolf Legacy Fund

In celebration of René B. Delisle, the circle of giving brings alive dreams for a bright future in the construction trades. The recipient will receive up to \$500 to be applied to tuition fees and textbooks.

Successful applicants must be:

- Identify as First Nations, Inuit or Métis
- Enrolled in a recognized training institution
- In a construction foundations program or
- Level, 1, 2, 3 or 4 of an electrical apprenticeship
- Continuing with their studies in construction

Applications to the fund must be received prior to the end of training term.

<https://cfbc.ca/timber-wolf-legacy-fund/>

Working Gear

Working Gear provides industry appropriate clothing free of charge to help individuals enter the workforce in the Lower Mainland. Whether it's a suit for an interview or construction clothing and steel-toed boots for a job in the trades, Working Gear supports clients to find the clothing (and confidence) they need to find paid employment.

Working Gear also runs a barbershop and provides hair services onsite for clients to assist in preparing them to become work ready, build their self-worth, and reduce societal stigma they may face. We serve clients in our shop by appointment only. To be eligible for an appointment, clients must be approved through one of their referral agencies.

<https://workinggear.ca/our-services/>

ACCESS Futures

ACCESS is one of the most comprehensive Indigenous training providers in Canada. It provides a variety of employment and training programs and services. Through a modern blend of interdisciplinary programs across industry sectors, ACCESS is dedicated to supporting urban Indigenous people in overcoming employment barriers and finding rewarding career opportunities.

ACCESS Trades was established to increase training and apprenticeship opportunities in the urban Indigenous community. Our services are specifically designed for men and women interested in entering into apprenticeship training and becoming certified in one of the trades. Our training is delivered through certified colleges and union training schools.

<https://accessfutures.com/trades-training-apprenticeship/>

Beedie Luminaries BUILD Program

Over the first five years of the program, the BUILD scholarship fund will assist more than 285 students, distributing upwards of \$5.5 million. In its inaugural year, the BUILD program will select 25 students who are facing financial and other life adversities and are wishing to pursue a rewarding career in the skilled trades. Each eligible student will receive up to \$20,000 over four years – for a total commitment of up to \$500,000 for the first cohort alone, including two scholarships funded by the RBC Women in Trades and Investment in Skills initiative.

Students will receive financial support for foundation training programs, each level of training, and upon completion of the Red Seal Certification. In addition, through the partnership with the Independent Contractors and Business Association (ICBA) each student will be connected to a business for their apprenticeship, equipping them with the skills they need to launch fulfilling careers, which are in incredibly high demand.

Applications for the 2025 cohort will open in September 2024. Eligible students can enroll in any of the following construction trade roles at BCIT, which are among the top in demand in BC:

- Carpenters
- Electricians (construction)
- Plumbers
- Welders
- Sheet Metal Workers

<https://beedieluminaries.ca/trades/>

Builders of Tomorrow BC Foundation

The Builders of Tomorrow BC Foundation is proudly supported by the Construction Labour Relations Association of BC (CLR). They provide scholarships, bursaries, and resources to students and professionals pursuing construction-related education and training. They aim to nurture talent, address industry demands, and positively impact communities across BC.

The Builders of Tomorrow BC Foundation offers 3 scholarships of \$1500 each and 2 bursaries of \$1500 each to support students and professionals based on academic excellence, financial need and commitment to construction.

<https://www.clra-bc.com/builders-of-tomorrow-bc-foundation/>