



External Financial Supports for Women

BC Centre for Women in the Trades (BCCWITT)

BCCWITT works with women facing barriers to employment or advancement in the skilled trades industry. They assist women entering the trades and women apprentices in gaining skills for success, providing mentorship and networking opportunities and helping them find employment opportunities, with the goal of assisting them to achieve journey status.

For more information on the assistance offered through BCCWITT, please go to <https://bccwitt.ca/> or contact info@bccwitt.ca

BCCWITT Career Advancement Bursary

The BCCWITT Career Advancement Bursary provides funding for equity priority tradespeople of all genders, including tradespeople who are...

- Indigenous
- Racialized people
- 2SLGBTIAQ+
- Immigrants
- People with disabilities
- Women

in British Columbia who are facing barriers in advancing in their trades journey, to help them access training, tools, certifications, networking, and educational opportunities.

The bursary is only for tradespeople already in a skilled trade, including journeys, TQs, apprentices, & tradespeople in non-apprenticeship trades.

<https://bccwitt.ca/bccwitt-bursary-project-grant/>

Industry Training Authority's (ITA) Women in Trades Training (WITT) Program

Provides training, financial assistance and support for eligible women living in **British Columbia** who are thinking about a career in the skilled trades, but are unemployed or employed and low-skilled. It offers introductory trades training that allows you to experience a variety of trades, helps you get job ready, and works with employers to sponsor women for apprenticeship placement.

For general inquiries please contact womenintrades@itabc.ca

Mott Electric GP Women in Electrical Training Fund

The Mott Electric GP Women in Trades Training Fund is designed to support women entering into or continuing education in the electrical trades. The recipient will receive up to \$1500 to be applied to tuition fees and textbooks. Please note that the award will be paid directly to the training institution.

Successful applicants must be:

- A woman enrolled in a recognized training institution
- In a construction foundations program or
- Level, 1, 2, 3 or 4 of an electrical apprenticeship
- Continuing with her studies in construction

Applications to the bursary must be received one month prior to the month the training starts.

<https://cfbc.ca/mott-electric-gp-women-in-electrical-training-fund/>

Canadian Construction Women Bursary

Canadian Construction Women (CCW) was created as a non-profit association with a mission for creating a stronger construction industry by supporting and inspiring women. The CCW believes in connecting women to a powerful network of other women in construction, in building the community of women in construction and in providing opportunities for women in construction.

The Women in Construction Bursary offers four (4) bursaries in the amount of \$1000 each.

<https://constructionwomen.org/ccw-bursary/>

Soroptimist Live Your Dream Award

The Live Your Dream awards are about helping women who have faced obstacles on the path to living their dreams. Since 1972, the award has provided tens of thousands of women with cash grants to help them achieve their educational and career goals. Three levels of cash awards are offered. Eligible applicants can submit their application from August 1 to November 15. Finalists have the potential to receive up to \$16,000 to help offset tuition costs, purchase books, transportation, and/or find reliable childcare.

<https://www.soroptimist.org/>

Minerva BC's Education Awards

Minerva BC's Education Awards program helps women pursue post-secondary education and create a better future for themselves, their families and communities.

The awards are made possible by the generosity of donors and educational institutions in BC who believe in the importance of education for future success. The benefits to these women are immediate and long-lasting.

<https://minervabc.ca/education-awards/>

Canadian Association of Women in Construction (CAWIC)

One of CAWIC's mandates is to promote education and encourage women to pursue careers in the construction industry. To this end, each year they organize several fundraising events, and a portion of the proceeds are allocated to their bursary fund. Each year our Bursary Committee selects the successful recipients of several \$1500 bursaries from a list of applicants. These recipients are chosen based on meeting the required criteria.

Students enrolled in construction-related programs may apply directly to CAWIC on or before **May 30** for the term commencing in September of that year.

<https://cawic.ca/cawic-bursaries/>

TransAlta Women in Trades Scholarship

On an annual basis, TransAlta offers scholarship awards of up to \$3,000 for eligible students who are enrolled in trades programs across their operating jurisdictions and who are working towards meeting their education career goals in a range of technical trades. The program aims to assist women in obtaining an education in trades by showcasing and rewarding successful female role models.

<https://transalta.com/women-in-trades-scholarship-application/>

PEO Program for Continuing Education (PCE)

The Program for Continuing Education was established in 1973 to provide need-based grants to women in the U.S. or Canada whose education has been interrupted and who find it necessary to return to school to support themselves and/or their families.

It is intended to provide one-time need-based grants to women who are citizens or legal permanent residents of the United States or Canada for use in completing a degree or certification necessary for improving or gaining skills leading to employment.

peointernational.org/about-peo-program-continuing-education-pce

EFC Scholarship for Women

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-women/>