

Armenian Cultural Association of British Columbia Scholarship - Educational Award

Objective: To recognize and support the educational achievements of Armenian students residing in British Columbia

Open to:

- Qualified applicants who are or will be pursuing higher education [at a degree granting university or college operating under a charter](#) in the province of British Columbia or elsewhere in Canada
Or to:
- Qualified applicants who are or will be pursuing education, or upgrading their career qualifications at [a recognized post secondary institution in British Columbia](#)

Types of Awards:

Scholarships - \$2500 each (up to 2 recipients per year)

- Attendance at a college or university in the First or Second year of a multiyear program in British Columbia or elsewhere in Canada (i.e. UBC, BCIT, McGill)

Educational Award - \$500 each (up to 5 recipients per year)

- Attendance at a college, university, or other accredited designated educational institution in British Columbia

Eligibility Criteria:

- Be of Armenian Origin
- Be a Canadian Citizen or a Permanent Resident, living in British Columbia, **proof of status in Canada is required** and must be included with application
 - **For Scholarship:**
 - ❖ Enrollment at a degree granting university or college operating under a charter in the province of British Columbia or elsewhere in Canada for the Fall 2023 term
 - ❖ Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher for highest level of schooling in progress
 - ❖ Be under age 30
 - **For Educational Award:**
 - ❖ Enrollment at a recognized college, university, or designated educational institution in British Columbia in 2023
 - ❖ Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher for highest level of schooling in progress
 - ❖ No age Limit for Educational Award
- Lifetime maximum of two (2) awards per individual

Please note: Recipients are eligible to receive **EITHER** one Scholarship or one Educational Award per year, for a lifetime maximum of two

****Email scholarships@acabc.ca in advance of the deadline with any questions about the application process****

Requirements for BOTH the Scholarship and Educational Award:

- A completed application form
- Proof of acceptance at a post-secondary institution
- Proof of status in Canada
- Official transcripts from secondary school showing Canadian GPA equivalence (if applicant does NOT have a cumulative GPA from any post-secondary institution)
- Official transcript(s) from post-secondary school(s) showing Canadian equivalence (if applicant has completed at least one year at a post-secondary institution)
- A short essay outlining goals and reasons for selected field of study (up to 300 words)
- A short essay describing your participation and contribution to the Armenian community (up to 300 words)
- A short essay describing your participation and contribution to the community at large (up to 300 words)
- Two recent and relevant letters of reference.
 - At least one of the two letters must be from an Armenian source (eg: member of clergy, community leader)
 - The letter is not required to be written in Armenian
 - The references are not to be related to the applicant and they must send the letters directly to scholarships@acabc.ca

Additionally: for the Scholarship please submit a research essay, in Word or PDF format, between 1500-2000 words

Applicants may select from among the suggested topics provided in the application form or may opt for a topic of their own choosing

The following resources may be helpful in writing your research essay. We strongly suggest you consult the following links prior to selection of your topic and completion of your essay

i. <https://essaymin.com/blog/steps-writing-research-paper/>

ii. https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/general_writing/common_writing_assignments/research_papers/index.html

iii. <https://library.concordia.ca/help/writing/research-paper.php>

Applications must be submitted by email to scholarships@acabc.ca with the subject line: SURNAME, GIVEN NAME – ACA Scholarship-Award Application
(e.g. SMITHIAN, HAGOP – ACA Scholarship-Award Application) **Once your application and essay are submitted they cannot be modified.**

Incomplete applications will not be further considered

Deadline for submission is February 28, 2023. The deadline is strictly enforced. Applications received later than February 28th will not be considered.

PLEASE NOTE: All applicants, and particularly those who win an award, are encouraged to volunteer for at least 2 ACA events within the year following receipt of the award