



Ted Rogers Scholarship Program Outline

Objective and Program Overview

The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage and support students involved in a mentoring program with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada (BBBSC) agencies, who are entering their first year of post-secondary education.

A. Number, Value and Duration of the Scholarships

In 2021, up to 21 scholarships will be offered.

Outside of Quebec:

- These scholarships are valued at \$2,500 CAD per year, renewable for up to 4 consecutive years or until first degree or diploma is obtained.
- Scholarships for trades programs are valued up to \$2,500 CAD per year, renewable for up to 3 consecutive years or until a diploma or certificate is obtained.

Within Quebec:

- CEGEP – technical diploma: these scholarships are valued at \$500 CAD per year, renewable for up to 3 consecutive years or until first diploma is obtained.
- CEGEP – pre-university diploma: these scholarships are valued at \$500 CAD per year, renewable for up to 2 consecutive years or until first diploma is obtained. Recipients of these scholarships can continue at the university degree level at which point the scholarship will be valued at \$2,500 CAD per year, renewable for up to 3 consecutive years or until first university degree is obtained.
- University only – these scholarships are valued at \$2,500 CAD per year, renewable for up to 3 consecutive years or until first degree is obtained.

B. Eligibility

An eligible applicant must be:

- a Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- Be planning to enter the first year in full time studies in a first bachelor degree or first diploma program or first trades program at a **Canadian** university, college or trades school.
- Be registered as a current mentor or mentee in any one of the following nationally recognized mentoring programs with a member agency of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada:
 - Big Brothers
 - Big Sisters



- In-School Mentoring
- GoGirls!
- GameOn!
- Youth with recently closed files (within one year) may be considered; please contact rogers.scholarships@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca prior to submission.

Eligible post-secondary institutions:

- Canadian educational institutions which have recognized provincial degree/diploma-granting powers, or their affiliates (E.g. universities, colleges/CEGEPs)

C. Field of Study/Program Requirements

- There are no restrictions on the program of study or discipline.
- Program must be of a minimum of 2 years in duration for a bachelor degree or diploma program or a minimum of 1 year in duration for a trades program.

D. Conditions/Restrictions

- Students who will commence their post-secondary studies in January are eligible.
- Students may have taken time off between graduation from high school or CEGEP (Province of Quebec) and commencement of their university or college studies; however, during this period students must not have undertaken any post-secondary courses.
- Students who have previously held a Ted Rogers Scholarship are not eligible to apply.
- Children of employees/board members of Big Brothers Big Sisters member agencies, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada are not eligible to apply.

E. Administration

Scholarship Partners Canada (SPC), a division of Universities Canada, administers the scholarship program on behalf of Rogers Communications. Universities Canada's mandate is to facilitate the development of public policy on higher education and to encourage cooperation among universities and governments, industry, communities, and institutions in other countries. Universities Canada is associated with leading firms in nearly every sector of the economy through its provision of scholarship services and management of more than 130 different scholarships programs on behalf of corporations, government agencies and private foundations throughout North America. For additional information, please visit www.univcan.ca.

Rogers Communications retains the right to change and/or end the sponsorship of the scholarship plan without notice.



F. Selection of Scholarship Recipients

The Ted Rogers Scholarship Program Selection Committee will select a minimum of 21 scholarship winners. The Selection Committee consists of representatives selected by BBBSC Executive Staff Team. All decisions are final.

Selection is based on each applicant's completed application which must be accompanied with one essay, to a maximum of 500 words and one video of a maximum of 2-3 minutes.

The essay must highlight the following:

Your volunteer/community involvement and/or extracurricular activities over the past five years.

The video must contain one of the following questions:

- Where do I see myself in 10 years?
- How will the Ted Rogers Scholarship help with my studies?
- When you look at Canada today, are there any problems or issues you would like to seek to improve to help build a better future for generations to come? (For instance, tackling climate change, improving income or social inequality, finding solutions for food scarcity, etc)? What issue would you choose and how would you approach the problem?

The video should be a maximum of 2-3 minutes long. The selection committee would like to see you in the video -- please limit your use of cartoons and animations. Post your video on YouTube and provide the link in the comment box on the portal. Please ensure that your video is set to Public (in your Privacy Settings on YouTube). No copyrighted music or images. **Please have fun when doing your video!**

Note: Applicants grant Rogers the right to use their names and video submissions for program publicity, marketing and promotional purposes.

Preference will be given to applicants under the age of 24, as of the application deadline.

All applicants will receive confirmation by email of the results of the selection process, once available.

G. Successful Applicants

Successful applicants will receive confirmation of their scholarship in June. Recipients will be required to complete the online scholarship acceptance process and forward a proof of registration from the educational institution they will be attending. It is the responsibility of the recipient to keep Scholarship Partners Canada (SPC) informed of any changes to their contact information through the online portal.

Successful applicants should expect that their name and photograph may be used in promoting the scholarship or Rogers Communications' educational initiatives.



Payment

- Scholarship payment(s) will only be issued upon completion of the scholarship acceptance process and review and acceptance of all required supporting documentation by SPC.
- SPC will forward payment of the scholarship to the educational institution on behalf of Rogers.
- It is the student's responsibility to ensure that payment of tuition fees is made within the defined time frame set by the educational institution regardless of the timing of the scholarship payment.
- Payment by the institution to the student will be made in accordance with the normal practice of the educational institution.
- Note that, depending on method of payment, receipt of payment can take 6-8 weeks following the applicant's acceptance of the award.

Application Deadline

- Submit applications, including essay/video (see above) to Rogers.Scholarships@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca
- An application with all supporting documentation must be submitted no later than the deadline of **5:00 PM EST, March 10, 2021**.
- Documents will be reviewed to ensure all requirements have been met.
- Receipt of applications will be acknowledged by email.
- It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all supporting documents have been received and accepted.

Supporting Documentation

The supporting documentation described below is required as part of this application. If any of these documents are not received and accepted, your application will be considered incomplete and will not be evaluated. A final follow-up email will be sent to the applicant requesting any missing or incomplete documentation. Any applicant submitting supporting documents after March 15 will not receive a follow-up email.

J. Supporting Documents/Letter(s) of Reference.

One letter of reference is required to support the application and must come from an individual who is not related to the applicant and is familiar with your volunteer, community involvement and/or extracurricular activities (E.g. a mentor, a Big Brothers Big Sisters staff member, Coach, Teacher, etc.) **All letters must be dated, typewritten, signed with an electronic signature and include the reference's contact information. The person writing the letter of reference should describe their relationship to the applicant in the letter. Reference letters must be dated within one (1) year of the supporting document deadline.**



If this document is not received and accepted, your application will be considered incomplete and will not be evaluated.

Responsibilities of Scholarship Recipients

While in post-secondary school, recipients must:

- Attend school full-time
- Remain in good disciplinary standing
- Promptly return all correspondence requested by SPC by the stated deadline. Failure to meet renewal requirements as established by Universities Canada may put your scholarship at risk
- Advise Universities Canada of any changes in address and contact information

K. Contact

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada

Rosemary Velcich, National Manager, Partner Relations

Telephone: 1-800-263-9133 or 905-639-0461 ext. 31 or Rogers.Scholarships@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca

PLEASE NOTE: If any of the application requirements noted above are not met, the application will be considered incomplete. If unsure, please refer to the guidelines or contact Rogers.Scholarships@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca