

Who we are

The BC General Employees' Union (BCGEU) is one of the largest and most diverse unions in British Columbia. We represent over 85,000 members who work in the provincial public service as well as the broader public and private sectors.

We trace our beginnings back to the early 1900s when provincial civil servants first formed an association to address their working conditions.

Since then, the BCGEU has continued to organize and represent thousands of workers outside of government – including health care, community-based social services, post-secondary education, libraries and local governments, highways maintenance, credit unions, and casinos – and we continue to grow!

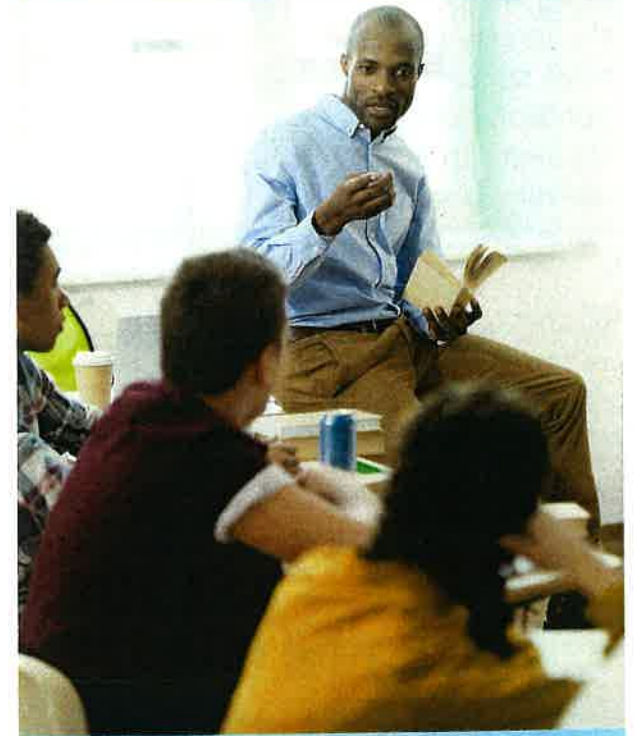
The BCGEU is affiliated to district labour councils and the BC Federation of Labour, and is a component of the National Union of Public and General Employees (NUPGE). Through NUPGE, we are affiliated to the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC), Public Services International (PSI) and the International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers' Association (IUF).

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2024 BCGEU Scholarships



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We are very proud of our scholarship program. Over the years, we have supported hundreds of students to achieve their learning goals."

- BCGEU president Stephanie Smith



The BCGEU Scholarship program seeks to foster member engagement, and provide fair, accessible scholarship opportunities for applicants. The program strives to promote diversity, inclusion, and equity to make post-secondary education a viable choice for members and their families.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a BCGEU scholarship applicants must meet the following requirements:

- a. Be a BCGEU member in good standing, immediate relative of current, retired or deceased BCGEU member and staff. Eligible relatives include spouses, parents, children or grandchildren (including foster, adopted, stepchildren and stepgrandchildren).
- b. Applicants must be a student or prospective student post-secondary or higher learning students, enrolled, register or planning to attend an eligible educational institution in the year the scholarship is to be awarded. Full-time and part-time students are eligible.
- c. Eligible educational institutions must be designated by Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC).

- d. Applicants must complete the application by the established due date, as advertised in promotional materials and on our website. No late applications will be considered.
- e. Applicants are limited to one application per year. Previous scholarship recipients are not eligible to apply.

Scholarships for Indigenous students

Applicants who are Indigenous may apply for our Indigenous scholarship fund which offers awards of \$2,000 for full-time students and \$1,000 for part-time students. Proof of Indigenous ancestry is required. Please see bcgeu.ca/scholarships for more details.

Application process

The application process consists of two parts, a personal statement and an essay, video, song or infographic in response to questions selected annually by the Provincial Executive.

We encourage original research and the incorporation of personal experiences. Applicants should consider interviewing labour activists and BCGEU members as part of their research.

Applications are expected to be original work created by the applicants.

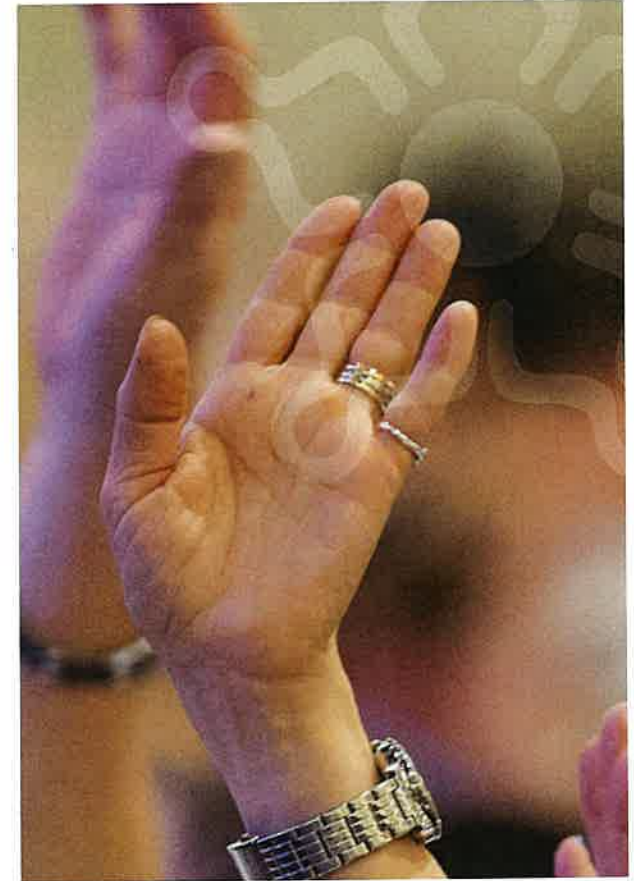
Award values

The BCGEU constitution (article 10.20) sets out \$75,000 or \$1 per member, whichever is greater for the BCGEU scholarship program. Awards of \$2,000 are available to full-time students and \$1,000 to part-time students.

Deadline

The scholarship submission period is December 15, 2023 to February 15, 2024 at midnight.

Apply now online at:
www.bcgeu.ca/scholarships



Additional opportunities

You may also be eligible for one of these five scholarships worth \$2,500 awarded by our national union, NUPGE:

- Brian Fudge Memorial Scholarship
- Scholarship for Indigenous Students
- Scholarship for Students of Colour
- Terry Fox Memorial Scholarship
- Tommy Douglas Memorial Scholarship



For more information on these scholarships, including eligibility criteria and the deadline for submissions visit www.nupge.ca