



BURSARY PROGRAM GUIDELINES 2026

Important Information

This document contains all the necessary information required to complete the bursary application.

Key Dates

- **Application Deadline:** September 23, 2026, at 11:59 PM (EST)
 - **Deadline to Submit Supporting Documents:** September 30, 2026
 - ✦ *Any documents submitted after September 30, 2026, will not be considered.*
 - **Bursary Ceremony Night:** November 19, 2026, at the Leonardo da Vinci Center
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How to Apply

- Applications must be completed **online** at: www.fondationcibpa.org
 - Refer to the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) section on the website for additional guidance.
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Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a **Canadian citizen, Quebec resident, and of Italian origin**
- Must be enrolled in a **Canadian educational institution**
- Must be registered in one of the following programs:

University

- **Full-time** (12 or more credits): Financial Aid & Meritorious Bursaries
- **Part-time** (6 to 9 credits): Financial Aid only

Vocational Program

- Leading to a Diploma of Vocational Studies (DVS)

CEGEP

- Leading to a Diploma of College Studies (DEC) in a 3-year career program
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Document Submission Guidelines

- **All required documents must be uploaded** with the application form.
- **Documents by mail** will not be accepted **except** for:
 - Official transcripts
 - Letters of attestation (university & vocational students)
 - Letters of attendance (CEGEP students)

Where to send official documents:

By email: ✉ info@fondationcibpa.org

By mail:

📬 Attention: CIBPA Foundation
8370 boulevard Lacordaire, office 306
Montreal, Quebec, H1R 3Y6

University Students Only

Official transcripts must be sent directly from the institution by email or mail.

- *Transcripts submitted by the student will not be accepted.*

Letters of attestation may be submitted by the student.

Medical Students – Master's & Doctorate Programs Only

- A **letter of reference** from a professor is **recommended but not required**.

Additional Requirements

- **Interview Questions:** All four (4) questions must be answered **either in writing or via video**.
- **Media Release Form:** Must be completed as part of the application.
- **Checklist Form:** Must be completed and uploaded with the application.
 - Available at: www.fondationcibpa.org

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Payment and Submission Notes

- Bursary payments will be made **to the school institution**, not to the student.
 - Payments will reference the **student's ID number**.
- Applicants must apply to **one bursary category only**:
 - Financial Aid
 - Meritorious
 - Vocational
 - CEGEP Studies

★ *For Financial Aid bursary applications only:*
Household income exceeding \$200,000 will not be considered.

Important Notice

Failure to submit a **fully completed application**, including **all required documents** by the **deadline date**, will result in the application being **considered incomplete and inadmissible**.

Notification of Results

Students will be notified of their bursary status **by the beginning of November 2026**.

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Criteria of Admissibility

Citizen & Resident Status and Italian Origin

Canadian citizen (*proof required*)

Examples of acceptable documents:

- Canadian Passport
- Canadian Birth Certificate

Quebec resident (*proof required*)

Examples of acceptable documents:

- RAMQ Card (Health card)
- Driver's license
- Notice of assessment

Italian origin (*proof required*)

Examples of acceptable documents:

- Candidate's birth certificate (must include parent(s)/guardian(s) name – **mandatory**)
- Birth certificate of a family member
- Marriage certificate of a family member
- Government issued certificates
- Religious certificates
- Proofs of residence (addresses)
- Italian passports of family members or of candidate
- Historical documents
- Any documents that demonstrate your Italian lineage

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Documents to Provide for Selected Linkage to Italian Heritage

Great-Grandparent

- Applicant's complete birth certificate indicating applicant's parent's name
- Applicant's parent's complete birth certificate indicating applicant's grandparent's name.
- Applicant's grandparent's complete birth certificate indicating applicant's great grandparent's name
- Applicant's great-grandparent's proof of Italian heritage

Grandparent

- Applicant's complete birth certificate indicating applicant's parent's name
- Applicant's parents complete birth certificate indicating applicant's grandparent's name.
- Applicant's grandparent's proof of Italian heritage

Parent

- Applicant's complete birth certificate indicating applicant's parent's name
- Applicant's parents proof of Italian heritage

Applicant

- Applicant's complete birth certificate indicating applicant's parent's name
- Applicant's proof of Italian heritage

Other

- Applicant's complete birth certificate indicating applicant's parent's name
- All other necessary documents

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University Students

- Must be a **full-time student** (12 or more credits per semester) during the academic year **Fall 2026 – Winter 2027** to be eligible for **Financial Aid** and **Meritorious Bursaries**.
- Must be a **part-time student** (6 to 9 credits per semester) during the academic year **Fall 2026 – Winter 2027** to be eligible for **Financial Aid only**.

Level of studies

- Undergraduate (Bachelors)
- Graduate (Masters)
- Postgraduate (PhD)

Full-Time vs. Part-Time Status Definitions

- **Full-time status:** The student is enrolled full-time for both the Fall and Winter semesters of the academic year.
- **Part-time status:** The student is enrolled in both the Fall and Winter semesters, but does not meet the full-time criteria for one or both semesters.

Examples:

- Student registered full-time in both Fall and Winter semesters = **Full-time status**
- Student registered full-time in Fall and part-time in Winter = **Part-time status**
- Student registered part-time in Fall and full-time in Winter = **Part-time status**
- Student registered part-time in both Fall and Winter = **Part-time status**
- Student registered in only the Fall semester or only the Winter semester = **Not eligible**

Vocational Students

- Programs leading to a **Diploma of Vocational Studies (DVS)**

Cegep Students

- Three (3) year career programs leading to a **Diploma of College Studies (DEC)**
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Bursary Categories

Financial Aid Bursary

University degrees

- Full-time*
- Part-time *

**Please refer to the previous page for the definition and examples of full-time and part-time status*

Meritorious Bursary

University degrees

- Full-time*

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Documents Needed

Financial Aid Bursary

University students (full-time or part-time status)

✦ *NOTE FOR FINANCIAL AID ONLY - Applications from households with a total income exceeding \$200,000 will not be considered.*

Required Documents for Financial Aid Bursary (University Degrees)

A copy of the applicant's most recent **Provincial Notice of Assessment (2025)**

Additional requirements based on living situation:

- **Single student living with parents:**
 - Copies of the most recent **Provincial Notice of Assessment (2025)** for each parent
- **Single student living alone/with roommates or a single parent who rents:**
 - Proof of **rental lease**
 - One of the following documents:
 - Phone bill
 - Hydro bill
 - Driver's license
 - Other government-issued documents
- **Single student living alone/with roommates or a single parent who owns property:**
 - Copy of the most recent **municipal tax bill (2026)**
 - One of the following documents:
 - Phone bill
 - Hydro bill
 - Driver's license
 - Other government-issued documents
- **Married or common-law student:**
 - Copy of the most recent **Provincial Notice of Assessment (2025)** for the spouse

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Additional Requirement for Academic Documentation – University Students

- A **complete official transcript dated 2026** is required for students who attended university in 2026.
 - **First-year university** students must provide the most recent official transcript from **CEGEP** or previous post-secondary studies.
 - **Students who did not attend university in 2026** must provide the most recent official transcript from their previous institution.
- **Official university transcripts** must be sent directly from the institution by:
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 - ✦ Please contact your institution to request your official transcript. Unofficial transcripts or student portal records will not be accepted.
- A **letter of attestation** from the institution confirming that the student is officially accepted for **full-time or part-time** studies for **Fall 2026 and Winter 2027**.
 - ✦ This must be requested from your institution. Acceptance letters into the program will not be accepted.
- For **medical students** completing a **master's or doctorate** degree only:
 - A **letter of reference from a professor** is recommended, but not mandatory.

Interview Portion – Required Questions

Applicants must answer the following **four (4) questions**, either in written format or by video submission:

1. Briefly describe yourself. What is your family and living situation?
2. What are your career aspirations, plans, and interests?
3. How has your Italian heritage influenced you?
4. Describe your involvement in the community. If you have volunteered and/or participated in the Italian-Canadian community, please share your experiences. If not, how do you hope to become involved and contribute in the future?

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Meritorious Bursary

University students (full-time status only)

University Degrees

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Additional Administrative Requirements *Continued on the next page*

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Vocational Bursary

Vocational Bursary (DVS)

Academic Required Documents – Vocational Students

- A complete **official transcript dated 2026**
 - ★ Please request the official transcript from your school. Unofficial transcripts or student records will not be accepted.
- A **letter of attestation** from the institution as proof of official acceptance into a vocational program leading to a diploma
 - ★ Please request the attestation letter from your school. Acceptance letters into the program will not be accepted.
- A copy of your **tuition invoice** or **proof of payment**

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Cegep Bursary

3 year career programs

Cegep Bursary (DEC)

Academic Required Documents – 3-Year Career Programs

- A **complete official transcript dated 2026**
 - ✦ Please request the official transcript directly from your school. Unofficial transcripts or student records will not be accepted.
- A **letter of attendance** from the institution as proof of officially accepted to a 3 year career program leading to a diploma
 - ✦ Please request the letter of attendance from your school. Acceptance letters into the program will not be accepted.
- A copy of your **tuition invoice** or **proof of payment**

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Bursary Amounts and Limits

Financial Aid

Categories/Degrees	Amounts		Maximum number of Bursaries allowed per student
	Full-Time	Part-time	
Bachelor	\$2500	\$1250	4 per student
Masters	\$3500	\$1750	2 per student
PhD	\$4500	\$2250	1 per student

Please note that all cheques will be made payable to the school institution, not to the student.

Meritorious

Categories/Degrees	Amounts (full-time only)	Maximum number of Bursaries allowed per student
All degrees	\$1000	7 per student

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Vocational

Categories	Amounts	Maximum number of Bursaries allowed per student
DVS programs	\$500 to \$1000	2 per student

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Cegep

Categories	Amounts	Maximum number of Bursaries allowed per student
DEC (3 year career programs)	\$500 to \$1000	2 per student

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