

## Bob Clarke Automotive Scholarship

Bob Clarke was a “car guy”. He spent his entire working life in virtually every facet of the automobile industry. He had a gift of establishing long-lasting relationships, which was a valuable asset during his tenure as Executive Director of the Automotive Retailers Association.

Bob passed away in January 2012, and to honour his legacy, the ARA through the Automotive Retailers Foundation Inc. created the Bob Clarke Automotive Scholarship, to be awarded to an eligible student who wishes to pursue post-secondary education leading to a career in the automotive industry.



### Scholarship description:

The scholarship provides up to \$2000 towards tools or post-secondary education tuition leading to a career in the automotive industry, and is awarded annually.

### Eligibility:

To be eligible, applicants must have completed a secondary school automotive, ACE-IT or Foundation program by the end of the current school year. We are looking for those who have demonstrated a flair for, and a genuine interest in pursuing a career in the automotive trades and plan to enroll in a Red Seal apprenticeship.

Applicants are asked to provide the following:

- A letter from the applicant stating his/her long-term automotive goals. The applicant’s letter should briefly outline why they believe they should be considered for this scholarship. It may include a summary of past school and work experience.
- A letter from the applicant’s primary automotive instructor or current automotive employer stating why the instructor feels the scholarship applicant is worthy of receiving the scholarship. This may include the applicant’s academic achievements, natural ability, hard work, professionalism, teamwork, attention to detail, initiative, etc.
- A copy of the scholarship applicant’s most recent academic record. Overall academic achievements, as well as achievements specifically related to the automotive sector, should be included.
- A brief outline of the scholarship applicant’s demonstrated leadership and civic abilities. These abilities do not necessarily have to be automotive related, but should be evident in the

applicant's interactions in their school or community environments. Examples of leadership and civic interests include, but are not limited to: acting as class president, working as a volunteer for a charitable or community group, and participating as a member of a service club.

- An outline of financial considerations (as they relate to the student's pursuit of their automotive studies). The scholarship applicant's degree of need should be clearly demonstrated. Other scholarships or awards won by the applicant should be noted, as well as the applicant's ability to continue his/her studies based on financial considerations.

Candidates for **2018** will be accepted starting June 30, 2017.

## How to Apply

**Applicants: Download and complete the application form at [www.ara.bc.ca/foundation/](http://www.ara.bc.ca/foundation/)**

## Awarded Scholarships

The ARFI awards one scholarship annually within British Columbia to qualified students enrolled in an automotive program in the British Columbia region.

The recipient of the Bob Clarke Automotive Scholarship may be invited to appear in a video acknowledging the award.

Awarded recipients may be requested for a brief interview that may be recorded and published.

## Notification

All applicants will be notified of the Selection Committee's decision. Awards are applicable to the academic year commencing in September of the year of application and awarding.

## Administration

The administration of the scholarship program is carried out by the ARFI, under the direction of the ARFI Board Chair.

# Submission Requirements / Bob Clarke Scholarship Checklist

## Bob Clarke Scholarship Amount: \$2,000 | Application deadline: June 30

Applicant's must be enrolled in an automotive aftermarket industry-related program or curriculum at a Canadian college or university. This includes students pursuing their studies as an automotive apprentice. It also includes Red Seal studies in any of the following automotive sectors: automotive collision repair technician, automotive painter, automotive service technician, heavy duty equipment technician, motorcycle and power equipment technician, parts person, recreational vehicle service technician, and truck and transport mechanic.

### You must submit with this application:

- A letter from the applicant stating his/her long-term automotive goals. The letter should briefly outline why they believe they deserve to be chosen to receive a bursary including an outline of financial considerations as they relate to the student's pursuit of their automotive studies. The applicant's degree of need should be clearly demonstrated. (250 words minimum, no longer than a page)
- A copy of the applicant's most recent high school transcript.
- A copy of the applicant's most recent school transcript (with official seal) - If attending a post-secondary program.
- A letter of recommendation (from a non-family member; preferably an employer, teacher, or someone other than a family friend).
- A letter from the applicant's primary automotive instructor or current automotive employer stating why they feel the scholarship applicant is worthy of receiving the Bob Clarke scholarship.

**Note:** the recipient of this award will be requested to attend the ARA annual general meeting in person in September to be awarded their scholarship in front of membership.

### Instructor Recommendation

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. High School Status

- Currently a high school senior and will graduate this year.
- Graduated in the last 2 years: (year graduated) \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. Program You Are Entering

- I am enrolling in an automotive training program (name of program): \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Prov: \_\_\_\_\_