



Automotive Retailers Foundation Inc. (ARFI)

ARFI - BC Auto Recyclers Bursary

Deadline: June 30th of each year

The Automotive Retailers Foundation Inc. (ARFI) is the culmination of the Automotive Retailers Association (ARA) and its members' desire to support individuals in their pursuit of automotive careers in British Columbia. The mission of the Automotive Retailers Foundation Inc. is to engage in the receipt of donations and to conduct charitable activities in Canada for the purpose of advancing education and relieving poverty in Canada, specifically with respect to the automotive trades sector. Among its other activities, the Automotive Retailers Foundation Inc. provides bursaries and scholarships to aid students and prospective students in automotive trades training.

The bursaries were developed to aid low-income individuals (\$40,000 or less combined family income) enrolled in a post-secondary automotive repair and service-training programs. Selected candidates receive a \$2,000 (Canadian) bursary. While all students enrolled in an automotive related program are encouraged to apply, priority in awarding bursaries is given to those who demonstrate the greatest financial need.

The recipient(s) 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.

Please note: Students must be enrolled full-time for the year of the scholarship they are applying for.

Policies

- Qualified applicants must either be a graduating high school senior or have graduated from high school within the past two years.
- Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited automotive program, college-level program, or university in British Columbia.
- Students must be enrolled for the year of the scholarship for which they are applying.
- Priority is given to those pursuing a career in the automotive aftermarket.
- Applicants expressing an interest in automotive recycling are given special consideration when applying for bursaries awarded under the BC Auto Recyclers program(s).
- Children or dependents of ARFI board members are not eligible to apply.
- Each individual may only receive a maximum of one award per year (ARFI Board reserves the right to award beyond this).

Submission Requirements

It is imperative that all applications are completed properly as incomplete applications will not be processed.

- Bursary application along with a brief letter (at least 250 words in length, no longer than one page, double-spaced), indicating why you believe you deserve to be chosen to receive a bursary.
- If you are still attending high school, or have graduated but not yet entered your post-secondary program, you must submit a high school transcript.
- If you are attending a post-secondary program, you must submit a copy of your current school transcript with official school seal.
- Letter of recommendation (from a non-family member; preferably an employer, teacher, or someone other than a family friend).
- Signed statement of combined family income being at or below the maximum level stated for the current year of application for bursary.

How to Apply

Applicants: *Download and complete the application form at www.ara.bc.ca/foundation/*

Awarded Bursaries

Bursaries are awarded annually within British Columbia to qualified students enrolled in an automotive program in the British Columbia region. Consideration is given to awarding students throughout the province.

Bursaries awarded under the Recycling Bursary programs give special consideration to students expressing an interest in automotive recycling.

Notification

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

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Administration

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



Submission Requirements / Bursary Checklist

Bursary Award Amount: \$2,000 | Application deadline: June 30

Applicants 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).

Note: The recipient(s) will be requested to provide a recent photograph for use in promotional material.

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: _____