

1. What is the IBD Foundation Scholarship Program?

The IBD Foundation Scholarship Program supports students living with Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD - Crohn's and colitis) in reaching their academic goals and in helping students to overcome some of the everyday challenges in meeting these goals. The IBD Foundation annually awards a \$6,000 scholarship to the successful applicant who best demonstrates his/her ability to live well with IBD, and who is an inspiration to others by their actions and attitudes in overcoming challenges to reach their personal and academic goals.

The IBD Foundation's scholarship is available to students living with IBD who are entering into a post-secondary educational institution in 2017. Please see the scholarship application for full eligibility details.

2. Who is eligible for the program?

Applicants must be:

- Legal and permanent resident of Canada.
- Must be diagnosed with Crohn's Disease, or Ulcerative Colitis.
- Be a patient of the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) IBD Centre and have just graduated or are about to graduate into adult care.
- Must be eligible to enter year one of a certificate, associate or undergraduate degree from a Canadian University, College or registered Trade School (minimum 3 year program).

Employees or immediate family members of the IBD Foundation Board of Directors are not eligible.

3. Are patients who are already attending a post-secondary institution eligible?

No. The scholarship is only available to patients who are about to enter year one of a post-secondary education.

4. Where can I find the IBD Foundation IBD Scholarship Program application?

On our web site at: <http://www.ibdfoundation.org>

5. How many scholarships will be offered?

One (1) scholarship of up to \$6,000 CAN will be awarded in May 2017. (Paid \$2,000 per year over a three year period).

6. When is the application deadline?

Applications must be postmarked by **April 21, 2017**.

7. Will applications received after the deadline be considered?

In order to be fair to all participants, applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered. If a participant foresees that he/she will have a problem meeting the deadline, he/she should contact IBD Foundation in advance of the deadline to explore their options at:

Email: info@ibdfoundation.org

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8. How much is the scholarship?

Scholarship amount will be up to \$6,000 CAN (\$2000 per year for three years).

9. What if the cost of an applicant's education is below \$2,000 or he/she has already covered the cost of their education?

Scholarship amounts will be up to \$2,000 CAN for three years to cover the recipient's tuition and/or residence/housing. If a student does not have a minimum of \$2,000 in educational expenses remaining in his/her schooling, the scholarship will only cover the remaining amount. Eligible educational expenses for the IBD Foundation Scholarship Program include; tuition, student fees, and on-site residency.

10. What qualifies as an eligible educational expense?

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11. How can I apply for the IBD Foundation Scholarship Program?

- Completed application form (if handwritten, please print legibly).
- Proof of Diagnosis
- One page essay
- Two letters of recommendation from teacher, guidance counsellor, coach, employer or physician.

12. Will all applicants be awarded a scholarship?

The IBD Foundation Scholarship Program is a competitive bursary. Only one scholarship will be awarded in 2017.

13. How will the IBD diagnosis be verified?

As part of the application process, patients are required to have their physician verify their condition in writing. The IBD Foundation will follow up with individual physicians as needed to confirm the diagnosis.

14. Can patients submit their applications online?

Yes. Scanned copies of applications and supporting documentations will be accepted via email.

15. When will the IBD Foundation Scholarship Recipients be notified?

Scholarship recipients will be notified in early May 2017. The official announcement will be made at the annual Youth Gut Together on May 14, 2017 (details to be confirmed).

Who will be selecting the scholarship recipients?

The Recipient is chosen at the sole discretion of the IBD Foundation Board of Directors. The selection will be made by the IBD Foundation Board of Directors from a short list compiled by an appointed Sub-Committee of the IBD Foundation Board of Directors with consultation from other parties as deemed necessary.

16. Where can I get more information?

On our web site at: <http://www.ibdfoundation.org> or via email:

Email: info@ibdfoundation.org

Attention Scholarship Committee