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# Coast Capital Education Awards & Bursaries

**Foundry and Coast Capital have partnered to offer education awards for youth participating in the Foundry Work & Education Program!**

These awards recognize individuals who have stayed committed to their education, even through adversity. Whether it's financial difficulties, family issues, personal loss, lack of supports or health challenges, the Coast Capital Continuing Education Awards and Bursaries can support youth in building a better future.

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### Coast Capital Continuing Education Award

- Three \$5,000 awards available
- Supports individuals who have faced or continue to face adversity and are demonstrating a commitment to continuing their education. Examples of adversity may include, facing challenges such as poverty, health issues, family issues, personal loss, racial discrimination or lack of supports (Ex. individuals who are, or who have been in government care etc.)

### Coast Capital Bursaries

- Foundry centres offering the Foundry Work & Education Program will have a budget of \$6000 dollars to support eligible youth with their work, education, and training goals.
- Centres can offer youth bursaries ranging between \$1000 - \$2000.
- Recipients will be selected by the Work and Education staff at each centre.
- Applications will be reviewed by FCO to ensure eligibility criteria has been met.

## Eligibility

To be eligible to receive one of the Coast Capital Education Awards or Bursaries, youth must be:

- Currently participating in the Foundry Work & Education Program
- A Canadian citizen or permanent resident;
- A resident in BC for at least six months;
- 16 -24 years of age;
- For Education Awards (only) - Planning to achieve adult graduation diploma or starting/resuming post-secondary education from an accredited Canadian university, college, or technical school in the 2023/2024 school year;
- For Bursaries - Planning to pursue any type of studies to further educational/ career goals. This plan must be co-created with a Foundry Work and Education staff member.

\*Youth who have delayed starting or are resuming post-secondary studies are welcome to apply.

## Timeline

- All applications open: May 17, 2023
- Education Award applications close: June 17, 2023
- Bursary applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

To learn more and apply, visit [foundrybc.ca/education-awards](https://foundrybc.ca/education-awards) or scan the QR code!





# Coast Capital Education Awards

## Awards Selection Process

Applications will not be ranked or scored. A panel of youth peer support workers in Foundry's network will receive de-identified applications to review and discuss whether applications meet the following criteria:

- Shows the applicant put thought into the application.
- Shows the impact this award could have on the applicant's life/goals.
- Demonstrates the applicant's commitment to achieving their goals.

Applications will not be evaluated on the following:

- The nature of the adversities the applicant has faced or continues to face.
- Which program the applicant is taking.
- Spelling and/or grammar.

If the panel concludes the application meets the criteria above, it will be entered into a pool, from which a recipient will be randomly drawn.

Both Coast Capital and Foundry recognize how intersectionality, especially race, impacts individuals experiencing adversities. To recognize this,

- One Coast Capital Continuing Education Award will be reserved through an additional pool for equity-seeking/equity-denied racialized applicants.
- Applicants that are part of an equity-seeking/equity-denied racialized community will be submitted into the other two pools.

This helps ensure the final recipients reflect the diversity in our communities through an equitable draw. Please note: Applicants may only receive one award; if an applicant is drawn twice, a new applicant will be randomly drawn. The draws will take place in mid-July, and announced shortly afterwards.

## Information and Resources for Applicants

### Comfort Zone

When writing statements, support youth to set boundaries based on their comfort. It is not necessary to share all experiences in detail. Remember, applications will not be evaluated on the adversities faced or continue to face.

### Shareable Content

Award recipients will be asked to work with the Foundry awards team to summarize components of the applications that applicants are comfortable sharing publicly. This content will be used for promotional purposes related to the Coast Capital Education Awards program. This could include, but is not limited to, social media posts and advertisements, websites, newspapers and other online and print platforms.

### Privacy

During the selection process, identifying information on applications will be removed by the Foundry awards team prior to being shared with the selection panel. After award recipients have been selected, the selection panel will be asked to promptly delete all applications from their files.

Award recipients' applications will be shared with the Coast Capital and Foundry awards team to facilitate the process. A member from the Foundry awards team will connect with recipients through a dynamic consent process which informs and engages recipients on the use of their applications.