

First-Generation Scholarship

Frequently Asked Questions

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4-H Canada is proud to announce the First-Generation Scholarship in partnership with [The Coca-Cola Foundation](#), to be awarded to eligible 4-H'ers who are entering, or currently enrolled in, post-secondary or graduate studies.

What is First Generation?

If you are the first in your immediate family to go to college or university, you are considered "first generation." For the purposes of this 4-H scholarship opportunity, we are defining first generation as "neither parent nor guardian having attended a post-secondary institution." This includes any program offered in post-secondary institutions in Canada or elsewhere.

What if I have a sibling who is currently enrolled in, or has graduated with, a post-secondary degree? Can I still apply?

Yes. It doesn't matter if you have a sibling who is pursuing post-secondary studies. As long as neither of your parents or guardians attended a post-secondary institution, you are considered first generation and can apply.

How many scholarships are available?

Up to 150 scholarships are available, with a value of \$1,000 each.

Who is eligible to apply?

To apply for the First-Generation scholarship, you must:

- Be a current registered Canadian 4-H member in good standing; current provincial Ambassador; or recent (within the past 3 years) 4-H alumnus
- Meet all **eligibility criteria**. Applicants must:
 - demonstrate an academic standing equivalent to at least a 3.0 GPA (B Grade or 73 - 76%)
 - demonstrate financial need
 - be a Canadian resident
 - be starting or returning to a full-time or part-time CEGEP, college or university program during the 2018–2019 academic year at an accredited institution in Canada
 - be first-generation students whose parents or guardians did not attend post-secondary institutions in Canada or elsewhere

I have already received another scholarship from 4-H Canada. Can I still apply?

Yes. You can apply for this First-Generation scholarship opportunity as long as you meet the eligibility requirements.

Does it matter what kind of post-secondary studies I'm pursuing?

Any trades diplomas, under-graduate or post-graduate degrees - either full-time or part-time - are considered eligible programs. Scholarships can be applied to the fall 2018 or winter 2019 semesters.



Why is 4-H Canada offering this scholarship?

We recognize that first generation students face unique barriers to accessing post-secondary education. 4-H Canada wants to support our youth in their ongoing commitment to be responsible, caring and contributing leaders who are passionate about tackling challenges, no matter how big or small. This scholarship will give 4-H youth a helping hand towards their goal of completing their studies.

Why is this scholarship important?

According to a recent study by the Government of Canada, the main factor for youth not pursuing post-secondary education is if their parents also did not attend a post-secondary institution. This factor is even greater than others, such as being from a lower-income family or living in a rural area. As a [Canada 150](#) signature partner, 4-H Canada is looking beyond 2017 to the next 150 years, helping to give youth the opportunities and tools they need to ensure their future personal and professional success.

How do I apply?

Applications will be received online until **October 31, 2018**. Please visit the [4-H Canada website](#) or contact [Kelsey Norris](#) for more information.

