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Student Scholarships 2012

**\$45,000 in
Student
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WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

1. Members of the BCGEU in good standing are eligible to apply.
2. Relatives of BCGEU members or staff in good standing or relatives of deceased or retired members are eligible to apply. Definition of a relative: a spouse of same or opposite sex, parent, child, including a step-child or foster child, brother, sister or grandchild.
3. Applicants must be living in Canada.
4. Applicants must be registering in a full-time or part-time post-secondary program at a Canadian educational institution that is listed with HRSDC Canada (www.hrsdc.gc.ca, click "CanLearn.ca") in 2012. Winners will not be awarded money until proof of post secondary registration is received.
5. For students with special needs who have an IEP (Individual Education Plan) you have the choice of submitting your essay as per the criteria or alternatively, you can submit in DVD format, video (i.e. acting/skit) or audio (reading). It must be at least 15 minutes in length.
6. Previous BCGEU scholarship winners and Members of Unions affiliated with the BCGEU are NOT eligible to apply.

DETAILED CRITERIA:

1. Applicants must have a letter-grade standing of C or better. **Copies of the grade standing must be included with the scholarship application.** Mature students and students with an IEP will have this requirement waived.
2. A **double-spaced**, typed essay of 1,250 (minimum) to 1,750 (maximum) words from **one** of the following topics shall be the basis for awarding the scholarship. No hand-written essays will be accepted.
 - (a) *Interview a BCGEU steward, local executive member or activist in your community. Describe the leadership qualities of this person, the knowledge you have gained from conducting the interview and what it means to you.*
 - (b) *Follow BCGEU's webpage, Facebook page and Twitter account. Write an essay on what you have learned and what BCGEU could do to improve these communications.*
 - (c) *Teaching labour history can be boring! Being creative, develop your own skit, labour song (music video), or narrative of six important Canadian labour facts that would provoke interest in labour history, particularly for young workers.*
 - (d) *Research your community by interviewing union and non-union workers. Explore and talk about the differences between the two.*
 - (e) *In relation to recent global events such as the issues in Egypt and Wisconsin, where labour and its long standing rights are being brutally attacked, what lessons could Canada learn from this and how should they be pro-active?*
3. In combination with your research, the committee will be looking for creativity in the essays such as personal experiences, discussions and/or interviews with others.
4. A bibliography/list of resources and personal interviews, written and web based, **must be included.**
5. Deadline for the receipt of the criteria is **Wednesday, Feb. 29, 2012.** Applications postmarked Feb 29 will be accepted. **Late applications will NOT be accepted. Faxed applications will NOT be accepted.**
6. **Both a HARD COPY and DISC COPY of your essay are required.**
**Floppy discs will NOT be accepted. Instead of disc, you may email essays to scholarship@bcgeu.ca with your name as the subject. Please use Microsoft Word format. (Note: A hard copy must still be mailed with application, coversheet and grades standing.)*
7. Application forms and scholarship information are available on the BCGEU website (www.bcgeu.ca, click "For Members," "Member Programs," "Scholarships").
8. All essays and criteria referenced above are to be mailed with a completed Application Form and Cover Sheet to:

Education Officer, Attention: Scholarship Committee, B.C. Government and Service Employees' Union, 4911 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC V5G 3W3

The B.C. Government and Service Employees' Union is offering \$45,000 in scholarship awards to students (\$3,000.00 to full-time students and \$2,000.00 to part-time students) who are members or relatives of BCGEU members or staff.

