

The Actuarial Foundation of Canada (AFC) sponsors a variety of programs that improve the mathematical skills and/or financial literacy of Canadian youth. Since its inception in 2003, the AFC has helped young people who face challenges to become successful adults. It is in this spirit that the AFC has established its **Equality of Opportunity Scholarship (EOS) Fund**.

THE SCHOLARSHIP

The **EOS Fund** provides scholarships to eligible Canadian students facing financial and societal barriers to attending an eligible program at a college or university, as described below:

- (1) **ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES:** The EOS Fund is available to resident Black, Indigenous and People of Colour (BIPOC) students who face financial barriers to attend a Canadian college or university. Eligible students must have at least one parent who is considered to be from the BIPOC group.
 - (2) **ELIGIBLE PROGRAM:** Candidates must have been accepted as a full-time student at a Canadian college or university in an actuarial, mathematics, statistics, data management or computer science program.
 - (3) **SELECTION CRITERIA:** Applicants must complete an application form (including a personal essay) that provides confirmation of their BIPOC status, their personal aspirations and financial situation in addition to their high school scholastic records.
 - (4) **AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP:** The goal is to assist the student financially rather than fully fund the cost of the post-secondary education. Annual scholarships of (approximately) \$4,000 (University) and \$2,000 (College) will be awarded to successful applicants for the duration of the student's program, to a maximum of 4 years, provided both that full-time enrolment in the qualifying program is maintained with a minimum academic standard, ordinarily a minimum grade of 2.8 (on maximum GPA of 4) or equivalent, and that financial need continues. The AFC will award scholarships for a maximum of 4 years, or if less, the length of the program and subject to annual verification of the student's continuing eligibility.
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GUIDE TO COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please give your e-mail address as well as the mailing address at which you wish to be contacted, from June throughout the upcoming year of study. Please contact us at **equalityopportunitiescholarship@afc-fac.ca** with any address or phone number changes. The Equality of Opportunity Scholarship is open to eligible Canadian citizens who are Black, Indigenous or Persons of Colour (BIPOC). Eligible students must have at least one parent who is from the BIPOC group. You may use your essay to provide additional information, as needed.

2. PROGRAM DETAILS

Please note that the application is for the next academic year. Please ensure that you are planning to take a full course load. If you are deciding between more than one program or institution, please clearly indicate this and provide applicable offers of admission. Please note that the scholarship payment will not occur prior to receipt of confirmation of enrolment in the eligible program. If your circumstances change and you no longer qualify, please contact us at **equalityopportunitiescholarship@afc-fac.ca** so that we can remove your application.

3. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Equality of Opportunity Scholarship is needs-based. Please demonstrate through this section and in your essay how you feel you meet these criteria.

4. ESSAY

Your essay is a very important part of the application, as it gives you the opportunity to demonstrate your eligibility in your own voice. It should be no more than two pages in length and should tell us about you, your background and your personal aspirations, both short and long-term. Given the purpose of the Equality of Opportunity Scholarship, please describe how you believe you meet the criteria and why you need this award. Please provide details, including what inspired you to choose this field of study.

5. SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Please submit your application by email at **equalityopportunitiescholarship@afc-fac.ca** by June 15, 2024, with the requested additional information. You are responsible for ensuring that your application is complete and accurate. Missing information will not be accepted at a later date.

6. RECEIVING THE AWARD

Scholarship recipients will be notified of their acceptance by e-mail and will receive further details. If the student has not previously provided evidence of enrolment in a post-secondary institution, such evidence will be required prior to payment of the award.

APPLICATION DEADLINE JUNE 15, 2024

PERSONAL INFORMATION		
First Name		Surname
Mailing address		Postal Code
City/Town		Province
Telephone	Cell	email
Are you a Canadian citizen or permanent resident		
		Yes No
Please indicate which of the following groups at least one of your parents is a member of:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black/African Canadian Indigenous (First Nation, Inuit, or Métis) Other Person of Colour 		

PROGRAM DETAILS
<i>Only undergraduate programs are eligible. A full-time course load must be taken. Students may not receive an award more than 4 times. If available, please attach offer of admission at the post-secondary institution, as well as confirmation of enrolment. If the student has not yet received or accepted offer of admission, evidence of enrolment will be required prior to payment of scholarship.</i>
Name of post-secondary institution you will be attending
Name of program for which funding is requested and category of eligibility for Equality of Opportunity Scholarship (actuarial science, mathematics, statistics, data management or computer science). If you have not yet selected your single program, please confirm each of the eligible programs associated with this application.

ACADEMIC RECORD
<i>Please attach a copy of your official transcript or academic history for the last two high school or CEGEP years, including the first semester of the 2023-24 academic year).</i>

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER SERVICE		
ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITY/ROLE	DATES

WORK EXPERIENCE		
EMPLOYER	JOB TITLE AND DESCRIPTION	DATES

FINANCIAL INFORMATION		
<i>How are you planning to finance your post-secondary education? Please check all that apply to you.</i>		
Self	Parents	Student Loans
Awards	Employment Earnings	
Other (please describe)		
Will you need to relocate to attend post-secondary school?	Yes	No

ESSAY
Please prepare an essay, no more than two pages in length, which tells us about yourself, including your background and your personal aspirations, both short and long-term. Given the purpose of the Equality of Opportunity Scholarship, please also describe how you believe you meet the criteria and why you need this award. Please provide details, including what inspired you to choose this field of study.

DECLARATION AND DISCLOSURE	
<i>We will use the information that we collect from you and from third parties in order to evaluate your application against the criteria we have set for the scholarship. We may disclose your "Personal Information" and education as provided above to our sponsors, who may contact successful candidates to congratulate you. We may also use the results of your educational and graduation verification to report to our sponsors/funders. By participating in the application process, you consent to our collection, use and disclosure as outlined above.</i>	
<i>I declare that all of the information provided in this application is complete and accurate. I authorize disclosure of any information contained herein to the Youth Education Committee of the Actuarial Foundation of Canada (AFC) and any institution that is involved in the processing of the application, the selection of successful candidates and payment of the scholarship on behalf of the AFC. I understand that if any of the information is found to be incorrect, my application may be withdrawn.</i>	
Signature of applicant	Date
Where did you hear about this scholarship?	

SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION
<i>SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM, ESSAY AND OTHER DOCUMENTS IN .PDF AND .JPG FORM BY EMAIL TO equalityopportunitiescholarship@afc-fac.ca BY JUNE 15, 2024.</i>
<i>Is your application complete? The following must be attached to your application:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High school transcript; • Post-secondary offer of admission and confirmation of enrolment, if available. If not yet available, please indicate in application form. Evidence of enrolment will be required prior to payment of scholarship; and • Essay.
<i>With the exception of confirmation of enrolment, missing information will <u>not</u> be accepted at a later date.</i>