

Pathways Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions

This document is designed to answer the most frequently asked questions regarding the Pathways scholarship. If you have any other questions, please email us at alumni@pathwayscanada.ca

1. What is the Pathways Scholarship?

The Pathways to Education Scholarship is provided to eligible Pathways alumni to help cover the costs of post-secondary education or training. Every year you participate in the Pathways Program, you can earn a scholarship for up to a maximum of \$2,000.

2. What can the Pathways Scholarship be used for, and by when?

Scholarship funds can be used for a range of post-secondary expenses, including college, university, professional school, CÉGEP (Collège d'enseignement général et professionnel), post-secondary preparedness programs, high school upgrading programs, apprenticeships, or trade/vocational programs.

Funds can be accessed **until December 31st of the year you turn 23**. For full details, please read the [Pathways Scholarship Policy](#) on the [Pathways Alumni Network website](#).

3. Who can access the Pathways Scholarship, and how do I know if I'm eligible?

Students who actively participated in the Pathways Program for two or more years (consecutively or non-consecutively) are eligible for the Pathways Scholarship. To confirm your eligibility, please get in touch with your Pathways Program location office.

4. Where can I find instructions on how to apply for the Pathways Scholarship?

The Pathways Scholarship is administered by Scholarship Partners Canada. To create your profile, please follow the steps on [the alumni financial support webpage](#), which also links to the [Scholarship Partners Canada portal](#).

5. My email address doesn't work when I try to create a profile on the Scholarship Partners Canada portal. What should I do?

We suggest checking your spam folder first to ensure no emails were sent there. If you still don't see anything, your Pathways student file may be linked to a different email than the one that you're using now. In that case, please fill out [Scholarship Partners Canada's online support request form](#) (also linked on [this webpage](#)), and Scholarship Partners Canada will contact Pathways Canada if needed.

6. I created my profile and submitted a request to access my scholarship funds. How long does it take for the payment to be processed?

It can take Universities Canada 4 to 6 weeks to process the application for the scholarship funds. Please keep this timeline in mind when you apply and plan accordingly.

For students outside of Quebec: Please note that it might take additional time for your post-secondary institution to process the payment once they receive it from Universities Canada.

7. I'm about to graduate from high school, but I do not plan to attend post-secondary or vocational studies. I was enrolled in the Pathways Program for more than two years. Can I still access my scholarship?

You can access **up to \$499** to cover the costs of work-related supplies if submitted **by November 30** of the year you graduated from high school. The Pathways Program Director at your local program location is responsible for approving costs that qualify as work supplies (e.g., work boots, tools, equipment, operating licences for machinery or food handling certification fees, etc.).

8. I was in high school for an extra year, which also means I was enrolled in the Pathways Program for an additional year. Does this mean I can accumulate more funds for that extra year I was in the program?

No, the maximum Pathways scholarship amount that can be accumulated is \$2,000, even if you were enrolled for longer.

9. I'm in my last year of high school and have started a vocational/trade studies program at the same time, working towards receiving a certificate. Can I still access the Pathways Scholarship funds?

Yes, fees related to a vocational/trades program can be covered with the Pathways scholarship if you are enrolled at a provincially regulated institution, have been enrolled in the Pathways Program for at least two years, and have earned a

Pathways Scholarship. A staff member at your Pathways Program location can support you with this process.

10. I was enrolled in the Pathways Program for only one year. I'm in my last year of high school and about to graduate. Can I still have access to part of my Pathways Scholarship to pay for post-secondary application fees?

If you are enrolled in the Pathways Program during your last year of high school, you can access up to **\$250** for application fees or to cover the cost of work-related supplies if you apply **by November 30** of the year you graduate from high school. The staff at your local Pathways Program location can support you with this process.

11. I was enrolled in the Pathways Program for only one year and left the program before graduation. I have now finished high school without being in the Pathways Program. Do I have access to the scholarship funds I accumulated for that one year?

No, to access the Pathways Scholarship, students must complete two or more years in the Pathways Program (consecutively or non-consecutively). To be eligible for the \$250 towards fees for a vocational or trades program, students must still be enrolled in the program at the time of graduation

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13. I graduated from high school several years ago. I was enrolled in the Pathways Program for two years or more and have funds left from my Pathways Scholarship. I'm now 23 years old and going back to school. Can I still access my scholarship funds?

The scholarship funds you accumulated while participating in the program are accessible **until the 31st of December of the year you turn 23**. To access your funds, please follow the steps listed on [the Pathways Alumni Network webpage](#).

Important Note: If you no longer have access to the email address that was linked to your Pathways file, please fill out Universities Canada's online support request

form and include your full name, Pathways Program location, year of graduation, your old email address and Pathways ID (if you have it).

14. I was accepted to a college not listed in the options on the Universities Canada portal. What should I do?

Please fill out [Universities Canada's online support request form](#). Usually, Universities Canada will accept an institution if it is certified by the province, even if it is not on their list.

15. Can I use my scholarship funds to cover my tuition at an American University?

Yes, please fill out Universities Canada's online support request form and select International Scholarship Request.

16. Can I use part of my Pathways Scholarship funds for work supplies (work clothing, equipment, etc.) if I am attending training and its cost is covered by a different organization?

You can access **up to \$499** if the program is not a certified training program, such as an employment program run by another organization. If you are attending a provincially certified program, you can access the full amount of your unused scholarship balance.

17. I need to use my scholarship funds to purchase post-secondary materials from outside of my academic institution (E.g. a uniform for a medical placement or tools for a dental hygienist program). Is that possible?

For students/alumni outside of Quebec only: In cases like this, you can submit a request for an exception using the exceptions form. If the exception is approved, Pathways Canada will notify you and authorize Universities Canada to process the payment.

If Universities Canada is unable to pay for the items directly to the institution and you still have scholarship funds available, Pathways Canada will arrange alternative payment

methods. We will then adjust your scholarship balance and notify Universities Canada of the new balance.

18. Who can I contact if I have any questions not addressed in this document?

If you have any other questions, email Pathways Canada at alumni@pathwayscanada.ca or send them directly to Scholarship Partners Canada's portal using their [online support request form](#).