

2024 PSAC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The PSAC Scholarship Program offers the following <u>14 scholarships</u> for dependent children of current PSAC members, who will be attending full-time studies at a recognized post-secondary institution in the fall of 2024:

- one \$4,000 PSAC AGR National Scholarship
- one \$4,000 PSAC Coughlin National Scholarship
- two \$3,000 PSAC AGR National Scholarships
- two \$3,000 PSAC Coughlin National Scholarships
- one \$2,000 J.R. (Joe) Power National Scholarship
- seven \$1,000 PSAC Regional Scholarships one for each of the seven PSAC regions (Atlantic, Quebec, National Capital Region, Ontario, Prairies, British Columbia and the North)

The PSAC Scholarship Program also offers:

5 scholarships to current PSAC members:

- three \$2,000 National Member Scholarships Full-Time Studies for PSAC members who will be registered in full-time studies at a recognized post-secondary institution in the fall of 2024.
- two \$1,000 National Members Scholarships Part-Time Studies for PSAC members who will be registered in part-time studies at a recognized post-secondary institution in the fall of 2024.

5 Equity scholarships:

Five (5) scholarships of \$3,000 each for members or dependents of members who self ID as a woman, Indigenous, person with a disability,



racially visible or 2SLGBTQIA+. If you self-ld in one of these five groups, please ensure to indicate that on the application form.

Applicants must either be a **PSAC** member in good standing or the <u>dependent child</u> of a **PSAC** member in good standing as of March 31, 2024. The definition of member in good standing is a member who has **up-to-date union dues** and a signed **PSAC** membership card. Members should contact their union rep, local or PSAC regional office if they have not signed a PSAC membership card.

Scholarships cannot be awarded unless members have paid their union dues. If there is an issue with union dues payment because of Phoenix or seasonal employment, please contact scholarships@psac-afpc.com or 613-560-2963.

The PSAC scholarship program is not limited to first-year students. Please note, however, that anyone who has won a scholarship through this program in the past will not be awarded another.

PSAC scholarships are awarded based on the merit of a **750 to 850-word** essay, Youtube video, infographic, song or other creative submission which answers the current scholarship question. *Any media used to create videos/songs/infographics must be original, submitted under the name of the applicant and not be more than five (5) minutes in duration.*

The PSAC reserves the right to withhold the granting of an award if no applicant is deemed to possess the necessary requirements, or for other valid reasons. The Alliance Executive Committee (AEC) may award a PSAC Regional Scholarship outside of a particular region if no applicants from that region are deemed to possess the necessary requirements or there were no completed applications received from that region.

All submissions become the property of the PSAC and winning submissions may be posted, in the language of their composition, on the PSAC website or in other PSAC communications materials along with the authors' names and the scholarships they received.



Application Process

Scholarship Question

Why should union members keep informed about their union's work, and be active participants in their union?

What do you think PSAC could do to increase the visibility of the union in the workplace, and to strengthen its engagement with the membership?



Scholarship Guidelines

Option 1:

An **original 750- to 850-word** essay answering the PSAC scholarship question. Your essay submission must be in <u>Word</u> format. Please ensure your <u>full name and page numbers</u> are on every page as a **header** and **footer**. The file name **must** be in the following format Lastname, Firstname_-_submissiontype (either essay,video, infographic or audio). References do not count towards the 750 – 850 words.

OR

Option 2:

An **original** video, infographic, audio recording of a song you have written or any other creative, original submission which answers the scholarship question. Maximum time should be **five (5) minutes** for any of these submissions. The file name **must** be in the following format Lastname, Firstname_-_submissiontype (can be essay,video, infographic or audio). References do not count towards the 750 – 850 words.

Entries will be judged on: Depth of research, originality of expression and quality of argument. Top marks are reserved for those who indicate original thinking/analysis on the essay topic. Sources are to be used for information, not as a substitute for self-expression. All applicants must cite the sources they consult. Any plagiarism from online or other sources is strongly discouraged and will likely lead to the disqualification of your submission.

Applicants must complete the online form. Applications will <u>not</u> be accepted by e-mail, fax or printed copy unless an applicant is unable to apply through the portal. If an applicant cannot apply through the portal they must contact <u>scholarships@psac-afpc.com</u> or (613) 560-2963.



Deadline is June 23, 2024 at 11:55 pm ET.

You will require your (or parent's) **PSAC ID** number and **Component or Directly Chartered Local**. If you require this information, please contact your union rep, local or PSAC regional office. Regional offices' contact information is posted on the PSAC website.

A confirmation page will confirm your submission was received.

All submissions will be graded by external judges. Once the judges have made their recommendations, the Alliance Executive Committee (AEC) has final approval.

PSAC will contact applicants recommended to proceed to the **final stage** of selection. At this time, proof of registration to a recognized post-secondary institution and the applicant's Social Insurance Number will be required.

All applicants to the PSAC Scholarship Program will be notified of their status by the end of October.

Questions?

Contact us at scholarships@psac-afpc.com or (613) 560-2963.

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