

This information package contains information about the scholarship, eligibility, selection process, and tips for completing a strong scholarship application





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ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

BGC Canada and Best Buy Canada are pleased to offer the Best Buy Canada Grade 10 scholarships to eligible Club members in Grade 10 across Canada. Best Buy Canada Grade 10 scholarships aim to increase the chances of BGC youth graduating from high school and enrolling in post-secondary education.

SCHOLARSHIP VALUE

Each scholarship is valued at \$5,000

- \$4,000 in trust with BGC Canada to be payable to post-secondary institution upon completion of secondary school
- \$750 Best Buy Gift Card for the purchase of a laptop
- \$250 paid to your Club to assist with covering application fees and other expenses

Applicants must apply through the BGC Canada Scholarship Portal



ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a current or former BGC member for a minimum of 1 year
- Must be in Grade 10/Secondary 3 at the time of application (2023-2024 school year)







SELECTION PROCESS

The following factors will be taken into consideration when selecting recipients:

Club Experience

- BGC Canada is looking for a high level of Club involvement as a
 participant, volunteer, and/or staff member. You will have the
 opportunity to provide up to <u>four</u> examples of your Club involvement over
 the last 2 years.
- When answering the question, be clear about the project/activity you
 were involved in, provide a description of the program, and your type of
 involvement (e.g. a participant in the Learn On program attending twice
 a week, a volunteer at your Club to help run Pink Shirt Day activities).
 Please write in full sentences.
- The evaluation committee wants to hear about your unique Club
 experience, and how your experience has positively impacted others. You
 will be asked to share <u>one</u> contribution that you have made at your Club
 and how it has positively affected others. Your contribution could be as a
 participant at your Club, a volunteer, or a staff member.

Post-Secondary Interests

- BGC Canada and Best Buy Canada are interested in your current post secondary or career interests.
- You will be asked to reflect on how this scholarship will help you succeed in achieving your educational and/or professional interests.
- Explain in detail how this scholarship will help you achieve your future professional and/or educational goals.
- If you feel comfortable, you could share potential barriers that you may
 experience in achieving your future post-secondary goals, and how a
 scholarship could help you overcome these barriers.



REQUIREMENTS

Successful recipients requirements of participation:

- Communicate with BGC Canada to arrange your Best Buy In-Store Presentation
- Provide BGC Canada your updated contact information
- When you are ready to begin your post-secondary journey, BGC Canada will request your Proof of Enrolment and other important information from an accredited college or university

TIMELINE

•	March-April 2024	Applications Open
t	May-June 2024	BGC Canada Evaluation Committee will select scholarship recipients
1	June 2024	BGC Canada will announce recipients
•	June-August 2024	BGC Canada will arrange the in-store presentation
İ	September 2025	\$250 sent to your Club to assist with application fees
T	May-June 2026	Submit proof of enrolment
•	June-August 2026	Tuition payments released to post- secondary institutions



APPLICATION

TO APPLY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE TASKS BELOW

Club Participation Information

In this section, you will tell us important information about your Club participation. Here you will provide some details and examples regarding the activities and the frequency of your involvement/participation. Refer to the "Selection Process" page for tips to complete this question.

Essay or Video Questions

This is your opportunity to share with the evaluation committee what you would like them to know about you. You will be required to complete two short essay questions (either written or a video). Choose the option you are most comfortable with. Neither option is more advantageous than the other. The committee will examine your ability to articulate your answers either in verbal or written form. We strongly encourage you to have someone edit your application before you submit.

Club Nomination

You will be required to provide the name and email address of someone at your Club who knows you well and can support you through the scholarship process. An email will be sent to them automatically and they will complete their form .

Guardian Consent Form

You will be required to provide the name and email address of a parent/guardian. An email will be sent to them automatically and they will complete their form.

Submit your application

All applications must be submitted by <u>Sunday April 28, 2024</u>. Your application will not be considered if it has not been submitted by the due date.

Applicants will be notified of their status via email in June.



Your Club will be your first point of contact to support you with your scholarship application.

You are always welcome to contact the team at BGC Canada for support if you require technical assistance

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