



Scholarships 2025/26 Application

A. SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTION

The COSTI Foundation Scholarship Fund recognizes high academic achievement and financial need of newcomers, immigrant women and current or former clients who are enrolled in an accredited Canadian post-secondary institution. Kindly check the eligibility criteria for each scholarship before applying. The supporting documents must be submitted in PDF format.

B. HOW TO APPLY

Fill this application and email it to scholarships@costi.org by **Friday, September 5, 2025**. The following documents must be submitted with your application:

1. Letter of Recommendation
2. Short essay as outlined in Section F below
3. Written proof of enrolment at an accredited Canadian post-secondary institution
4. A copy of your most recent academic transcript (an unofficial copy will suffice)

C. ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must be a current or former client.
- Applicants must be a Permanent Resident of Canada, Canadian Citizen, Convention Refugee, Minister's Permit Holder, or Refugee Claimant approved by IRCC.
- Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited post-secondary Canadian institution as a full-time or part-time student for the 2025/26 academic year and should have obtained a minimum overall average of 80% in their most recent academic year.
- Previous recipients of a COSTI scholarship are **not eligible** to apply.
- Vittoria Adhami Immigrant Women's Scholarship Fund and Mary Cellucci Women's Scholarship Fund are open to women of all ages.
- WCPD Foundation Scholarship Fund is open to genders of all ages, who are newcomers and arrived in Canada in 2019 or later.

D. APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name:

Preferred Name:

Last Name:

Address:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Home Phone Number:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

LinkedIn Profile URL:

Gender:

Date of Birth:

Status in Canada:

- Canadian Citizen
- Permanent Resident of Canada
- Convention Refugee
- Minister's Permit Holder
- Refugee Claimant

Number of years in Canada:

Select the scholarship you want to apply for:

Vittoria Adhami Immigrant Women's Scholarship Fund

Mary Cellucci Women's Scholarship Fund

WCPD Foundation Scholarship Fund

E. COSTI PROGRAM(S) OR SERVICE(S)

Provide the name of the program(s) or service(s) you are currently receiving or have received from COSTI:

Provide the name of your COSTI caseworker or counsellor:

F. SCHOOL/PROGRAM/CAREER PROFILE

For current or recently graduated high school students:

Your High School: If you are currently attending or have recently graduated high school and will be entering your first year of post-secondary education, provide the full name and province or country of the school.

School Name:

Province:

Country (if outside Canada):

For current post-secondary students:

Your University/College: Provide the name and address of the college/university you will be/are enrolled in for the 2025/26 academic year.

School Name:

Address:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

University/College Number: Provide your college/university student number, if known:

Your University/College Program: Provide the official name of your 2025/2026 program of study. Consult your college/university's official documents (or website) to determine the official name of your program, if needed.

Program of Study:

Website Address:

Level of your University/College Program: What is the level of study of your program? Please select one:

- Certificate or Diploma (less than 1 year)
- Certificate or Diploma (1 year or more)
- Associate Degree
- Bachelor's Degree
- Master's Degree
- PhD/Doctorate

Duration of your University/College Program: What is the total number of years in your program? Please select one.

- One year or shorter
- Two years
- Three years
- Four years
- Five years
- Greater than five years

Your Year of Study: In which year of your program will you be enrolled during the 2025/26 academic year? Please select one.

- First year
- Second year
- Third year
- Fourth year
- Fifth year
- Year higher than fifth year

Enrollment Status: Scholarship will be granted to students enrolled part-time or full-time. Will you be enrolled full-time or part-time in the 2025/26 academic year?

- Full-time Part-time

If part-time, how many courses will you be taking in the 2025/26 academic year? Number of courses:

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

You are required to submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher/professor (high school, college or university), guidance counsellor, or academic administrator (e.g. dean, chancellor, principal, vice-principal) who knows you well and can write about your academic accomplishments and other outstanding attributes.

This letter should:

- Be written on official school letterhead
- Reference any major academic awards or achievements you received
- Support your case for a scholarship

- This letter must be submitted as a PDF with this application

ESSAY

In 500 words or less, outline why this scholarship is important and significant to you, and what your career/occupational objectives are. *If you use AI in your essay, please ensure it reflects your voice, opinions, and Canadian spelling and grammar is used throughout.*

Your essay must be submitted with this submission as a PDF.

Did you use AI to aid in development your essay (e.g. Chat GPT, Grammarly, etc.)? If so, please indicate how you have used AI.

G. YOUR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Your Academic Transcript (University/College)

If you were enrolled in a university or college prior to the 2025/26 academic year, provide a copy of your university/college academic transcript. An unofficial copy of your transcript will suffice.

Your transcript should be submitted as a PDF with this application.

Your Academic Transcript (High School)

If you were not previously enrolled at a college or university and will be entering your first year of post-secondary education, you must submit your most recent high school academic transcript with your application.

Your transcript should be submitted as a PDF with this application.

H. YOUR FINANCES

Financial Aid Application: Have you, or will you be applying for government student financial aid (e.g., OSAP in Ontario) for the 2025/26 academic year? Please select one.

Yes No

Do you have any outstanding debts, such as a student loan or personal loan? Note: Other debts may include personal loans, credit cards, etc.

Yes No

If yes, please describe the type of debts and amounts below including personal loans, credit cards, etc:

Type of debt:

Amount:

Description:

Have you received any academic grants? If yes, please describe the grant(s) and amount(s) below:

Grant Name:

Grant Amount:

Academic Year in which Grant was Received:

Marital Status: Please select one.

- Single Married/Common Law

Are you a dependent or do you have dependents? Select one:

- I am dependent on my family and/or spouse for financial support
 I have dependents (children or other family)

Will you be receiving any financial support for your education from family?

- Yes No

Is your family headed by a sole-support parent (i.e. your mom or dad)? Please select one.

- Yes No Not Applicable

Accommodations While at School: Please indicate where you will live during the 2025/2026 academic year. Please select one:

- Family residence
 University/college residence
 Off-campus rental housing
 Other (Please describe - maximum 30 words):

Do you currently have, or do you plan on getting, a full- or part-time job during the academic year?

- Yes, I am employed full-time
 Yes, I am employed part-time
 I plan on getting full- or part-time work following the academic year to support school expenses
 I am not currently employed but am looking for work
 I do not plan on working during the academic year

Budget Synopsis for 2025/26 (from May 31, 2025 to April 30, 2026)

Calculate your income and expenses for the timeframe of May 31, 2025 to April 30, 2026. Be as accurate as possible and retain your working notes. You may estimate or project your income and expenses if necessary. Later in the scholarship evaluation process, you may be asked for details pertaining to your answers.

You must complete items i and ii below.

i: Total of your 2025/26 Financial Income from all sources:

Notes:

- i) **Year 2025/26 income** should be based on these sources:
- employment, co-op placement and/or self-employment income,
 - government funding or income support provided directly to you,
 - awards, scholarships, fellowships, bursaries and grants (including student loans such as OSAP),
 - rental income
 - parental, spousal or other family contribution,
 - RESP, interest/dividends earned from investments and in-trust accounts,
 - lottery winnings,
 - monetary gifts from a source other than parents and/or spouse, and
 - court-ordered spousal support alimony payments.

ii: Total of your 2025/26 Expenses (fall and winter semesters):

Notes:

- ii) **Year 2025/26 expenses** should be based on these items:
- mandatory tuition fees,
 - mandatory ancillary fees,
 - textbooks,
 - residential fees, rent or mortgage,
 - telecommunication service fees,
 - travel/commuting fees,
 - miscellaneous equipment and supplies, and

Your Financial Need

Describe the financial conditions you will encounter during the 2025/26 academic year. This is your opportunity to make a convincing case for financial assistance. In 500 words or less, describe your financial need for this scholarship, addressing your financial pressures. Some considerations for your response may include:

- What are the financial hardships facing you/your family and other conditions which may make it difficult for your parents to contribute to your education?
- What are your prospects for summer earnings and savings?
- Does your program of study impose extraordinary fees and other costs on you?
- Will you be taking a loan from a financial institution to cover your studies?
- Will loan funding from provincial financial aid be inadequate for your needs?
- At the end of your university/college studies will you be carrying debt and, if yes, what will your projected debt burden?
- Are you supporting children and/or family?
- Have you had occasion to suspend your studies due to lack of funding?
- Do you reside in subsidized housing?
- Describe how you plan to give back to the community if you are granted a scholarship by COSTI.

If you prefer to use 'bullet format' to make your case, please do.

Maximum 500 words

I. PERSONAL CONSENT

Should I be the successful recipient of COSTI Scholarships 2025/26, I agree to attend COSTI's Annual General Meeting on Thursday, October 16, 2025. In addition, I grant permission to COSTI Immigrant Services to publish my name, photograph, videotape, make an audiotape of, film and/or interview myself and to publish said photographs, videotapes, audiotapes, films and/or interviews within COSTI and other COSTI publications/materials, including advertising, marketing and promotional materials, official websites and social media for current and future use for the purpose of carrying out the mission of COSTI.

Name:

Signature:

Date:

J. SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION AND DOCUMENTS

All documents should be submitted online with this application. Submit your application by **Friday, September 5, 2025**. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Electronic Submission of Supporting Documents

Ensure the following documents submitted with this application as PDF files. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

1. Letter of Recommendation
2. Academic Transcript
3. Essay
4. Proof of enrolment

For questions regarding COSTI Scholarships 2025/26, contact us at scholarships@costi.org.

Note: Indicate your name (Last Name, Given Name) and the scholarship which you are applying for on the subject line of all emails sent to COSTI. (Example: Doe, John – WCPD Foundation Scholarship Fund)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

- I am a current or former COSTI client
- I am enrolled in an accredited Canadian college/university program for the 2025/26 academic year
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