



ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, EASTERN MARINE BRANCH 161 Bursary Application 2026

What is a Bursary?

Bursary awards are part of the Canadian and United Kingdom education aid programs. Bursary awards are a gift to needy students that enable them to bridge gaps between the amount of financial aid they need to attend a school and the financial support that they receive from family, employment or government assistance.

ELIGIBILITY

Legion bursaries are available to Veterans, or the children, grandchildren, greatgrandchildren or spouses of Veterans; who are serving or honourably served in the:

- Canadian Armed Forces, Commonwealth forces or their wartime allies, or
- as a regular member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, or
- as a Peace Officer in a special duty area or on a special duty operation, or
- who served in the Merchant Navy or Ferry Command during wartime

and who:

- have completed High School and are continuing their education on a full-time basis at a Post Secondary Educational Institution. This includes students who have finished high school and “have taken a break” from formal education so long as the other criteria are met, **or** who are already in a Post Secondary Educational Institution. Post graduate studies however are not admissible for Branch bursaries;
- reside, or have their principal domicile, within the boundaries of the Eastern Marine Branch 161 - these are communities east of the Ross Road (along Highways 7, 107 and 207) to the intersection of Highways 7 and 107 **and**
- have an academic standing high enough that they are likely to succeed at the postsecondary level.

APPLICATIONS:

Are to be sent to the Bursary Chairperson no later than 6 pm Friday, May 22nd 2026:

- mailed to - Eastern Marine Branch 161, 6644, Highway #7, Gaetz Brook, NS, BOJ 2L0 or
- by email to info@legion161.ca attention Bursary Committee, or
- may be left at the Branch between the hours of 2 and 5 pm.

The student is responsible for submitting their application with appropriate records, statements and references as follows:

- a letter, written by the student, outlining educational goals, participation in extracurricular activities and how the student plans to finance his or her studies.
- a letter of reference from a Guidance Counselor or from at least one teacher as to the applicant's character and qualifications
- academic records or a transcript of marks
- a letter of acceptance from the Post Secondary Institution must accompany this application
- proof of eligible service of the parent, grandparent or great-grandparent
- any other references about character or extra-curricular activities.

Incomplete applications will not be considered – no follow-up action will be taken

Bursary amounts will be decided by the Branch Bursary Committee.

Questions concerning the bursary application should be directed to info@legion161.ca attention Bursary Chairman or by calling the Legion Branch, 902-827-3008, between 2 and 5 pm to leave a message for the Poppy Chairman

Notes for completion the Bursary Application

Section 1: Student Information

- Print clearly or type all information requested, and
- You must reside within the boundaries of the Eastern Marine Branch 161

Section 2: College/University Information

- Provide the name and address of the post-secondary education facility that you will be attending,
- Bursaries are awarded to students attending facilities on a full-time basis
- Post graduate studies are not admissible for Branch bursaries.

Section 3: Financial Information:

- This section must be completed by all applicants.

Section 4: Service Information:

- Proof of service must accompany the application when submitted.

BURSARY APPLICATION

Section 1: Student Information (Print clearly)

Full Name:	
Home Address:	
Telephone #:	Cell #:
E-Mail:	
Your mailing address <i>if not living at home while in school</i> :	
Year of Birth:	
High School Attended:	
Date of graduation:	

Section 2: College/University Information

Name of Institution:					
Campus:					
Address:					
Telephone #:	Fax #:				
Course of studies:					
What year will you be in?	First:	Second:	Third:	Fourth:	Fifth:

Section 4: Service Information - **Proof of Veteran's service must accompany this application.**

Full Name of Veteran:
Relationship to Veteran: Self Spouse Parent Grandparent Great Grandparent
Service # (if available):
Type of Service:
Supporting documentation:

Date of application:

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Parent or Guardian (If applicant is under the age of 18 at time of application)

Checklist

- Personal letter about goals and plans
- Proof of Veteran service
- Letter of Acceptance to Post Secondary Institution
- Academic Record or Transcript
- Letter(s) of Reference