

Investing in the Future Award

This student award was founded in 2022 by an incredibly generous anonymous donor with the desire to provide students in financial need with the opportunity to be fully supported on their post-secondary journey. Investing in young people is a true investment into our future – this student award will remove financial barriers to success for students and ensure that they can learn, grow, and be ready to make a positive impact on our world.

DONOR:	Anonymous
WHERE TENABLE:	Calgary Board of Education
FIELD OF STUDY:	Any
VALUE:	\$100,000 in total for University (4 year) programs; \$25,000 in year 1, with option to renew award for up to three consecutive years at \$25,000 per year as long as the student remains in good standing with their University.
NUMBER:	10
ELIGIBILITY:	Open to students registered in grade 12 who demonstrate financial need and are completing the requirements of a high school diploma. Applicants must have demonstrated academic progress in grade 12 and marks sufficient for entrance to a post-secondary area of study. Applicants are required to submit proof of financial need. Applicants are required to submit an original essay of approximately 500 words or a two minute video describing “the impact on their lives and the impact they hope to have on the world should they receive this opportunity.” Students must be planning to attend a Canadian higher education institution. Applicants are encouraged to submit letters of reference from a school official, employer, or a community leader representing a community-based organization. International fee-paying students are not eligible to apply for this award. The recipient must not hold any other scholarship(s) or award(s) administered by EducationMatters or another student award granting body or organization. Academic prizes and bursaries awarded prior to the recipient’s graduating year do not affect eligibility, nor do automatic university entrance awards. Selection will be based on the level of financial need, academics, and the essay.
APPLY:	Online application available at www.educationmatters.ca . Applicants should check with their guidance office for more information and are encouraged to discuss their application with the Scholarship Coordinator at their high school.
SELECTION & PAYMENT:	Recipients are selected and notified by May 31. The Selection Committee will include a representative of the donor and representatives from EducationMatters. To claim the award, within twelve (12) months of notification of award, the recipient must be registered in an eligible program of post-secondary study in Canada of at least four years duration. In order to receive continued funding, award holders must maintain sufficient academic standing to continue in post-secondary based on a full-time course load (as determined by the institution) for the previous semester and provide proof of enrollment. A transcript must accompany each subsequent proof of enrollment which must be received no later than three (3) months after the beginning of the semester. Award will be available to recipients for a five-year period once payment is initiated; students must continue in an appropriate field of study and maintain an adequate GPA as per the terms of the award. Recipients must notify EducationMatters as soon as possible if they plan to defer their award or change their course of study. Payments are made to the post-secondary institution.
DEADLINE:	March 31