



BC Aboriginal
Child Care Society

MARY THOMAS MEMORIAL ECE SCHOLARSHIP

INFORMATION SHEET

DUE TO UNPRECEDENTED CIRCUMSTANCES APPLICATIONS FOR 2019/2020 WERE PUT ON HOLD BUT ARE NOW OPEN

WHO CAN APPLY?

Did you complete a Basic Early Childhood Education program or a Post-Basic Early Childhood Education program with flying colors during the 2019/2020 school year? Celebrate by applying for the Mary Thomas Memorial ECE Scholarship. This scholarship is in honour and fond memory of a highly respected Neskonlith Elder, Mary Thomas. It is awarded **after** you **complete** your Basic or Post-Basic ECE certificate or diploma program (including all practicum requirements). The goal is to recognize and reward two Aboriginal ECE students each year for highest achievement including; overall academic standing (at an approved educational institution and ECE program within BC), outstanding accomplishments, volunteer work, community involvement, references, and history of the applicant. Each year, BCACCS offers one \$1000 scholarship for eligible Basic ECE students and one \$1500 scholarship for eligible Post-Basic ECE students.

APPLICATION FORMS

Application forms are available on our website in the spring of each year by visiting <https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/services/scholarship-awards/how-to-apply-for-a-mary-thomas-memorial-ece-scholarship/>.

Please submit your application form by email, fax, or mail to:

E-mail: jennifer@acc-society.bc.ca

Fax: 604.913.9129

Attention: Scholarship Administrator

Mail: BC Aboriginal Child Care Society – Mary Thomas Memorial ECE Scholarship

102 – 100 Park Royal South

West Vancouver, BC V7T 1A2

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

You must meet **ALL** of these eligibility criteria in order to qualify for a scholarship:

- Be enrolled in or just graduated from an approved educational institution and Early Childhood Education (ECE) program – either Basic ECE or Post-Basic ECE Certificate or Diploma – during the 2019/2020 academic year cycle (completed between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020).
- For a detailed list of approved institutions and ECE programs, phone 1.888.338.6622 about approved institutions & ECE programs; when prompted by the pre-recorded message, choose the option(s) for the ECE Registry or go to this link: [Approved Programs & Institutions](#)
- Be of Aboriginal ancestry: First Nation (Status, Treaty, or Non-Status Indian), Métis, or Inuit.
- Be a Canadian Citizen or Landed Immigrant, and also provide proof of BC residency (permanently living in British Columbia for six months or more at the time of application).
- Provide an **official copy** of your student transcript or record of grades, which establishes that you have successfully completed a Basic ECE Certificate or Diploma program or a Post-Basic ECE Certificate or Diploma program (successful completion requires a minimum 2.0 grade point average or C grade equivalent in all required courses for completion of your ECE program).
- Provide two reference letters.

- Provide an applicant letter.
- An **OFFICIAL** copy of your student transcript or record of grades must be received by BCACCS by **July 31, 2021**.

You are **NOT** eligible if:

- You do not provide all required documentation with your application.
- Your application and all required documentation are not *received* by BCACCS on or before July 31, 2021.

Note: If you will be completing and receiving your Basic ECE or your Post-Basic ECE Certificate or Diploma after July 31, 2020 (including all required practicum courses) then you should apply for this scholarship in the future, during the academic year in which you complete and receive your ECE Certificate or Diploma.

INFORMATION ON HOW TO FILL OUT YOUR APPLICATION FORM

- For your personal reference and records, keep a copy of the scholarship application form you are submitting, as you may need to amend or refer to it.
- Also for your personal reference and records, keep a copy of your transcript or record of grades and all other required documentation you are submitting.
- Application forms and required documentation submitted to BCACCS will not be returned to you.
- Answer all questions on the application form and attach additional pages and/or documents if space on form is insufficient; sign and date your form and submit to BCACCS on or before July 31, 2021.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

- The \$1000 Basic ECE Scholarship will be awarded to the eligible applicant with the highest achievement including overall academic standing, and special highlights of all the eligible applicants.
- The \$1500 Post-Basic ECE Scholarship will be awarded to the eligible applicant with the highest achievement including overall academic standing, and special highlights standing, of all the eligible applicants.
- These scholarships are available for full time and part time ECE students who are completing or have just completed either a Basic ECE Certificate or Diploma or a Post-Basic ECE Certificate or Diploma at an educational institution with an approved ECE program.
- Scholarship winners will be announced by BCACCS in the fall of 2021. The winners will be contacted by phone or e-mail, and BCACCS will also announce the winners on our website, in our E-News, and newsletter.
- Cheques will be issued shortly after the announcement of the winners and will be mailed to each winner at the address shown on her or his application form.
- Scholarships must be declared as income; BCACCS will issue T4A slips to scholarship recipients for the 2021 taxation year on or before February 28, 2022. BCACCS will mail T4A slips to each winner at the address shown on her or his application form.
- Submit only **one** application form per person.

If you have any questions and/or require more information, please contact the Scholarship Administrator at:

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The guidelines for this program are subject to change without notice