

Outline

Brain tumours are unpredictable and complex, and can affect vision, hearing, memory, balance and mobility. Their effects--physical, emotional, financial--last a lifetime.

Funds raised by Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada help support leading-edge research into the cause of and cure for this devastating disease, while also helping to fund vital programs and services for the brain tumour community.

Survivors of a pediatric brain tumour who are pursuing post-secondary education are invited to apply for the Youth Education Award program. The aim of the program is to help young brain tumour survivors achieve their dreams through post-secondary education. These are one-time awards of up to \$5,000.00 for tuition and associated ancillary costs.

Please refer to the *Qualifications* section below for complete terms of eligibility.

Qualifications

- The Youth Education awards are only open to survivors of a pediatric brain tumour (*all tumour types considered, from malignant to non-malignant*) **diagnosed before the age of 25** who live in Canada. This information is confirmed by submitting the completed Medical Eligibility Form with your application by your medical team.
- Applicants **must be between the ages of 16-30 years old**.
- The awards are open to students who will be enrolled full-time¹ in a publicly funded Canadian university or college in the 2025 Fall academic term.
- Students with a disability attending post-secondary school are also eligible provided they meet their institution's requirements for full-time study as a student with a disability
- Students who receive an award from Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada are *not* eligible to apply in future years. If there is an interruption for medical reasons, a medical note is required and eligibility may be opened again. Unused funds are to be returned to Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada
- Students who are unsuccessful in their application may apply again in future years for funding consideration, as long as still eligible. Feedback on the content of previous applications will not be provided. Only complete packages with all materials will be reviewed.

¹ The definition of what constitutes "full-time" status is determined by the post-secondary school being attended.

Application Submission

- A. Please email sruypers@braintumour.ca **one original PDF** copy of the completed Education Award application with all supporting documents
- B. **Character Reference letters must be submitted in the following way:**
 - **Emailed directly from the referee** to Susan Ruypers at sruypers@braintumour.ca

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

Applications must be **sent by April 18, 2025 (time stamp required)**. The results will be communicated to all applicants by **early July 2025**.

NOTE: *In the event that you decide to withdraw your application following submission, promptly notify Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada. Similarly, if you go on to receive an award from Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada, and later withdraw from your course or program for whatever reason, please notify us promptly of this situation so that appropriate measures can be taken.*

2025 Youth Education Award Implementation

Those selected to receive an award will be notified of their successful application, then subsequently profiled on braintumour.ca and through various Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada materials and publications. To help facilitate this process, recipients might be asked to participate in an interview with Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada staff and need to provide a photo of themselves to include with their stories. This may take place before any funds are released to the learning institution in which the student is enrolled. Future updates from the award recipient upon completion and potentially in future after, will also link to this story.

Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada will coordinate payment of **funds directly to the student's institution of learning** in a timely manner, **once all required items are received by the recipient**. The recipient will be notified once the award has been processed and sent to the educational institution.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Ruypers, Manager, Mission Support and Resources

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