

Youth Education Awards

2026 Guidelines

Outline

Brain tumours are unpredictable and complex, and can affect vision, hearing, memory, balance and mobility. The physical, emotional, social, and financial effects can last a lifetime. Survivors of a pediatric brain tumour who are pursuing post-secondary education are invited to apply for the Youth Education Award program.

The goals of this award program are to inspire inclusion and accessibility to post-secondary education for survivors of pediatric brain tumours; to recognize the significant challenges this unique group must overcome; and value the determination and courage exhibited during diagnosis, treatment, and survivorship.

These are one-time awards of up to \$5,000.00 for tuition and associated ancillary costs. **Please refer to the *Eligibility* section below for complete terms and qualifications.**

Eligibility

- The Youth Education awards are only open to survivors of a pediatric brain tumour (*all tumour types considered – malignant, non-malignant, or metastatic*) **diagnosed before the age of 25** who live in Canada. This information is confirmed by completing the patient medical attestation form with your application.
- Applicants **must be between the ages of 16-30 years old**.
- Applicants are eligible if they are in their graduating year of High School or CEGEP program, or are currently enrolled full-time in a recognized publicly funded Canadian university or college and planning to continue their full-time¹ undergraduate studies next year.
- Applicants will be evaluated on the demonstrated impact of brain tumour symptoms, diagnosis, treatments, and lifestyle adjustments. Reviewers will consider the information provided by applicants in the context of the barriers they have faced and the supports available to them.
- 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 for future award consideration and eligibility. Unused funds are to be returned to Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada by the post-secondary institution.
- Students who are unsuccessful in their application may apply again in future years for funding consideration, as long as still eligible. Only complete packages with all materials will be reviewed.

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

Application Submission

- This application consists of six (6) parts including: (i) Student biographic information; (ii) Education, goals, and personal essay; (iii) Motivation towards goals; (iv) Financial information; (v) Patient medical attestation; (vi) External reference letter
- PDF Option for submission:
 - (i) Download and complete the PDF version.
 - (ii) Please complete the application in full.
 - (iii) Please **scan and email** bseewald@braintumour.ca one PDF copy of the completed Education Award application with all supporting documents.
- Web Based Option for submission:
 - (i) Please visit [2026 Youth Education Award Submission](#), or via the QR Code:
 - (ii) Please complete the application in full. Please note this form needs to be completed in one session - you cannot save your progress. You can review the questions and prepare your answers, but your final submission needs to be completed in a single session.
 - (iii) You will be able to submit written, recorded video, or recorded audio formats.



Character Reference letters

- (iv) Please have your reference email a PDF or MS Word (.doc or .docx) speaking to your strengths, community involvement, how you (the applicant) has overcome adversity, and/or what makes you a qualified applicant for the terms of this award directly to Ben Seewald at bseewald@braintumour.ca, using "APPLICANT LAST NAME, Youth Education Award Reference" as the subject line.
- (v) Letters can come from teachers, professors, Teaching Assistants, Tutors, guidance counsellors, coaches, employers, volunteer supervisors, support workers, Elders, community leaders, or members of your place of worship.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

Applications must be **sent by Friday, May 1, 2026, by 5:00 p.m. (ET)** The results will be communicated to all applicants by **late June 2026**.

NOTE: *If you need to withdraw your application, promptly notify Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada. If you receive an award from Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada, and later withdraw from your studies for whatever reason, please notify us immediately.*

2026 Youth Education Award Implementation

Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada will coordinate payment of funds directly to the student's institution of learning, **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.

Questions? Contact Ben Seewald, Support Services Specialist, Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada:

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