



The Trevor Harrison Civic Engagement Scholarship

2026 Guidelines

Outline

Trevor Harrison was a lifelong political volunteer and staffer. He was policy-driven and pragmatic, and a beacon of optimism in an often cynical profession. His legacy is one of inclusivity, kindness and respect.

At 24 years old, Trevor had a grand mal seizure and collapsed while playing football. He was diagnosed with an astrocytoma brain tumour. Trevor lived with his tumour for another 12 years. This time was spent contributing to Canadian public policy, working for candidates he believed in, and making lifelong friends, including his wife.

To honour Trevor's legacy, his family has created this Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada student scholarship in his name. The scholarship aims to provide financial support to politically engaged students, who have also been impacted by a brain tumour and who want to make positive contributions to public policy and/or politics through civic engagement, in their pursuit of post-secondary education. Throughout his life and the health challenges he faced, Trevor carried himself with dignity, grace, thoughtfulness, and professionalism. Trevor was always thinking of others; this scholarship seeks to embody his spirit and vision for a better Canada. It awards \$2,000 to the successful candidate.

Qualifications

- This award is open to anyone affected by a brain tumour (all tumour types considered, malignant or non-malignant) who lives in Canada. Brain tumours are a life-changing diagnosis that impacts the surrounding loved ones, including friends and family. Where possible, priority will be given to survivors, but anyone impacted by a brain tumour diagnosis is welcome to apply.
- Applicants must be entering or attending post-secondary school in Canada and pursuing an undergraduate degree in Political Science, Public Affairs, Public Policy, or related program.
- Volunteer experience including but not limited to political campaigns, community building or awareness initiatives, policy work, and government experience at any level.
- Applicants are required to include a personal statement outlining their commitment to civic engagement which may include experience in politics or public policy, along with a letter of reference.
- Students who are unsuccessful in their application may apply again in future

years for funding consideration. Feedback on the content of previous applications will not be provided.

- Only complete packages with all materials will be reviewed.

Submission

Please **email one copy** of the completed Education Award application and all attachments. See below for reference letter instructions to sruypers@braintumour.ca

Character Reference letters must be submitted in the following way:

Emailed directly from the referee to Susan Ruypers at sruypers@braintumour.ca

Reference letters forwarded by the applicant will not be accepted.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

Applications must be **received by July 10, 2026**.

The results will be communicated to all applicants by **September 2026**.

Note: In the event that you decide to withdraw your application following submission, promptly notify Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada of your circumstance. 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, you must notify Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada promptly of this situation so that appropriate measures can be taken with regards to returning funding.

Award Implementation

Those selected to receive an award will be notified of their successful application. Award recipients will be highlighted through various Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada platforms and materials including website, newsletters, and social media. To help facilitate this process, recipients may be asked to participate in an interview with Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada staff, provide a brief bio, and a photo of themselves to include with their stories. This may take place before any funds are released to the student. Future updates from the award recipient will also link to this story.

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

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