



VCAC Academic Excellence Scholarship Program GUIDELINES

Regulations and Guidelines

The VCAC scholarship program encourages excellence among the community members and young generations. **The scholarships** will be awarded based on academic performance and using a systematic approach, looking for a comprehensive citizen to represent the community in educational institutions. In addition, participants must have proven performance in other areas such as arts, sports, volunteering work, etc.

Value

The scholarships will be awarded for the academic year, valued at \$1000 each per year. The Sponsors will contribute 50% (\$500), and the VCAC will donate the other 50% (\$500) per scholarship.

Scholarship Categories

Two award categories are available through the VCAC Scholarships Program: Competitive Scholarships Category A and B.

Competitive Scholarships Category A

This category will be granted to students admitted as first-year full-time student to a Canadian Post-Secondary Institute.

Eligibility

Canadian/Resident legal status required.

Be officially enrolled in a Canadian Post-Secondary Institute in a full-time undergraduate degree program and enrolled in a minimum of 4 courses per term.

Having been a full-time secondary school student in a Canadian high school during the previous academic year.

Be involved in extracurricular activities and volunteer work.

Competitive Scholarships Category B

This category will be granted to students currently enrolled in the second or third year of a program in a Canadian Post-Secondary Institute.

Eligibility

Canadian/Permanent Resident legal status required

Be officially enrolled in a Canadian Post-Secondary in a full-time undergraduate degree program and enrolled in a minimum of 4 courses per term.

Hold a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 on a 4-point scale

Participants must be registered for the next semester

Be involved in extracurricular activities and community or volunteer work.

Application Process

(Incomplete or late applications will not be considered)

Applications have been submitted by the deadline established.

Applications must include the following:

Completed application form.



Documentation to prove your Canadian legal status.

VCAC reference letter.

Official transcripts for the last year of high school (Competitive Scholarship Category A) or official transcripts for the current program being attended (Competitive Scholarship Category B).

A personal letter (750 words or less) describing both successes and challenges experienced while pursuing your education and the importance of receiving this scholarship.

Two reference letters, one from someone familiar with your current academic work (Reference letter #1) and one from someone who can best vouch for your extracurricular activities, community involvement, and volunteer work (Reference letter # 2).

Applications can be scanned and e-mailed to scholarships@vcac.info or printed and mailed to the Venezuelan Canadian Association of Calgary office located at 302, 223 12 Avenue SW, Calgary, AB, T2R 0G9, Attention: Scholarship program.

Except for personal contact information, the VCAC will not accept any changes or updates to your application after it has been submitted.

Review Procedures

VCAC Scholarship Executive Committee

The VCAC-Scholarship executive committee is responsible for coordinating and organizing the entire scholarship program.

VCAC Scholarship Review Committee

This committee will review all applications received. The committee will recommend successful applicants be awarded the scholarships based on the selection criteria established in the program's regulations and within the limit of available awards.

Selection Criteria Weightings and Indicators

Each candidate is ranked based on the selection criteria reported in the table below.

Scholarship averages are based on two decimal points and are not rounded

Scholarship averages are calculated using the six best grades obtained by the Alberta grade 12 courses completed during the regular fall/winter school year (courses 30-1 and 30-2).

Criterion	Indicators	Evidence	Weight, %
Academic Excellence Scholarship Category-A	Academic Record	High School Transcript	75
	Extracurricular activities and or community involvement and/or volunteer work	Personal letter	10
		Reference letter # 1	7.5
		Reference letter # 2	7.5
Academic Excellence Scholarship Category-B	Academic Record	University Transcript	75
	Extracurricular activities and or community involvement and/or volunteer work	Personal letter	10
		Reference letter # 1	7.5
		Reference letter # 2	7.5



The review committee will recommend scholarships for applicants they consider to have the best qualifications, according to the selection criteria described in this document, and within the limit of available awards.

Subject to Change

The availability and monetary value of all scholarships are subject to change. Therefore, the VCAC reserves the right to change the scholarship information and value without notice.

Notification of Decision

The VCAC will notify the VCAC Academic Excellence Scholarship Program of the selection process results by mail no later than the end of the fall term of the corresponding academic year. The VCAC will not provide results by telephone or e-mail.

The VCAC will publish the names (and other basic award information) of scholarship recipients on the organization's website.

Payment of Awards

The awards will be paid directly to the students selected via a cheque from the VCAC before the end of the fall term of the corresponding academic year.