

2020 Learning Grant Program

INFORMATION SHEET

About the program

In support of our credit union community, Valeyo is proud to sponsor the Learning Grant, a program which provides up to 12 grants in the amount of \$1,000 each to eligible students for full-time study at a qualifying Canadian college or university in 2020.

Grants are allocated on a provincial basis as follows: BC (2), SK (3), AB (2), MB (3), ON (2).

Eligibility requirements

Any student who is a member of a participating credit union is eligible to apply for a Learning Grant. Students must be entering or within a 12-month to 4 year full-time undergraduate or diploma program at a qualifying¹ Canadian institution in Fall 2020.

Who is ineligible to apply?

Employees of Valeyo and its affiliates, employees and board members of participating credit unions, and their respective spouses, dependent children or grandchildren are ineligible to apply for and receive a Learning Grant.

Submission deadline

The program will open February 17, 2020 and will close April 17, 2020. Applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 pm ET.

Submission requirements

1. An official transcript of mid-year high school results or transcript of first year post-secondary results.
2. An essay of 500 words or less OR a video of two minutes or less describing their academic achievement, leadership and community involvement.
3. One letter of reference from school principal, teacher, professor/instructor or community member.

Selection process

A Selection Committee of credit union employees will review all applications and determine successful candidates. Learning Grants will be awarded based on the applicant's academic achievements, leadership and community involvement.

All candidates will be informed of their status following selection. Winners will be asked to provide final high school transcripts and confirmation of enrollment in a post-secondary program.

Application materials will not be returned to the applicants. Recipients of the Learning Grants must agree to have their name and photograph published.

For more information, program terms & conditions and to apply, students may visit the Learning Grant web-page: valeyo.com/learning_grant/

Eligibility

The Learning Grant Program is open to any credit union member in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario.

Applicants must be enrolling/enrolled in a full-time undergrad or diploma program at a qualified Canadian institution in Fall 2020.

Applicants must submit all the requested documents by the given timelines in order to be considered for a Learning Grant.



Evaluation criteria

Applicants will be evaluated based on three criteria: academic achievement, leadership and community involvement.

An abridged copy of the evaluation criteria will be available on the application website: valeyo.com/learning_grant.

Frequently asked questions

Are grants renewable?

No, however, students who are not successful in their first attempt may resubmit an application the following year, if they meet the criteria.

What if a student sends me their application?

All applications must be received electronically. Hard copies may be scanned and sent to: learning.grant@valeyo.com

How can I promote this program in my branch?

Valeyo has created a series of materials for your use:

- A program poster (available in digital and print)
- Digital advertisement; for posting on your credit unions website
- A program brochure (available in digital and print)

Credit unions may use or print materials at their convenience. A limited number of printed posters and brochures will be available for in-branch use. Please speak with your Account Executive to request copies.

How are recipients informed?

All recipients will be informed of their status via email by the Valeyo program administrator once the Selection Committee has made its decision. Your Valeyo Account Executive and the credit union representative will be copied on communications to the winners.

Who do I contact with questions?

Please reach out to your Account Executive or email: learning.grant@valeyo.com