

The Premier's One World Scholarship Program – Application

Statement of Principles

The Premier's One World Scholarship is one of the international scholarship programs made available by the Irving K. Barber British Columbia Scholarship Society (IKBBCSS), and is designed to expand the study abroad opportunities available to British Columbia's public post-secondary undergraduate students. This Scholarship is a prestigious, high-value award, available on a competitive basis to eligible British Columbia students from across the province who are pursuing a portion of their undergraduate post-secondary studies abroad.

Number and value of scholarships

One award worth \$20,000 is available in 2010.

Eligible programs of study

An eligible program of study will be any undergraduate academic program at one of BC's public post-secondary institutions leading to a credential that requires at least two years of full time study for completion.

Eligible study abroad programs are those outside Canada and the United States of America that are either a formal part of the student's credential program at his/her home institution OR carry academic credit recognized by the student's home institution. The study abroad program must be comprised of two consecutive academic semesters (one academic year) of full time study at one institution. In the case of work abroad activities, including applied experiential learning such as cooperative education placements, internships and field work, they may be included if they are an integral part of a student's study abroad program, but they must be combined with two semesters of academic work.

Eligibility criteria

The scholarships will be awarded on a competitive basis to students who:

- are Canadian citizens or permanent residents (landed immigrants);
- are British Columbia residents, defined as having had their primary residency at an address in the province for at least the past 12 months prior to the application deadline, May 17, 2010;
- are able to demonstrate a high level of academic achievement in their post-secondary studies to date, such as having at least a B+ or equivalent academic standing;
- are not carrying out their study/work activity in a country from which the student has immigrated within the past ten years;
- are enrolled in an eligible academic program in British Columbia and have been accepted into an eligible study or work abroad program, as defined above;
- are able to demonstrate links between their study/work abroad experience and their education goals; and
- have preferably demonstrated some involvement in their institution and/or community.

Past Recipients:

Past One World and Pacific Horizons Scholarship recipients are eligible to apply for the Premier's Scholarship, but may not hold a One World and Premier's One World award, or a Pacific Horizons and Premier's One World award, concurrently.

Selection criteria

Applications forwarded to the IKBBCSS Adjudication Committee by the institution will be selected for an award on the basis of:

- academic excellence as well as non-academic accomplishments
- demonstrated interest and involvement in their institutional and/or community affairs
- likelihood of success including personal qualities and character that relate to how students will be successful in their studies abroad
- the connection between the applicant's proposed study/work abroad experience and their educational/career goals
- the content of the applicant's letters of reference

Preference will be given to applicants who are obtaining their first credential.

What activities are considered community and/or institutional involvement?

There are many different ways to make a contribution to your community and/or institution. The adjudication committee is particularly interested in any volunteer (unpaid) work, or work that is not a requirement of your academic program, and that might benefit from your enhanced international perspective upon your return from your learning experience overseas. In some cases, family responsibilities, such as elder care or single parenting, may be considered a contribution to your community. In other cases, involvement in sports, such as coaching, may also provide a strong contribution to your school and/or community. For activities you consider to be community and/or school involvement in the context of this application, it is very important that your chosen referee can confirm your participation in these activities.

Application process and notification

Applicants should submit one completed application form and related materials to the One World Scholarship representative at their current BC post-secondary educational institution. For a current list of the One World Scholarship representatives, please go to: www.BCScholarship.ca/web/representatives. Applications must be received by the educational institution by the deadline date of **May 17, 2010**.

Application forms and all supporting materials (including official transcripts for the highest level of education that the applicant has attained) should be delivered by the applicant to their current institution's One World Scholarship representative with the words "The Premier's One World Scholarship Application Enclosed" clearly indicated on the envelope. If official transcripts are not yet available at the time of application, unofficial transcripts may be provided with the student's application, but official transcripts must be submitted by **June 30, 2010**. No applications will be deemed complete or considered unless all required materials have been received.

Each public post-secondary educational institution in BC can nominate one candidate and one alternate to IKBBCSS. Each institution will review the Premier's One World Scholarship applications received by its students, for completeness and eligibility. Based on the information provided, the institution will determine which applicants are deemed the most worthy of receiving the scholarship. Only the applications for the nominated candidate and the alternate are forward to the IKBBCSS.

The IKBBCSS Adjudication Committee will evaluate all nominated applications and make the final awards decisions. IKBBCSS will notify the successful applicants, and will provide each of the educational institutions with its decisions regarding the applications submitted by that institution.

Admission to a study or work abroad program is determined by the applicant's institutions. If the applicant is not ultimately admitted by, and enrolled in, the designated program of study at the foreign institution, the applicant will not be entitled to receive a Premier's One World Scholarship.

The Premier's One World Scholarship awards will be made available to the successful applicants through the BC post-secondary educational institution at which the student is enrolled, upon IKBBCSS receiving confirmation of that student's acceptance at the foreign institution.

If the student is unable to participate in the planned studies for any reason after being awarded a scholarship, any scholarship funds already paid out to the student must be returned to IKBBCSS immediately.

Selections will be made and notifications sent out to applicants no later than July 15.

Deferrals

If a student wishes to defer his/her participation in the study/work abroad activity for up to one year, rather than cancel it, the student must make a deferral request to IKBBCSS. If a deferral is granted after being awarded a scholarship, any scholarship funds already paid out to the student must be returned to IKBBCSS immediately.

Reports

All students selected to receive a Premier's One World Scholarship will be required to submit a report describing how their study abroad experience has helped them to become more global citizens and contributed to the international exchange of knowledge and culture. Report guidelines will be provided to the students with their scholarship.

Name of the study/work abroad program in which you are **planning to take part**.

Institution/Organization	Program	From		To	
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To be eligible for this scholarship, the program has to form part of your credential at your BC institution.

By participating in this study/work abroad program, I will earn credits towards completion of my credential at my BC institution.

Name of any study/work abroad programs in which you **have previously taken part**.

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Community Involvement

Tell us about your volunteer work and contributions to your school or community. Be sure to include what you did, when you did it and with what organization(s) or individual(s).

Name and type of community and/or school involvement	Hours per Week	Weeks per Year	From - To		Type (circle one)
			Year	Month	
Examples: <i>SPCA: dog walker and front desk helper</i> ----- <i>Student newspaper: write a column 4 times a year</i>	4 ----- 4	48 ----- 3	2009 - 01 to 2009 - 12		Volunteer Part of School Program
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List any extracurricular activities not included in community and/or institutional activities (above):

Type of activities	Hours per Week	Weeks per Year	From		To	
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List your leadership experience (if any):

Type of Experience	From		To		Details
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If particular circumstances prevented you from participating in your community or school, (for example, family responsibilities; location), please explain the reasons. List any other contributions (for example support of family members or friends) which you consider to be equal to formal volunteer activities. Your reference should confirm your role or responsibilities.

Names, titles and work addresses of referees whose letters are included with your application.

1. Name:	Title:
Work Address:	
Work E-mail:	
2. Name:	Title:
Work Address:	
Work E-mail:	

Declaration

I hereby apply for a Premier's One World Scholarship and certify that the information given in this application is true and complete. The Irving K. Barber BC Scholarship Society (IKBBCSS) and its agents are authorized to verify the information contained in this application and in any supporting documentation with my educational institution(s), referees and with other sources as may be necessary to verify its completeness and accuracy.

I understand and agree that the information provided on and in association with this Application Form will be used and disclosed by the Irving K. Barber BC Scholarship Society, and its agents, for the purposes of assessing my eligibility to receive a Premier's One World Scholarship and for administering any award(s) offered to me under the Premier's One World Scholarship program. The IKBBCSS and its agents are subject to the BC *Personal Information Protection Act* and will deal with and safeguard my personal information pursuant to that Act. My institution(s) may be subject to the BC *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* or the BC *Personal Information Protection Act* or other similar legislation and will deal with and safeguard my personal information as required by those Acts. All documents submitted to the IKBBCSS become the property of IKBBCSS.

I hereby authorize my educational institution(s), referees and other individuals and organizations to disclose to IKBBCSS and/or its agents any of my personal information that might be reasonably required by IKBBCSS and/or its agents in the consideration of my Premier's One World Scholarship application and to verify the completeness and accuracy of the information provided in support of my Premier's One World Scholarship application.

Should I be a successful applicant, I consent to the publishing of my name for promotional purposes and the sharing of my name with my post-secondary institution so that congratulations, materials and invitations to events recognizing my accomplishments can be sent to me.

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Cover Letter Form (to be attached to Personal Statement)

Describe the core of your current program of studies (program you are taking, the required courses and the electives you have chosen):

What country do you wish to study in, and why do you wish to study in this particular country?

What factors determined your choice of the international institution at which you have chosen to study? How will the program offered by this institution further your career goals?

What is the language of study at the receiving institution and what is your level of competency with that language (if other than English)?

Describe any other international or intercultural experiences you have had (including work, travel, exposure to other cultures in home country, etc.). List any countries where you have previously participated in international education.

