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The Dr. Bonnie Cameron Post-Secondary Scholarship – 2026

Purpose and Award

Established in 2013, The Dr. Bonnie Cameron Post-Secondary Scholarship exists to assist students living with arthritis in achieving their educational goals. It is presented by Runanthropic.org in honour of the inspiring work and dedication of Dr. Cameron and the entire Rheumatology staff at SickKids Hospital. The scholarship award is \$2,500.

Runanthropic was born out of the idea that as a community, runners thrive on helping others achieve their goals. Whether it be by sharing training tips, nutrition information, articles, websites, great races, or whatever! Runners also want to make a difference in their own communities. Raising money and awareness for the causes that are important to and inspire them. Runanthropic.org is the Runners' Philanthropy site.

Eligibility Requirements

This program is designed for applicants of any age entering or completing their first post-secondary degree. Applicants must be:

- A legal and permanent resident of Canada;
- First diagnosed with inflammatory arthritis by a physician prior to age 18;
- Entering, enrolled in, or awaiting acceptance to a Canadian post-secondary institution full-time for the fall semester of 2026;
- A student who demonstrates academic ambition and embraces a way of life that overcomes the restrictions of living with inflammatory arthritis; and
- Willing and able to comply with conditions outlined under Applicant Consent.

Scholarship committee members and their immediate family members are not eligible applicants.

The Selection of the Winner

The winner will be selected by the sole discretion of an independent committee and will be notified in the month of June by email. Should the winner be pending acceptance to a post-secondary program, the scholarship will be conditional on documentation of verification of enrolment in a post-secondary institution. The winner will receive a \$2,500 scholarship towards their post-secondary education.

Procedures

To apply, application must be submitted online no later than May 15, 2026. Each section of the application must be appropriately filled out by the applicant or designated professional. Along with the application forms, applicants must submit:

- A letter from the treating physician confirming the diagnosis;
- A one page letter of recommendation from a teacher, school official, professional colleague, employer or other member of the community who can attest to your activities (e.g. coach, volunteer coordinator, but not a family member);
- An official transcript from the applicant's most recent year of education;
- Verification of enrolment in a post-secondary institution for the fall semester of 2021; and
- A one page essay written by the applicant describing how they overcome the restrictions of their inflammatory arthritis.

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Applicant Information

Name _____

Home address _____ City _____

Province _____ Postal Code _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) ____/____/____

Email address _____

Home phone number (____) _____-_____ Cell phone number (____) _____-_____

I verify that I/my child/ward meet the eligibility requirements and understand the terms and conditions under which they are applying for this award.

(Signature of applicant or parent/guardian if student is less than 18 years of age) Date ____/____/____

Academics

Please attach an official academic transcript from your most recent year of education as well as verification of enrolment in a post-secondary institution for the fall of 2026.

If acceptance from a post-secondary institution is pending or verification of enrolment is unable to be provided at the time of application, the applicant understands that the scholarship will be conditionally awarded pending this documentation and agrees to provide the appropriate verification should they be selected as the winner.

Please indicate whether verification of enrolment is: **Attached:** **Pending:**

Recommendations

Please attach a one page letter of recommendation from a teacher, school official, professional colleague, employer or other member of the community who can attest to your activities (e.g. coach, volunteer coordinator, but not a family member).

Instructions for referees:

Please provide a one page letter of recommendation that clearly explains the nature of your relationship with the applicant and that can attest to the applicant's character in the face of arthritis.

Health

Please attach a letter from your treating physician verifying the diagnosis of inflammatory arthritis and certifying that you are under their medical care. A template letter is available at <https://runanthropic.org/scholarship/>

Applicant Essay

Please attach a one page (maximum) essay about how you are living your life in such a way that overcomes the restrictions of your arthritis. Essay must be mailed together with the application forms.

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Financial Need

(OSAP stands for Ontario Student Assistance Program. For students outside of Ontario, please consider OSAP to be your provinces student assistance program equivalent. If you are applying for assistance in your province, please select YES.)

(Note that proof may be required should you be selected as the winner.)

Please answer the following questions honestly:

Will you be applying for OSAP for the upcoming school year?

Yes: **No:** **n/a:**

Have you been approved for OSAP for the upcoming school year?

Yes: **No:** **n/a:**

Are you waiting for approval for OSAP for the upcoming school year?

Yes: **No:** **n/a:**

Have you been approved for OSAP in previous school years?

Yes: **No:** **n/a:**

Applicant Consent

By signing below, the applicant is authorizing Runanthropic.org and its affiliates to publish, copyright, and use the information contained in this application in advertising and other promotional materials without prior approval, including display on the Internet, should they be awarded the Dr. Bonnie Cameron Post-Secondary Scholarship. The applicant also authorizes Runanthropic.org to contact them directly and to enter their contact information into a database for future communications from Runanthropic.org. If selected as the winner, the applicant agrees to share their story with the mass consumer media (print, radio or television), should they be called upon, either by phone or in person, about living with inflammatory arthritis to help inspire others struggling to find ways in which to cope with the disease. This agreement is a condition to receipt of the Dr. Bonnie Cameron Post-Secondary Scholarship and an alternate winner may be selected should the applicant be unwilling or unable to comply with these conditions. The applicant also authorizes the post-secondary institution to provide the necessary information to Runanthropic.org and its affiliates in order to process the scholarship.

(Signature of applicant) Date _____ / _____ / _____

Checklist for Submission (everything must be mailed along with the application forms):

- Completed application forms.
- An official transcript from the applicant's most recent year of education.
- Verification of enrolment in a post-secondary institution for the fall of 2026.
- A one page letter of recommendation from your referee.
- A letter from the treating physician confirming the diagnosis.
- A one-page essay written by the applicant.

How did you hear about the scholarship program? Please check all that apply:

- Website
- Social Media (Facebook, Twitter)
- Media
- Doctor's office
- Other (please specify) _____

Please submit all information online at runanthropic.org/scholarship Contact laura.trenton@runanthropic.org with any questions or issues with the online form.