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Scholarship Program FAQ

2026 Scholarship Program Updates

Purpose: This FAQ summarizes the updated SPEATBC scholarship program, including eligibility, application requirements, selection criteria, community engagement bonus points, governance provisions, and recipient responsibilities.

Quick Summary

Area	Summary
Scholarship Categories	Five categories: High School Graduation, Post Secondary, Women in Engineering, New Immigrant in Engineering, and International Student in Engineering.
Core Evaluation	100% weighted scoring based on academic achievement, financial need, community service, extracurricular activities, engineering/technology involvement, personal statement, and future goals.
Bonus Scoring	Up to 5 bonus points for Punjabi language proficiency, additional languages, and SPEATBC volunteer/event support.
Governance	Includes right not to award, conflict of interest, verification, privacy, final authority, and non-discrimination provisions.



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Primary Selection Criteria

Criteria	Weight
Academic Achievement	40%
Financial Need	20%
Community Service and Leadership	15%
Extra-Curricular Activities	5%
Engineering / Technology Involvement	10%
Personal Statement	5%
Future Goals	5%
Total	100%

Community Engagement Bonus Points

Bonus Criterion	Maximum Points
Punjabi Language Proficiency	2
Additional Language Skills Beyond English	1
SPEATBC Volunteer Participation / Event Support	5
Maximum Combined Bonus	7

Bonus scoring note: Bonus points supplement, but do not replace, the primary merit-based and needs-based evaluation criteria. Bonus points alone shall not determine scholarship recipients.

General Program Questions

1. What scholarship categories are available?

SPEATBC offers five scholarship categories: High School Graduation Scholarship, Post Secondary Scholarship, Women in Engineering Scholarship, New Immigrant in Engineering Scholarship, and International Student in Engineering Scholarship.

2. Can I apply for more than one scholarship category?

No. Applicants should select one scholarship category that best matches their eligibility for the application cycle.

3. How many scholarships are awarded each year?

The program is structured around five scholarships, normally one per category, subject to available funding and SPEATBC Executive Committee direction.

4. Is SPEATBC required to award all scholarships every year?



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No. SPEATBC reserves the right not to award a scholarship in a category if applicants do not meet the minimum eligibility requirements or evaluation standards.

Eligibility Questions

5. Who is eligible for the High School Graduation Scholarship?

Grade 12 students or recent graduates within two years who plan to pursue engineering or technology studies at a recognized institution in British Columbia. Applicants must meet the published B-/70% or equivalent academic threshold. Applicants must meet the published B-/70% or equivalent academic threshold.

6. Who is eligible for the Post Secondary Scholarship?

Students enrolled full-time in an eligible certificate, diploma, undergraduate, master's, or doctoral engineering or technology-related program at a recognized institution in British Columbia.

7. Who qualifies for the Women in Engineering Scholarship?

Women enrolled full-time in an engineering or technology-related program at a recognized university, college, or technical institution in British Columbia.

8. Who qualifies for the New Immigrant in Engineering Scholarship?

Applicants who are pursuing engineering or technology studies in British Columbia and arrived in Canada no more than two years before the application deadline.

9. Who qualifies for the International Student in Engineering Scholarship?

Applicants who hold a valid study permit and are enrolled in or pursuing engineering or technology-related studies in British Columbia.

10. Can previous scholarship recipients apply?

Recipients who have received a SPEATBC scholarship within the previous three years may be ineligible. A recipient may receive only one SPEATBC scholarship within a three-year period.

Application Questions

Application deadline: December 30, 2026. Completed applications must be submitted electronically in PDF format by the deadline.

11. What documents are required?

Applicants should submit a completed application form, transcript, proof of enrollment or registration where applicable, current course list, status documentation, two references, community involvement information, financial need statement, future goals statement, and SPEATBC membership confirmation or application.

12. Will incomplete applications be accepted?

Incomplete applications may not be considered. Applicants should submit all required documentation before the deadline.

13. Can SPEATBC verify information in my application?

Yes. SPEATBC reserves the right to verify submitted information and may request supporting documentation at any stage of the review process.

14. What happens if false information is provided?



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False, misleading, or incomplete information may result in disqualification, award revocation, or recovery of scholarship funds already distributed.

Selection Process Questions

15. How are applications evaluated?

Applications are independently reviewed by Scholarship Committee members. Scores are averaged and applicants are ranked within their scholarship category.

16. What are the main evaluation criteria?

The main evaluation criteria are academic achievement, financial need, community service and leadership, extra-curricular activities, engineering or technology involvement, personal statement, and future goals.

17. How many committee members score applications?

Applications are evaluated independently by multiple committee members. Final rankings are based on averaged committee scores and approved bonus scoring criteria.

18. What happens if two applicants receive the same score?

Ties are resolved by higher Academic Achievement, then Financial Need, then Community Service and Leadership. A remaining tie is referred to the Executive Committee or its designated independent decision-maker, with conflicts excluded.

19. Can applicants appeal scholarship decisions?

No. Decisions of the Scholarship Committee and SPEATBC Executive Committee are final and are not subject to appeal.

Bonus Scoring Questions

20. Why was a bonus scoring system introduced?

The bonus scoring framework recognizes community engagement and participation aligned with SPEATBC objectives while maintaining a merit-based and needs-based scholarship evaluation process.

21. Does speaking Punjabi guarantee a better chance of winning?

No. Punjabi language proficiency is only a possible bonus consideration. It does not replace primary evaluation criteria and bonus points alone will not determine scholarship recipients.

22. Why is Punjabi language recognized?

Punjabi language proficiency may support SPEATBC community engagement objectives and outreach activities. It is recognized as a community engagement factor, not a primary selection criterion.

23. Can applicants receive bonus points for languages other than Punjabi?

Yes. Additional language skills beyond English may receive bonus consideration as outlined in the scholarship program.

24. How are SPEATBC volunteer bonus points awarded?

Verified SPEATBC or related community contribution may receive up to 5 points: 1 point for limited participation, 2–3 for recurring participation or event support, 4 for sustained contribution, and 5 for sustained high-impact service or leadership. Intentions without evidence do not receive points.



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Recipient Responsibilities

25. Do scholarship recipients have obligations?

Recipients may be required to provide proof of enrollment, participate in SPEATBC volunteer activities and events, support SPEATBC programs and outreach initiatives, and attend recognition events when reasonably possible.

26. Can scholarship funds be withheld?

Yes. Scholarship funds may be delayed, withheld, or revoked if required conditions are not met.

Governance and Privacy

27. How does SPEATBC address conflicts of interest?

Scholarship Committee members must disclose actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest and may be recused from reviewing or scoring affected applications.

28. How will personal information be used?

Personal information will be used solely for scholarship administration, evaluation, verification, and communication purposes and handled in accordance with applicable privacy legislation.

29. Is the scholarship program fair and inclusive?

SPEATBC is committed to a fair, transparent, merit-based, and non-discriminatory scholarship process. Applications are evaluated consistently using published criteria and committee guidelines.

30. Can SPEATBC change the scholarship program in the future?

Yes. SPEATBC reserves the right to modify scholarship categories, scholarship values, eligibility requirements, application deadlines, evaluation criteria, and scholarship policies based on available funding and program objectives.

31. Who can I contact for questions?

For scholarship inquiries, application support, or eligibility questions, contact: scholarship@speatbc.org