

Pisapio Undergraduate Scholarship First Application Package

Scholarship History

The Pisapio Scholarship Fund was originally established to assist students of Notre Dame University (NDU) in Nelson, BC. After the closure of Notre Dame in 1977, the Pisapio Scholarship Fund was redirected toward the support of Nelson area students attending university elsewhere. Since the initiation of the Pisapio Scholarship in 1977, we calculate that the Trust has distributed approximately \$800,000 to over 800 students who needed to leave their homes in the West Kootenays to attend university!

The Awards

As many as thirty-five scholarships are awarded annually, ranging from \$500 to \$2500. Awards are paid directly to the university, subject to confirmation of the recipient's registration as a full-time student at the university. Candidates may be awarded a maximum of 3 scholarships during the course of their first undergraduate degree.

Applications must be received no later than **October 1st**. Successful applicants will be notified on or before **November 22nd**. Full details of the application process and application form are included in this package.

Successful applicants after receiving their first award will be invited to apply for their second and third awards as applicable with a reduced requirement. As long as they remain eligible per the requirements below, those returning applicants can reapply by providing their transcripts, a brief letter updating the scholarship committee on the progress of their studies and activities, and a single letter of reference from a professor at their university. Our intent is to provide our successful applicants with up to three years of scholarship and bursary.

Eligibility

To be considered for an award, applicants must meet these minimum requirements:

1. Admission into a 4-year or 5-year (co-op option)* undergraduate degree program at an accredited university.
2. Registered as a full-time student, working toward their first undergraduate degree. Full-time registration is defined as minimum of 10 half course equivalents taken during an 8 month period.
3. Completion of a minimum of 10 half course equivalents (first year) toward the degree to which they will apply the award.
4. Graduated from a high school in the West Kootenay Region.

*Students enrolled in a 5-year co-op program may apply for awards to be applied to their scheduled study terms annually. Over the period of their degree, co-op students would receive the same monetary award as 4-year program students, with the awards spread over 4 versus 3 years.

The Application Process

I. A complete application package will include;

1. **Cover Letter** – addressed to the Pisapio Scholarship Selection Committee
 - Applicants’ reasons for attending university, specifically his/her chosen program of study.
 - Opportunity to highlight applicants’ accomplishments, community participation, interests and skills.
2. **Application Form** (included in this package)
3. **Transcripts** – academic excellence is evaluated by applying the ORPAS Undergraduate Grading System Conversion Table (GPA) to the applicants most recent 20 half courses, or the equivalent.
 - For applicants entering their 2nd year of university, transcripts for grades 11 and 12, in addition to the university transcript for their first full-time year are required.
 - Applicants entering 3rd, 4th or 5th year must include a transcript of their most recent two full-time years of study.
4. **Declaration Form** (included in this package)
5. **References** – two letters of reference are required, one from a teacher who taught you in the last two years, and the second from a member of your community (not a relative).
 - Referees are encouraged to focus their comments on one or two of the following areas about which they have the most personal knowledge about you:
 - i. Scholastic ability
 - ii. Community and Extracurricular Participation
 - iii. Personal Qualities and Character
 - iv. Leadership potential

II. **Submit your complete application package**

- ❖ Email to pisapioscholarships@telus.net, attaching all documents as a PDF and inserting “Pisapio Scholarship” in the subject line.

Declaration Form

To be considered for a Pisapio Scholarship award, an applicant must meet the minimum eligibility requirements as identified in this application package.

Eligible applicants will be considered by the Selection Committee, and awards granted to deserving students with outstanding scholastic and community leadership qualities.

It is essential that your application is complete, and that the information contained within is accurate to the best of your knowledge. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. The decision of the Selection Committee is final.

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- i. understand the above conditions of my application;
- ii. declare that the information contained within this Pisapio Scholarship application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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Signature of Applicant