



REFERENCE LETTER INSTRUCTIONS

Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship Application (2025/26)

Instructions for students

You must submit two reference letters as part of your application for the 2026 Pathway to Teacher Education scholarship. The individuals who write your reference letters should know you well, but they cannot be an immediate family member or another student.

1. School reference: please provide one reference letter from a school staff member, such as a teacher, counsellor, school principal, or vice-principal.
2. Community reference: please provide one reference letter from a community member, such as a community leader, coach, instructor, volunteer supervisor, or employer.

Reminder: you must secure these letters in time to submit them with your application by the deadline of 3:00 pm PST on February 17, 2026.

Please share the instructions below with your referees.

Instructions for referees (due to the student **before** February 17, 2026)

You have been asked to write a reference letter on behalf of a student applying for the 2026 Pathway to Teacher Education scholarship. Students must submit reference letters as part of their application. Reference letters will be reviewed by the Ministry of Education scholarships committee for the purpose of assessing submissions and determining recipients.

Please prepare your letter on your organization's letterhead and describe the following about the applicant:

- their potential as a teacher;
- their interest in their community;
- their organization skills;
- their communication skills;
- evidence of teamwork; and,
- any other strengths.

Please also provide the following information about yourself:

- your role (e.g., within the organization);
- your relationship with the applicant; and,
- your contact information.

Please send the student a signed copy of your letter **before** February 17, 2025 (4 MB maximum file size).

Information about the Pathway to Teacher Education scholarship is available online:

www.gov.bc.ca/teachereducationscholarship

Questions? Please contact the Provincial Scholarships Program Team: scholarships@gov.bc.ca