



## WRITTEN STATEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

### Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship Application (2024/25)

#### Instructions for students

Within Section 4 of the online Pathway to Teacher Education scholarship application, you will be asked to submit a written statement.

- Consider the statement question below.
- Prepare your written response.
  - Write a well-developed, multi-paragraph response.
  - Use plain text formatting (e.g., no bold or underline).
  - Do not exceed 500 words.
- Save your work.
- Copy/paste your prepared response into the online application where prompted.

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

[www.gov.bc.ca/teachereducationscholarship](http://www.gov.bc.ca/teachereducationscholarship).

Questions? Please contact the Provincial Scholarships Program team: [scholarships@gov.bc.ca](mailto:scholarships@gov.bc.ca).

**Statement question:** Why do you want to be a K–12 teacher?

In addition to explicitly answering the statement question, you must also describe the following in your answer:

- ✓ how your relevant life, volunteer, and/or work experiences have provided a foundation to pursue a career as a K–12 teacher;
- ✓ how you demonstrated key attributes of an effective teacher in your relevant experiences; and,
- ✓ why these attributes are important for effective teaching.



## RESUME INSTRUCTIONS

### Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship Application (2024/25)

#### Instructions for students

Within Section 3 of the online Pathway to Teacher Education scholarship application, you will be asked to submit the information below.

- Prepare your information offline: then, copy/paste into the online Pathway to Teacher Education scholarship application where prompted.
- Start with your most relevant experience.
  - Consider experiences that have provided you with transferrable skills or that relate directly to your intended career in K–12 teaching.
  - Consider that life experiences can range from minding younger siblings to helping the family business to participating in cultural activities; volunteer and work experiences may be similarly broad in scope.
- Submit experiences from grades 10–12 only. (Note: if an experience started before Grade 10 and/or will continue past Grade 12, report only the grades 10–12 portion.)
- Note that there are character limits to the open textboxes; you may use point form in your responses.

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

[www.gov.bc.ca/teachereducationscholarship](http://www.gov.bc.ca/teachereducationscholarship).

Questions? Please contact the Provincial Scholarships Program team: [scholarships@gov.bc.ca](mailto:scholarships@gov.bc.ca).

1. Prepare the following details about life and/or volunteer and/or work experiences that you believe are relevant to your intended career in K–12 teaching. **You can report up to seven different experiences within the online application; however, you are not required to provide that many.**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| ✓ Start and end dates  | ✓ Your role and responsibilities (800 characters max)  |
| ✓ Total hours  | ✓ How you demonstrated one or more key attributes of an effective teacher during the experience (500 characters max) |
| ✓ Which grades you were in during the experience (submit examples from grades 10–12 only)    | ✓ How the experience will prepare you for a career in K–12 teaching (500 characters max)                             |
| ✓ Where you gained the experience, such as the name of the organization (200 characters max) |  |

2. OPTIONAL: report anything else from grades 10–12 that demonstrates your commitment to and aptitude for a career in K–12 teaching (1,500 characters max). Do not link to external content; it will not be reviewed.



## REFERENCE LETTER INSTRUCTIONS

### Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship Application (2024/25)

#### Instructions for students

You must submit two reference letters as part of your application for the 2025 Pathway to Teacher Education scholarship. The marking team does not mark the reference letters but does consider them when scoring resumes.

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.

The individuals who write your reference letters should know you well, but they cannot be an immediate family member or another student.

- Share the instructions on the following page with your two referees.
- **Have them return signed letters to you *before* the application deadline.** You must secure these letters in time to submit them with your application by the deadline of 3:00 pm PST on Monday, February 17, 2025.
- Save digital copies.
- When you are ready to submit your Pathway to Teacher Education scholarship application online, upload your two letters into the online application form where prompted.
- Some referees prefer to submit a letter directly to the Ministry; in this case, in place of the reference letter, you must upload to the online application where prompted a brief note (PDF) stating that your referee will email their reference letter directly to the ministry by the deadline: [scholarships@gov.bc.ca](mailto:scholarships@gov.bc.ca).



## REFERENCE LETTER INSTRUCTIONS

### Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship Application (2024/25)

#### Instructions for referees

**Deadline: due to the student *before Monday, February 17, 2025***

You have been asked to write a reference letter on behalf of a student applying for the 2025 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](http://www.gov.bc.ca/teachereducationscholarship).

Questions? Please contact the Provincial Scholarships Program team: [scholarships@gov.bc.ca](mailto:scholarships@gov.bc.ca).