



## **Courtside Black Culture Bursary Application**

**Deadline: July 12, 2021 – 11:59PM**

### **Bursary Overview**

The Courtside Black Culture Bursary presents a \$1000 award (each) to three Black Prince Edward Island students annually to help defray post-secondary education costs. The Bursary is awarded based on the demonstrated financial need of the recipient, volunteer experience, extra-curricular involvement, and community service. Because this bursary prioritizes financial need, applicants must complete the Financial Need Section of the bursary application. All information submitted with the bursary application is treated as sensitive and confidential.

### **A Note from the Donors:**

*Courtside is a business that wouldn't exist if it wasn't for Black culture. Over the past year we've watched, listened, and continue to learn more about how serious a problem racism and inequity are in our society.*

*Social issues can't just be about a social media post or hashtag. Moving forward, we will further educate ourselves and be a positive force and role model when it comes to social justice.*

*With this in mind, my wife and I have decided to create the Courtside Black Culture Bursary Fund. Starting this 2021-2022 academic year, we will award three Black students who demonstrate financial need, community support and involvement, and leadership qualities with a \$1,000 bursary. Full details on requirements and application will be shared through the Black Cultural Society of PEI.*

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**How to Submit:** Application packages must be submitted either by email to [info@bcspei.ca](mailto:info@bcspei.ca),

or in person to:       Black Cultural Society of PEI  
                                  ATTN: Courtside Bursary Selection Committee  
                                  176 Great George St., Suite L-05  
                                  Charlottetown, PE, C1A 4K9

If submitting by email, please use the following subject line: Courtside Bursary\_[Your Name]

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### **Bursary Selection Committee**

Bursary Selection Committee is chaired by a member of the Black Cultural Society of PEI (BCSPEI) and is composed of the organization's Board President and/or Vice-President, a current or past Director for BCSPEI, a representative from Courtside Sneakers, a community representative and/or a post-secondary educator or school representative selected by BCSPEI.



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**Eligibility**

- Applicant must identify as Black or of African descent.
- At the time of application, the applicant must currently be registered in an undergraduate level university or college degree/diploma program in Prince Edward Island commencing September or January immediately following the current competition.
- Competition is open to both domestic and international students, including students on study visas, permanent residents, students with refugee status, and citizens.
- Students must be able to demonstrate financial need through the Financial Need section of the application form.
- Preference will be given to students who can demonstrate a high level of community involvement, community service, and leadership qualities.

**Application Package**

Each applicant must ensure that a complete application package is provided at the time of submission. A completed application will include all of the following items (no other supporting documentation will be accepted):

- Application Cover Sheet with completed Checklist
- Completed Courtside Black Culture Bursary application form
  - Part A: Applicant Information
  - Part B: Financial Need
  - Part C: Personal statement - letter or video detailing how you have contributed to the Island community. (Maximum 2 pages or 5 minutes)
  - Part D: Signed declaration
- Confirmation of enrolment to a post-secondary institution in PEI
- A minimum of two letters of reference: 1 academic and 1 community (Note: a maximum of 3 letters of reference, in total, will be accepted. If more than 3 letters are submitted, only the first 3 will be reviewed)

**Additional information**

Bursary Funds Donor:

Nathan Clark, Owner  
Courtside Sneakers PEI



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**Application Cover Sheet**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please ensure you have included the following documents in your package:

**CHECKLIST:**

- Application cover sheet with completed checklist
- Courtside Sneakers Bursary application form
  - Part A: Applicant Information
  - Part B: Financial Need
  - Part C: Personal statement - letter or video detailing your contributions to/involvement in the Island community. (Maximum 800 words or 5 minutes)
  - Part D: Signed declaration
- Confirmation of enrolment to a post-secondary institution in PEI
- A minimum of two letters of reference: 1 academic and 1 community (Note: a maximum of 3 letters of reference, in total, will be accepted. If more than 3 letters are submitted, only the first 3 letters in the package will be reviewed)

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Black Cultural Society of PEI  
Atlantic Technology Centre  
176 Great George St, Suite L-05  
Charlottetown, PE, C1A 4K9

***Applications must be received by the deadline - incomplete or late applications will NOT be accepted.***

***Please note that applications submitted in person will only be accepted until 5:00pm on July 12, 2021 (emailed applications will be accepted until 11:59pm).***



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**PART A: APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address) (City)

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
(Prov.) (Postal Code)

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status:  married  single Is your spouse also a post-secondary student?  yes  no  N/A

Number of dependents (children or elders) in your care?: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Full- or Part-time: \_\_\_\_\_

Program of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Program Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

In the upcoming semester, how many courses will you be enrolled in?: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Submit a copy of completed application to the Black Cultural Society of PEI, Courtside  
Bursary Selection Committee.*

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**PART B: FINANCIAL NEED**

EXPENSE ITEM	AMOUNT	RESOURCE ITEM	AMOUNT
<b>EDUCATION EXPENSES</b>		<b>EDUCATION RESOURCES</b>	
Tuition and fees	\$	Savings	\$
Books	\$	Awards (scholarships/bursaries)	\$
Supplies/Lab fees	\$	Student Loans/Grants	\$
Other (please specify)	\$	Family Contribution to education expenses	\$
	\$	Other (please specify)	\$
<b>Education Expenses Total (A)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Education Resources Total (C)</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>MONTHLY EXPENSES</b>		<b>MONTHLY INCOME</b>	
Housing (rent or mortgage)	\$	Net Employment Earnings (from all sources)	\$
Food	\$	Spouse's Net Employment Earnings (from all sources)	\$
Utilities	\$	Sponsorship	\$
Transportation	\$	Child Care Subsidy	\$
Medical/Dental/Optical	\$	Other Benefits (CPP, EI)	\$
Child/Elder Care	\$	Family Contribution to living expenses	\$
Other (please specify)	\$	Other (please specify)	\$
<i>Monthly Expenses Total</i>	\$	<i>Monthly Income Total</i>	\$
<i>X Number of Months</i>	\$	<i>X Number of Months</i>	\$
<b>Total Living Expenses (B)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Total Income (D)</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES (A + B)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>TOTAL RESOURCES (C + D)</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Total Expenses – Total Resources = Financial Need</b>			
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**PART C: PERSONAL STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP**

Please attach either a letter (maximum two pages) or a video (maximum five minutes) detailing your personal involvement with the PEI community, any extracurricular activities, volunteer experience, community service, and/or examples of leadership qualities. Please ensure that your submission adheres to the formatting guidelines detailed below.

**Acceptable Letter formatting:**

- Paper size: Letter (8.5" x 11")
- Font size: minimum 11pt, maximum 12pt
- Acceptable fonts: Times New Roman, Arial, Calibri
- Line spacing: minimum 1.15, maximum 1.5
- Word count: minimum 500, maximum 800

**Acceptable video formats:** Videos must be submitted in one of the following ways:

- **For applications submitted in person**, please submit your video on a USB drive in one of the following formats: .mp4, .mov, .avi, .wmv
- **For applications submitted by email**, please either include a WeTransfer link with your submission; **OR**
- Upload your video to YouTube using the "Unlisted" privacy setting and include the YouTube link with your submission. Your video must remain available for viewing until August 31, 2021. (Click [here](#) to learn how to upload and share an unlisted video on YouTube.)

**PART D: DECLARATION**

I hereby declare that I have answered all questions in this application that are applicable to me, and that all information provided in this application, financial or otherwise, is true to the best of my knowledge. I further declare that I am willing to submit all statements for independent verification and that I will submit any documentation necessary to substantiate the statements made and expenses claimed. Furthermore, I agree that if my circumstances change, the bursary may be rescinded.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date