



## Courtside Black Culture Bursary Application

**Deadline: November 3, 2023 – 11:59PM**

### **Bursary Overview**

The Courtside Black Culture Bursary presents a \$1000 award (each) to three Black students on Prince Edward Island to help defray post-secondary education costs. The Bursary is awarded based on the demonstrated financial need of the recipient and at least one of the following: community support and involvement (this could include volunteer experience, extra-curricular involvement, or community service) and leadership qualities. 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 in the 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 Funds Donor:** Nathan Clark, Owner  
Courtside Sneakers PEI



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**Bursary Selection Committee**

Bursary Selection Committee is chaired by the executive director of the Black Cultural Society of PEI (BCSPEI) and committee members include a member of the BCSPEI Board of Directors or staff, a community representative, and a post-secondary educator or school representative selected by BCSPEI.

**Eligibility**

- The applicant must identify as Black or of African descent
- At the time of application, the applicant must be registered in an undergraduate level university or college degree/diploma program in Prince Edward Island.
- 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 also demonstrate community support/involvement, and/or 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 community either in PEI or elsewhere. (Maximum 750 words or 3 minutes)
  - Part D: Signed declaration
- Confirmation of enrolment to a post-secondary institution in PEI
- A minimum of one letter of support. This can be from anyone from PEI or elsewhere. (Note: a maximum of 2 letters of support, in total, will be accepted. If more than 2 letters are submitted, only the first 2 will be reviewed.)