Scholarships and Bursary Awards

Overview

The Automotive Retailers Foundation (ARFI) governs all scholarships and bursaries (e.g. Bob Clarke Scholarship and BC Auto Recyclers Bursary) awarded through the Foundation. Governance is independent of any outside interest and remains solely in accordance with the Foundation's articles of incorporation.

In 2017, the following 7 awards will be offered:

ARFI - Bob Clarke Memorial $1000 (quantity 1)
ARFI - BC Auto Recyclers Bursary $1000 (quantity 2)
ARFI - Scholarship - Automotive Career Development $1000 (quantity 2)
ARFI - Scholarship - Apprenticeship – 2nd year applicants $1000 (quantity 1)
ARFI - Scholarship - Apprenticeship – 3rd year applicants $1000 (quantity 1)

Guidelines

1. The adjudication and awarding of the scholarships and bursaries is determined by the ARFI Board.
2. General guidelines for the awards are based on the language approved within the AFRI's articles of incorporation.
3. Children and/or dependents of ARFI board members are not eligible to apply.
4. Each individual may only receive a maximum of one award per year (ARFI Board reserves the right to award beyond this).
5. The recipient will be invited to attend the ARA AGM to receive the award. If the recipient is unable to attend the AGM a video from recipient acknowledging the award will be requested (request per application form).
Automotive Retailers Foundation Inc. (ARFI) - Bursaries

Deadline: June 30th of each year

The Automotive Retailers Foundation Inc. (ARFI) is the culmination of the Automotive Retailers Association (ARA) and its members’ desire to support individuals in their pursuit of automotive careers in British Columbia. The mission of the Automotive Retailers Foundation Inc. is to engage in the receipt of donations and to conduct charitable activities in Canada for the purpose of advancing education and relieving poverty in Canada, specifically with respect to the automotive trades sector. Among its other activities, the Automotive Retailers Foundation Inc. provides for bursaries and scholarships to aid students and prospective students in automotive trades training.

The bursaries were developed to aid low-income individuals ($40K or less combined family income) enrolled in a post-secondary automotive industry related training program. Selected candidates receive a $1,000 (Canadian) bursary. While all students enrolled in an automotive related program are encouraged to apply, priority in awarding bursaries is given to those who demonstrate the greatest financial need.

The recipient(s) is requested to acknowledge their award either by attending in person or through a video recording to be presented at the ARA’s Annual General Meeting.

Please note: Students must be enrolled full-time for the year of the scholarship. For instance, applicants who apply in 2017 must be enrolled for the September 2017-2018 academic year.

Policies

- Qualified applicants must either be a graduating high school senior or have graduated from high school within the past two years.
- Applicants must be enrolled in a college-level program, university or an accredited automotive program. Students must be enrolled full-time for the year of the scholarship. You must be enrolled for September of the year you are applying until April of the following year.
- Priority is given to those pursuing a career in the automotive aftermarket.
- Applicants expressing an interest in automotive recycling are given special consideration when applying for bursaries awarded under the Recyclers program(s).
- Applicants must be attending a full-time program in British Columbia.
- Children or dependents of ARFI board members are not eligible to apply.
- Each individual may only receive a maximum of one award per year (ARFI Board reserves the right to award beyond this).
Submission Requirements

It is imperative that all applications are properly completed as incomplete applications will not be processed.

☐ Bursary application along with your essay (at least 250 words in length, no longer than one page, double-spaced), indicating why you believe you deserve to be chosen to receive a bursary.

☐ If you are still attending high school or have graduated but not yet entered your post-secondary program, you must submit a high school transcript.

☐ If you are attending a post-secondary program, you must submit a copy of your current school transcript with official school seal.

☐ Letter of recommendation (from a non-family member, preferably an employer, teacher or someone other than a family friend).

☐ Signed statement of combined family income being at or below the maximum level stated for the current year of application for bursary.

How to Apply

Canadian Applicants:

*Download and complete the application form at www.ara.bc.ca/foundation/*

Awarded Bursaries

Bursaries are awarded annually within British Columbia to qualified students enrolled in an automotive program in the British Columbia region. Consideration is given to awarding students throughout the province.

Bursaries awarded under the Recycling Bursary programs give special consideration to students expressing an interest in automotive recycling.

Notification

All applicants will be notified of the Selection Committee’s decisions. Awards are applicable to the academic year commencing in September of the year of application and awarding.

Administration

The administration of the scholarship program is carried out by the ARFI, under the direction of the ARFI Board Chair.
Automotive Retailers Foundation Inc. (ARFI) Scholarship

Deadline: June 30th of each year

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Selected candidate(s) receive a $1,000 (Canadian) scholarship. While all students are encouraged to apply, priority in awarding scholarships will be given to those who demonstrate the greatest academic performance and are pursuing a career in the automotive aftermarket industry.

The recipient(s) are requested to acknowledge their award either by attending in person or through a video recording to be presented at the ARA’s Annual General Meeting.

Please note: Students must be enrolled full-time for the year of the scholarship. For instance, applicants who apply in 2017 must be enrolled for the September 2017-2018 academic year.

Policies

- Qualified applicants must either be a graduating high school senior or have graduated from high school within the past two years.

- Applicants must be enrolled in a college-level program, university or an accredited automotive program. Students must be enrolled full-time for the year of the scholarship. You must be enrolled for September of the year you are applying until April of the following year.

- Priority is given to those pursuing a career in the automotive aftermarket.

- Applicants must be attending a full-time program in British Columbia.

- Children or dependents of ARFI board members are not eligible to apply.

- Each individual may only receive a maximum of one award per year (ARFI Board reserves the right to award beyond this).
Submission Requirements

It is imperative that all applications are properly completed as incomplete applications will not be processed.

☐ Scholarship application along with your essay (at least 250 words in length, no longer than one page, double-spaced), indicating why you believe you deserve to be chosen to receive a scholarship.

☐ If you are still attending high school or have graduated but not yet entered your post-secondary program, you must submit a high school transcript.

☐ If you are attending a post-secondary program, you must submit a copy of your current school transcript with official school seal.

☐ Letter of recommendation (from a non-family member, preferably an employer, teacher or someone other than a family friend).

How to Apply

Applicants: Download and complete the application form at www.ara.bc.ca/foundation/

Awarded Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded annually within British Columbia to qualified students enrolled in an automotive program in the British Columbia region. Consideration is given to awarding students throughout the province.

Notification

All applicants will be notified of the Selection Committee’s decisions. Awards are applicable to the academic year commencing in September of the year of application and awarding.

Administration

The administration of the scholarship program is carried out by the ARFI, under the direction of the ARFI Board Chair.
Bob Clarke Automotive Scholarship

Bob Clarke was a “car guy”. He spent his entire working life in virtually every facet of the automobile industry. He had a gift of establishing long-lasting relationships, which was a valuable asset during his tenure as Executive Director of the Automotive Retailers Association.

Bob passed away in January 2012, and to honour his legacy, the ARA through the Automotive Retailers Foundation Inc. has created the Bob Clarke Automotive Scholarship, to be awarded to an eligible student who wishes to pursue post-secondary education leading to a career in the automotive industry.

**Scholarship description:**

The scholarship provides up to $1000 towards tools or post-secondary education tuition leading to a career in the automotive industry, and is awarded annually.

**Eligibility:**

To be eligible, applicants must have completed a secondary school automotive, ACE-IT or Foundation program by the end of the current school year. We are looking for those who have demonstrated a flair for, and a genuine interest in, pursuing a career in the automotive trades and plan to enroll in a Red Seal apprenticeship.

Applicants are asked to provide the following:

- A letter from the applicant stating his/her long-term automotive goals. The applicant’s letter should briefly outline why they believe they should be considered for this scholarship. It may include a summary of past school and work experience.

- A letter from the applicant’s primary automotive instructor or current automotive employer stating why the instructor feels the scholarship applicant is worthy of receiving the scholarship. This may include the applicant’s academic achievements, natural ability, hard work, professionalism, teamwork, attention to detail, initiative, etc.

- A copy of the scholarship applicant’s most recent academic record. Overall academic achievements, as well as achievements specifically related to the automotive sector, should be included.

- A brief outline of the scholarship applicant’s demonstrated leadership and civic abilities. These abilities do not necessarily have to be automotive related, but should be evident in the
applicant’s interactions in their school or community environments. Examples of leadership and civic interests include, but are not limited to, acting as class president, working as a volunteer for a charitable or community group, and participating as a member of a service club.

☐ An outline of financial considerations as they relate to the student’s pursuit of their automotive studies. The scholarship applicant’s degree of need should be clearly demonstrated. Other scholarships or awards won by the applicant should be noted, as well as the applicant’s ability to continue his/her studies based on financial considerations.

Candidates for 2017 will be accepted starting January 1, 2017.

**How to Apply**

**Applicants:** Download and complete the application form at www.ara.bc.ca/foundation/

**Awarded Scholarships**

One scholarship is awarded annually within British Columbia to qualified students enrolled in an automotive program in the British Columbia region.

**Notification**

All applicants will be notified of the Selection Committee’s decisions. Awards are applicable to the academic year commencing in September of the year of application and awarding.

**Administration**

The administration of the scholarship program is carried out by the ARFI, under the direction of the ARFI Board Chair.
Bursary / Scholarship Application Form

Which ARFI Scholarship are you applying for? (please check all that apply)

☐ ARFI Scholarship Automotive Apprentice level 2
☐ ARFI Scholarship Automotive Apprentice level 3
☐ ARFI Scholarship Automotive Career Development
☐ ARFI Bob Clarke Automotive Scholarship
☐ ARFI Automotive Recyclers Bursary

Details of applicant

Full Name: ________________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________ City: __________ Province: _________ Postal code: __________

Telephone: __________________________ Email: ________________________________

Social Insurance Number: ___________________________________________________

Course Enrolled In: __________________________ Graduation Date: _______________

Institution at which you are currently enrolled: ________________________________

I have read and understand the scholarship requirements for the scholarship(s) I am applying for and have submitted all required information and documentation.

________________________________________________________________________
Applicants Signature

________________________________________________________________________
Date
1. Submission Requirements / Bursary Checklist

Bursary Award Amount: $1,000 | Application deadline: June 30

Applicants must be enrolled in an automotive aftermarket industry-related program or curriculum at a Canadian post-secondary institution. This includes students pursuing their studies as an automotive apprentice. It also includes, but is not limited to, Red Seal studies in any of the following automotive sectors; automotive collision repair technician, automotive painter, automotive service technician, heavy duty equipment technician, motorcycle and power equipment technician, parts person, recreational vehicle service technician, and truck and transport mechanic.

1. You must submit with this application:

☐ A letter from the applicant stating his/her long-term automotive goals. The letter should briefly outline why they believe they deserve to be chosen to receive a bursary including an outline of financial considerations as they relate to the student’s pursuit of their automotive studies. The applicant’s degree of need should be clearly demonstrated. (250 words minimum, no longer than a page)

☐ A copy of the applicant’s most recent high school transcript

☐ A copy of the applicant’s most recent school transcript (with official seal) - If attending a post-secondary program,

☐ A letter of recommendation (from a non-family member, preferably an employer, teacher or someone other than a family friend)

Note: The recipient(s) will be requested to provide a recent photograph for use in promotional material.

2. Instructor Recommendation

Name: ____________________________________ Title: ________________________________

Institution Name: _________________________________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________________

City/Prov: ______________________________________ Postal Code: ___________________

Phone: __________________________________

Signature: _______________________________________ Date: __________________________

3. High School Status

☐ Currently a high school senior and will graduate this year

☐ Graduated in the last 2 years: (year graduated) _________

4. Program You Are Entering

☐ I am enrolling in an automotive training program (name of program): ____________________

School: ______________________________________ City/Prov: __________________________
2. Submission Requirements / Scholarship Checklist

**Scholarship Award Amount: $1,000 x 2 | Application deadline: June 30**

Applicants must be enrolled in an automotive aftermarket industry-related program or curriculum at a Canadian post-secondary institution. This includes students pursuing their studies as an automotive apprentice. It also includes, but is not limited to, Red Seal studies in any of the following automotive sectors; automotive collision repair technician, automotive painter, automotive service technician, heavy duty equipment technician, motorcycle and power equipment technician, parts person, recreational vehicle service technician, and truck and transport mechanic.

1. You must submit with this application:

- A letter from the applicant stating his/her long-term automotive goals. The letter should briefly outline why they believe they deserve to be chosen to receive a bursary including an outline of financial considerations as they relate to the student’s pursuit of their automotive studies. The applicant’s degree of need should be clearly demonstrated. (250 words minimum, no longer than a page)

- A copy of the applicant’s most recent high school transcript

- A copy of the applicant’s most recent school transcript (with official seal) - If attending a post-secondary program,

- A letter of recommendation (from a non-family member, preferably an employer, teacher or someone other than a family friend)

**Note:** The recipient(s) will be requested to provide a recent photograph for use in promotional material.

2. Instructor Recommendation

Name: ____________________________________  Title: _______________________________

Institution Name: _________________________________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________________

City/Prov: ________________________________________ Postal Code: ___________________

Phone: __________________________________

Signature: _______________________________________ Date: __________________________

3. High School Status

- Currently a high school senior and will graduate this year

- Graduated in the last 2 years: (year graduated) _________

4. Program You Are Entering

- I am enrolling in an automotive training program (name of program): ____________________

  School: ________________________________________ City/Prov: __________________________
3. Submission Requirements / Bob Clarke Scholarship Checklist

**Bob Clarke Scholarship Amount:** $1,000  |  **Application deadline:** June 30

Applicants must be enrolled in an automotive aftermarket industry-related program or curriculum at a Canadian post-secondary institution. This includes students pursuing their studies as an automotive apprentice. It also includes, but is not limited to, Red Seal studies in any of the following automotive sectors; automotive collision repair technician, automotive painter, automotive service technician, heavy duty equipment technician, motorcycle and power equipment technician, parts person, recreational vehicle service technician, and truck and transport mechanic.

**1. You must submit with this application:**

- A letter from the applicant stating his/her long-term automotive goals. The letter should briefly outline why they believe they deserve to be chosen to receive a bursary including an outline of financial considerations as they relate to the student’s pursuit of their automotive studies. The applicant’s degree of need should be clearly demonstrated. (250 words minimum, no longer than a page)
- A copy of the applicant’s most recent high school transcript
- A copy of the applicant’s most recent school transcript (with official seal) - If attending a post-secondary program,
- A letter of recommendation (from a non-family member, preferably an employer, teacher or someone other than a family friend)
- A letter from the applicant’s primary automotive instructor or current automotive employer stating why they feel the scholarship applicant is worthy of receiving the Bob Clarke scholarship

**Note:** the recipient of this award will be requested to attend the ARA annual general meeting in person in September to be awarded their scholarship in front of membership.

**2. Instructor Recommendation**

Name: __________________________ Title: __________________________
Institution Name: _________________________________________________________________
Address: _______________________________________________________________________
City/Prov: ________________________________________ Postal Code: ___________________
Phone: __________________________________
Signature: _______________________________________ Date: __________________________

**3. High School Status**

- Currently a high school senior and will graduate this year
- Graduated in the last 2 years: (year graduated) _________

**4. Program You Are Entering**

- I am enrolling in an automotive training program (name of program): ____________________
School: __________________________ City/Prov: __________________________
Send Your Application

☐ Please scan and email your application to foundation@ara.bc.ca or mail it to the following address:
Automotive Retailers Foundation Inc.
1-8980 Fraserwood Court.
Burnaby, BC, V5J 5H7