

Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences of Alberta

SVU Scholarship Guidelines

Objective

The purpose of this scholarship, to be known as CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIETY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES OF ALBERTA (SVU) SCHOLARSHIP, in abbreviated form as SVU SCHOLARSHIP, is to support students in the pursuit of undergraduate, graduate or special studies and/or research. The focus of these activities should preferably be related to Czech or Slovak history, culture, language, music, politics, as well as engineering, sciences or economics. More general programs may be considered with a lower priority.

The expectation is that such studies or research will enhance Canadian-Czech and Canadian-Slovak relations, contribute to a better understanding of our cultures and economic structures, promote partnerships, exchange of ideas, and cooperation between schools and industries in both countries, and assist the applicants in their academic pursuits.

The Society will issue up to five (5) Scholarships per calendar year but may, at its discretion, award additional scholarships in any given calendar year if it feels that the additional scholarship will enhance the scholastic pursuits of the recipient(s) and the Society objectives.

Scholarship Value

Applicants who comply with the objectives specified above may apply for a scholarship of \$2000.00 per year.

Eligibility

1. In order to be eligible for a scholarship, the applicant must preferably be of the Czech or Slovak ancestry, or involved in Czech or Slovak studies.
2. Location of scholarship tenure is restricted as follows:
 - a. Canadian Citizens or Landed Immigrants residing in Alberta can hold a SVU scholarship at any institution of higher learning in Canada, or at any such institution in the Czech Republic or Slovak Republic.
 - b. Czech or Slovak Citizens with valid Student or Work Permit can hold a SVU scholarship at any institution of higher learning in the province of Alberta.
3. The application will be adjudicated considering the following criteria, listed in the order of priority:
 - a. Applicants registered in an accredited post-secondary program leading to a university degree, at an institution in Canada, Czech Republic, or Slovak Republic.
 - b. Applicants registered in an accredited post-secondary program leading to a diploma.
 - c. Applicants preparing for research careers as postdoctoral fellows at accredited institutions in Canada, Czech, or Slovak Republic.
 - d. Applicant enrolled in special programs of study.

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4. Additional conditions:

- a. The applicants must normally be under 25 years of age at the date of entrance to the university.
- b. An applicant is eligible for one scholarship per year for a maximum of four (4) consecutive years, or until a first degree is obtained, whichever occurs first. There is no automatic renewal of the scholarship, and the conditions and process for a scholarship renewal application is identical to the first-time application.
- c. Successful applicants are expected to become active members of SVU.

Process

- Note will be posted on the SVU website in April of each year reminding all future applicants and current recipients of the scholarship of the process of applying for the scholarship for the coming school year and the scholarship application submission deadline.
- Submission deadline is June 1 each year.
- Applicants must complete an Education Scholarship Application, attach proof of registration either through a tuition receipt or copy of a timetable, and apply within the specified deadline. All parts of the application must be typed.
- In the section 2 of the application form, clearly indicate how the intended education program would contribute towards the objectives of the SVU scholarship program (see above).
- SVU executive will appoint Scholarship selection committee.
- Scholarship Selection committee will present their selection of the potential Scholarship recipients to the SVU executives for their approval.
- Shortly after the application deadline, the SVU executive committee will advise applicants in writing if they did not meet the eligibility requirements.
- A scholarship cheque along with a letter from the President will be mailed to the successful applicant's home address by the end of September.

Related Form(s)

SVU Scholarship Application is available on the SVU website

SVU website: <http://www.svu-edmonton.org>