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William Birchall Foundation  
**2026 Scholarship**



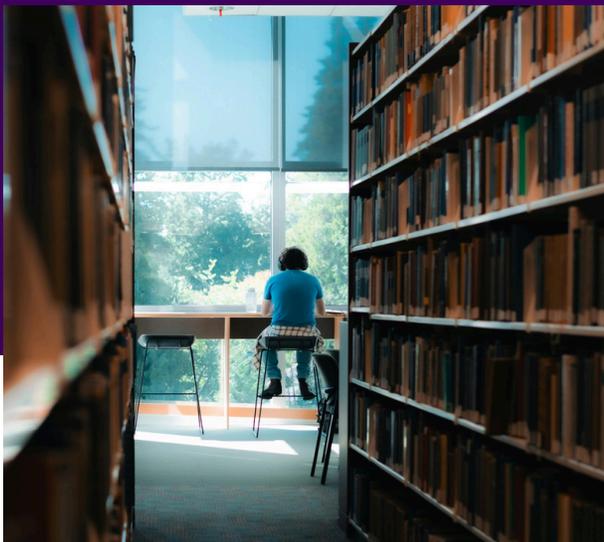
Lupus Canada is proud to announce the **Lupus Canada William Birchall Foundation 2026 Scholarship program**. We will be offering ten (10) one-time scholarships of \$2,500 CAD to students diagnosed with lupus, who are entering, or currently enrolled in, a post-secondary educational institution.

Lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease that causes inflammation in various parts of the body; it is both life-altering and life-threatening. Lupus Canada is a national voluntary organization dedicated to improving the lives of people living with lupus through advocacy, education, public awareness, support and research.



Post-secondary education – a significant milestone for many students, brings with it both excitement and stress. For individuals living with lupus, post-secondary education may present an additional set of unique obstacles.

Living with a chronic illness such as lupus can certainly be stressful on its own, but with the added stress of school, people with lupus often experience flares – unpredictable bouts of increased disease activity resulting in symptoms such as debilitating fatigue, pain in muscles and joints, difficulty breathing or persistent headaches.

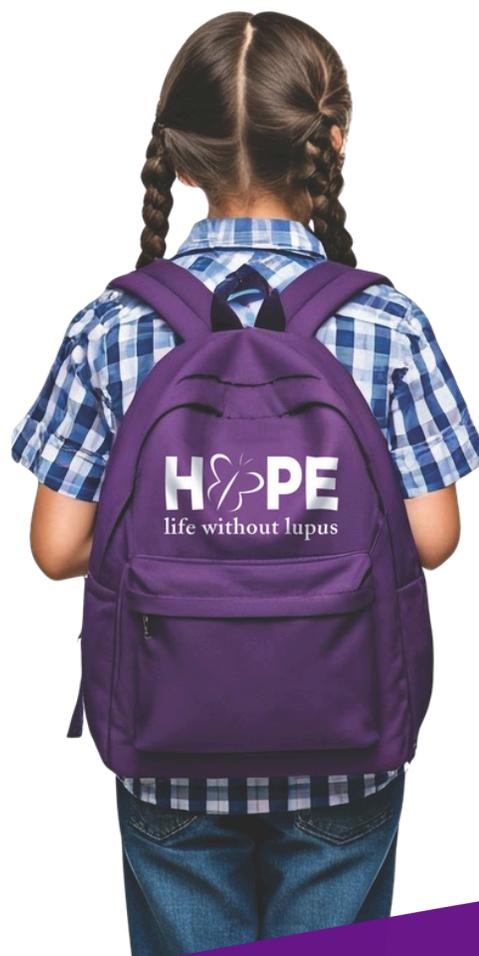


For students, these flares can result in **missed classes, lost study time or the need to reduce course load.**



A sudden flare can jeopardize academic standing as well as the ability to attain and maintain scholarships and financial aid. Many students are unable to maintain a part-time job because of lupus and so, financial resources are stretched.

Lupus Canada created this scholarship to help students living with lupus **to succeed in attaining a post-secondary education.** Through the financial support of this scholarship, we intend to recognize and raise awareness of the achievement of students living with lupus who have taken a positive and ambitious outlook in achieving their academic goals.





## Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for the Lupus Canada William Birchall Foundation 2026 Scholarship the applicant must be:

- A legal and permanent resident of Canada.
- Diagnosed with lupus by a physician.
- Seeking an undergraduate degree from a Canadian university; a diploma or certificate from a Canadian college or enrolled in a trade school educational program.
- Enrolled in or waiting acceptance from a Canadian-based institution of higher education for the fall semester of 2026.
- Taking a minimum 50% of a full course load; and,
- A student who demonstrates academic success, ambition and willingness to continue to advocate for lupus and raise awareness.

*\*Previous recipients of the Lupus Canada scholarship program are not eligible.*





## Selection and Award Process

Applications will be reviewed and evaluated on the following.

- Academic results for most recent school year
- Quality/structure of essay
- Educational and Career Goals
- Impact of Lupus on Student Life
- Scholarship Benefit
- Lived Experience and Advocacy
- Financial Need
- Extracurricular Activities and Community Involvement
- Reference Letter

Recipients will be notified in the month of July 2026 via a personal telephone call and a confirmation letter. After a recipient's educational enrollment has been verified for the fall 2026 semester, the scholarship will be made payable directly to the educational institution. The scholarship of \$2,500 CAD will be awarded to cover the recipient's tuition and/or educational materials and expenses.





# Application Process

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Applicants must submit all required supporting materials compiled into a **single PDF file** no later than **May 29, 2026**.

The official application form can be downloaded from:  
[www.lupuscanada.org/lupus-scholarship-canada/](http://www.lupuscanada.org/lupus-scholarship-canada/)

- A complete application form in a single pdf file (other formats will not be accepted).
- Completion of the following (maximum length per section 300 words):
  - Educational and Career Goals
  - Impact of Lupus on Student Life
  - Scholarship Benefit
  - Lived Experience and Advocacy
  - Financial Need
  - Extracurricular Activities and Community Involvement
- Letter of recommendation from a teacher, school official, professional colleague, or employer describing your unique qualities and how you overcome the limitations of living with lupus.
- An official academic transcript from your most recent year of education;
- Confirmation of your diagnosis of lupus from a physician; and,
- An interview by phone with the Lupus Canada Scholarship Selection Committee may be conducted at their discretion.

Please note that components of the application will need to be completed by the student, a school official or professional colleague, and your treating physician.

Employees and volunteers of Lupus Canada's Board of Directors and their immediate family members are not eligible.

***Incomplete or late applications will be ineligible for consideration.***

# Voices of the 2025 Lupus Canada William Birchall Foundation Scholarship



*“With lupus being an almost invisible illness, it’s extremely hard to get support... **so having this is quite literally life-changing.**”*

*Angelina Kalamenchuk*



*“Donations don’t just support the academic side of our lives – **they help with the mental side too.**”*

*Living with lupus can feel really isolating, so it means a lot to know there are people out there who see you and understand what you’re going through.”*

*Jahmeila Moore*



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