

APPLICATION FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-27

SENGER FAMILY BURSARY

British Columbia Black History Awareness Society

Recognizing the very real historical and current barriers for Black students of African ancestry to complete their higher education, the Senger Family Bursary awards funds to selected Canadian citizens and permanent residents with demonstrated financial need who are enrolled full-time in accredited undergraduate bachelor degree programs in the Greater Vancouver Area.

Apply by submitting the application form, your personal statement, and at least one letter of support to bursary@bcblackhistory.ca. Applications must be received no later than May 1, 2026. Late applications cannot be considered.

PART 1—ELIGIBILITY

Enter all dates as yyyy-mm-dd or use the date picker arrow.

You must meet all of the following requirements to be eligible. Please confirm:

- ☐ You self-identify as a Black person of African heritage due to your parentage.
- ☐ You are or will be enrolled in and attending a full-time undergraduate program at an accredited institution of higher education in the Greater Vancouver Area.
- ☐ You are a Canadian citizen or Canadian permanent resident.

PART 2—PERSONAL AND EDUCATION INFORMATION

1. Name: _____
2. Date of Birth: _____
3. Mailing Address: _____
4. Phone: _____
5. Pronouns: He/him/his She/her/hers They/them/their Other: _____
6. Citizenship: Canadian citizen Canadian permanent resident Other: _____
7. Academic institution to be attended. Name: _____
- Address: _____
- City: _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____
8. Are you currently attending this institution? Yes Student Number: _____
- No Have you been accepted? Yes Not Yet
9. Are you in a specific program or major field of study? Yes No
- If yes, name of program or field? _____
10. Are you attending full-time for at least two terms? Yes No
11. List your prior higher education, if any (institutions, programs, attendance dates, degrees, certificates, etc.): _____
12. How did you hear about the Senger Family Bursary (Please give source or individual name)? _____

PART 3 – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Enter all amounts as numbers only. Do not use \$.

13. Expected Expenses:

Tuition & fees

Books & academic supplies

Living expenses (the total amount you need for rent, food, supplies, clothing, transportation, utilities, and phone during your academic studies this year).....

Medical/dental not covered by government plan

Other (list below-do not include living expenses)

TOTAL EXPECTED EXPENSES

14. Expected Resources:

Canada Student Financial Aid

Provincial Financial Aid

Other awards, grants, and bursaries

Funds/support from family members

Loans

Employment income

Savings/RESP

Other (list below)

TOTAL EXPECTED RESOURCES

15. Financial Information:

Enter the Adjusted Gross Income from Line 15000 of the latest tax returns for:

You:

Parent #1:

Parent #2:

Explain any special circumstances affecting financial resources:

PART 4—PERSONAL STATEMENT

Write an essay in the box below of between 500 and 1000 words max (about 6000 chars). The essay can include who you are, why you are going to school, what are your goals and aspirations, why you should receive the bursary and/or anything else that will help paint a picture of you. **The personal statement is a very important part of the application.**

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PART 5 — LETTER OF SUPPORT

Attach a letter of support from at least one teacher/professor/instructor or notable community figure (such as an elected official or community nonprofit staff) who personally knows you and your work.

PART 6 — CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, certify that all of the information that I have included in and with my application is true. I understand that if I am selected for a bursary, I may have to submit further proof of my acceptance to and enrolment in a recognized institution of higher education as listed in my application and documents relating to the financial information provided. I agree to provide prompt updates if the information submitted in this application changes. I understand that if my enrolment status changes, my eligibility may be affected. I agree that if I am selected for a bursary, my name, activities, and photograph may be used by the Senger Family Bursary and the BC Black History Awareness Society with no additional compensation.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

PART 7 — CHECKLIST

- Please make certain you have completed all of the information requested in Parts 1-3.
- For Expected Expenses (No. 13), each line should show the total expense for that item for the academic year. For example, if your living expenses are \$2,000/month, and you will be enrolled for nine months, you would enter \$18,000 for Living Expenses ($\$2,000 \times 9 = \$18,000$).
- Expected Resources (No. 14) should include all the sources you are receiving or have applied for to meet your Expected Expenses. Use No. 15 to discuss special circumstances or other explanations.

A complete application must include (please check each box to confirm):

The completed Application Form, including the Personal Statement.

A letter of support from at least one teacher/professor/instructor or notable community figure who personally knows you and your work.

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Submit by email to: *bursary@bcblackhistory.ca*