

UCBeyond® 2018 Scholarship Program Application

Because a Disease Shouldn't Disable an Education

Purpose and Award

UCB Canada Inc., a global biopharmaceutical company committed to developing innovative treatments for inflammatory diseases, such as: rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis. UCB Canada Inc. is dedicated to creating unique programs and tools to aid patients in reaching above and beyond the boundaries of their disease and fulfilling their educational ambitions. Now in its eleventh year, the UCBeyond Scholarship Program has allocated 160 scholarships and approximately \$805,000 CDN to Canadian students.

Eligibility Requirements

This program is designed for applicants of any age. Applicants must be:

- A legal and permanent resident of Canada;
- Diagnosed with inflammatory arthritis by a physician;
- Seeking an associate's, undergraduate, or graduate degree from a Canadian university; a diploma or certificate from a Canadian college; or enrolled in a trade school educational program;
- A student who demonstrates academic ambition and embraces a way of life that goes above and beyond the boundaries of living with inflammatory arthritis; and
- Enrolled in or awaiting acceptance from a Canadian-based institution of higher education for the fall/winter semester of 2018/2019.

The Selection of Recipients and Determination of the Scholarship Amount

Selection of recipients will be at the sole discretion of an independent selection committee, comprised of medical professionals and patient representatives. Winners will be notified during the month of October 2018 via a personal telephone call and a confirmation letter. After a winner's educational enrollment has been verified for the fall/winter semester of 2018/2019, the scholarship cheque will be made payable to and directly mailed to the recipient. Individual scholarship amounts will be awarded up to \$5,000 CDN to cover the recipient's tuition and/or educational materials and expenses (if a student does not have a minimum of \$5,000 CDN in tuition and educational material costs, the scholarship amount will only cover the actual cost of tuition and/or educational material expenses up to \$5,000 CDN). Please note that the UCBeyond Scholarship may only be awarded twice to the same applicant. Preference will be given to applicants who have not previously been awarded the UCBeyond Scholarship. Employees of UCB Canada Inc. and their immediate family members are not eligible for this scholarship.

Procedures

To apply, please email the following documentation in a single PDF file to info@ucbeyond.ca by **May 31, 2018**.

Please note that sections of the application will need to be completed by the student, a school official or professional colleague, and a health care professional.

Selection will be based on the following criteria, which must be included:

- A one-page essay about how you are living above and beyond the boundaries of inflammatory arthritis to demonstrate academic ambition and personal achievement, and how you would benefit from the Scholarship. Past recipient essays have included a desire for academic achievement, perseverance in the face of living with inflammatory arthritis and details of school and community involvement;
- Two (2) one-page letters of recommendation from a teacher, school official, professional colleague or employer; describing your unique qualities and how you embrace a way of life that overcomes the boundaries of living with inflammatory arthritis;
- An official academic transcript from your most recent year of education; and
- Confirmation of diagnosis of inflammatory arthritis from your treating physician.

UCB Canada Inc. respects the privacy and confidentiality of applications submitted for the UCBeyond Scholarship. The above documentation will be destroyed by UCB Canada Inc. upon selection of the Scholarship recipients.

Student Information (please print or fill out fillable form)

Name _____ Student ID # _____

Home Address (No P.O. Boxes) _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY) _____/_____/_____

Email Address _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

(To be signed if applicant is 18 years of age or older)

Please enter my application in the UCBeyond 2018 Scholarship Program. I confirm that I am 18 years of age or older and that I meet the eligibility requirements. I certify that I am not a UCB Canada Inc. employee or an immediate family member of a UCB Canada Inc. employee.

Signature _____ Date _____/_____/_____

(To be signed by Parent/Guardian if applicant is less than 18 years of age)

Parent/Guardian Permission: I acknowledge that I am the parent or legal guardian of the applicant and, in that capacity, understand the conditions under which he/she is entering his/her application in the UCBeyond 2018 Scholarship Program.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____/_____/_____

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Section I: Academics (To be completed by the student)

Name of post-secondary educational institution _____

What type of degree are you pursuing? Associate's Undergraduate Graduate Certificate

In what year of your current program will you be in the fall/winter semester of 2018/2019? _____

School Address _____

City _____ Prov. _____ Postal Code _____

Your Address at School _____

City _____ Prov. _____ Postal Code _____

Honours and Achievements:

All Scholarships / Grants Applied for or Received:

Title/Amount _____ Date ____/____/____ Received _____

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(To be completed by your school official, ie. Registrar, school administrator)

Academic Standing _____

Applicant's Major _____ Minor _____

Applicant's Grade Point Average _____ on a scale of _____

Signature (School Official) _____

Title _____

Date ____/____/____

Please provide an official academic transcript with your application.

Section II: Recommendations

(To be completed by a teacher, school official, professional colleague or employer)

Please provide two (2) one-page letters of personal recommendation that express the following:

- The nature of your relationship with the applicant
- The applicant's unique qualities and how he/she embraces a way of life that overcomes the boundaries of living with inflammatory arthritis.

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Section III: Health

(To be completed by a health care professional who can confirm the inflammatory arthritis diagnosis)

I certify that this applicant has been diagnosed with inflammatory arthritis and is under my medical care.

Name _____

Office Address _____ City _____

Prov. _____ Postal Code _____ Telephone _____

Signature _____ Credentials _____ Date ____/____/____

Section IV: Documents Provided By the Student Applicant

Please submit a one-page essay about how you are living above and beyond the boundaries of inflammatory arthritis to demonstrate academic ambition and personal achievement and how you would benefit from the scholarship. Please note, essays that exceed one-page, font size smaller than 11pt or margins less than one inch, will not be eligible for consideration.

Section V: Applicant Consent

By signing below, the applicant authorizes UCB Canada Inc. and all their affiliates, if awarded the UCBeyond Scholarship, to publish, copyright, and use the information contained in this application in advertising and other promotional materials without prior approval, including display on the Internet. UCB Canada Inc. is authorized to share the applicant's information and individual story with the mass consumer media. The applicant authorizes UCB Canada Inc. to contact him/her directly and to enter the applicant's contact information into a UCB Canada Inc. patient database for future communications from UCB Canada Inc..

In addition, recipients may be called upon to share their stories with the mass consumer media (print, radio or television) either by phone or in person, about living with inflammatory arthritis to help inspire others struggling to find ways in which to cope with the disease. Participation in the matters outlined in this paragraph is a condition of receiving of the Scholarship. Should the applicant be unwilling or unable to comply with the requirements of this paragraph, an alternate Scholarship recipient may be selected.

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By signing, the applicant consents to the collection and use of his/her personal information as provided and authorizes the school to share information with UCB Canada Inc. and its affiliates regarding the number of classes left to complete his/her degree and the cost per class and other information necessary to process the Scholarship.

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

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Checklist for submission

- Completed application form
- One-page essay
- Official academic transcript
- Confirmation of inflammatory arthritis diagnosis from your treating physician
- Two (2) one-page letters of personal recommendation from a teacher, school official, professional colleague or employer
- Please combine all files into **one PDF file** and submit one single PDF application document by email to info@ucbeyond.ca

How did you learn about the UCBeyond Scholarship Program?

- Doctor's Office
- Media
- Social Media (Facebook)
- Internet
- The Arthritis Society
- Canadian Spondylitis Association
- Other (please specify) _____

Have you applied for the UCBeyond Scholarship in the past?

- Yes
- No

Thank you for applying for the UCBeyond 2018 Scholarship Program

We wish you the best of luck!

Be sure to complete and email the application, in one PDF, to info@ucbeyond.ca by **May 31, 2018**.

For more information, please contact:
UCBeyond Scholarship Program
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Criteria and Evaluation Sheet

Criteria:

A one-page essay about how you are living above and beyond the boundaries of inflammatory arthritis (IA) to demonstrate academic ambition and personal achievement and how you would benefit from the scholarship. Past recipient letters have included a desire for academic achievement, perseverance in the face of inflammatory arthritis and details of school and community involvement.

Rating Scale:

10 = Excellent 9 = Very Good 8 = Good 7 = Above Average 6 = Average
 5 = Neutral 4 = Satisfactory 3 = Fair 2 = Poor 1 = Extremely Poor

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Section 1: Essay Composition										
Degree of empowerment										
Personal impact/example to others										
Level of personal achievement										
Living beyond the boundaries of IA										
Originality and creativity										
Spelling, grammar and ease of read										
Economic need										
Section 2: Personal Recommendation										
Quality of recommendations										
Credibility of sources										
Strength of relationship										

SAMPLE

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Criteria Definitions

SECTION 1: ESSAY

Degree of empowerment:

- How do the student's actions provide them and others with extra motivation and power?
- Does the student actively seek to enrich the lives of others?
- How effectively does a student show control over their life in the face of their disease?

Personal impact/example to others:

- To what degree has the student demonstrated role-model type and leadership qualities?
- Does the student mentor or showcase these qualities to others?

Level of personal achievement:

- Did the student achieve their goals?
- How difficult to attain were the goals set by the student?
- What barriers were in the way to prevent the student from attaining their goals, i.e., severity of disease?
- Was the student satisfied with their accomplishments or did they proceed to set higher goals?

Living beyond the boundaries of inflammatory arthritis:

- What has the student achieved that would normally be difficult in the face of their disease?
- Has the student demonstrated perseverance despite their limitations?
- Does the student demonstrate a positive and accepting attitude of their disease and use that attitude to motivate them to accomplish their goals?

Originality and creativity:

- How well does the student differentiate themselves from other applicants?
- Is there something in the essay which we haven't seen before?
- Is there a "Wow" factor?

Spelling, grammar and ease of read:

- At what level does the student utilize proper spelling, grammar and sentence structure to ensure clear messaging?
- How easy is the essay to read?
- Does the applicant provide a flow by connecting their thoughts in a logical manner?

Economic need:

- How much does the student need financial assistance?
- What other financial commitments do they have that may impede them from attaining an education?
- Have they already received previous scholarships or grants?

SECTION 2: PERSONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Quality of recommendations:

- How well does the letter of reference portray the student?
- Does the reference include examples of the student's determination, positivity and leadership?

Credibility of sources:

- Who has written the letter of reference?
- Is this resource a reliable judgment of their character?
- Is there any personal bias from the source?

Strength of relationship:

- How long has the source of the reference known the student?
- How well does the source of the reference know the student?
- Is the relationship professional or personal and how does this translate to obligation of statements?