

UPCE Scholarship Program 2026

Good day UPCE members,

The Union of Postal Communications Employees is pleased to offer again this year the scholarship program for UPCE members and their children. This is in addition to any existing Public Service Alliance of Canada scholarships that may be available.

The \$2,000 UPCE Scholarship Program is available to all UPCE members in good standing at the time of application (and their children), who are enrolled at a post-secondary institution.

Program Guidelines

UPCE will accept submissions until **September 30th, 2026**. All the recipients should receive notification of the award no later than October 31st 2026.

A \$2,000 scholarship will be available to a member (or a child of a member) enrolled in a full-time program. A member (or their child) enrolled in a part-time program, will only be entitled to half of the scholarship (\$1,000). In a case like this, the second half of the scholarship (\$1,000) will be disbursed to the second-place applicant.

The scholarship will be awarded based on the merit of an essay of **500 words or more, to a maximum of 750 words** as it relates to one (1) of the topics chosen from the list provided below. The applicant will need to draw links between the chosen topic and the labour movement. **Essays of less than 500 words or more than 750 words will be disqualified.** If the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is suspected, the essay will be disqualified.

The scholarship can be awarded for any program that is accredited by a post-secondary institution.

In order to and before being awarded the scholarship, the recipient must provide both proof of enrolment and proof of payment from the post-secondary institution. Please also note that the applicant to whom the scholarship is awarded will need to provide their Social Insurance Number (SIN) before the award can be disbursed. The SIN is required to issue a T4A for taxation purposes.

At this time, once an applicant is awarded a UPCE scholarship, they are excluded from applying again for future such UPCE scholarships.

In solidarity,
UPCE National Executive

2026 Application Form

For your application to be considered complete and accepted, the following is required:

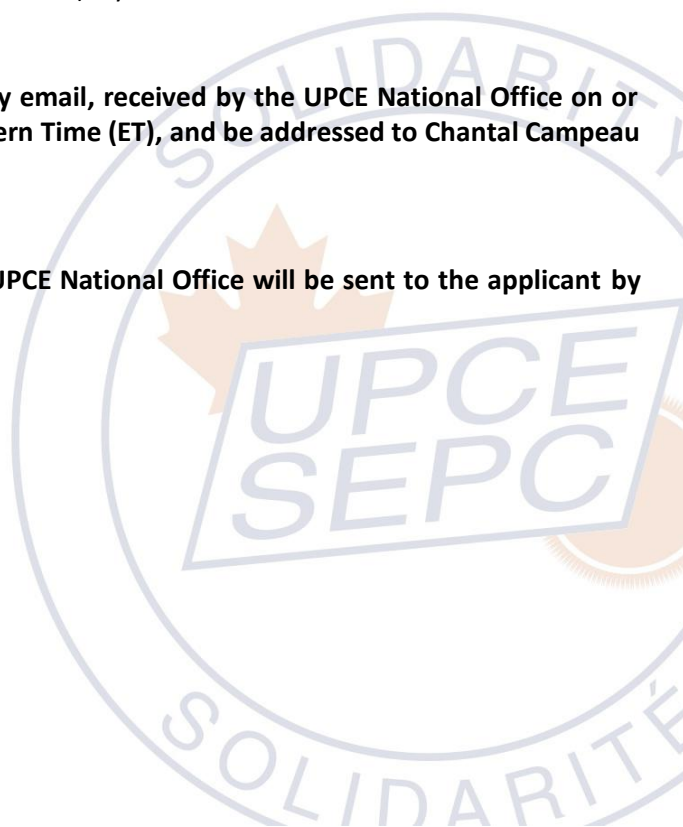
1. A completed application form, with all applicable sections completed. You must include your PSAC ID#, and your Local #.

AND

2. An essay of **500 words or more, to a maximum of 750 words** on one (1) of the topics chosen from the list provided by the UPCE for the current year. The essay must be submitted in a proper format such as APA (American Psychological Association) or MLA (Modern Language Association) styles.

Completed applications must be submitted by email, received by the UPCE National Office on or before September 30th 2026 at 11:59PM, Eastern Time (ET), and be addressed to Chantal Campeau at campeauc@psac-afpc.com.

Confirmation of application received by the UPCE National Office will be sent to the applicant by email.



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PERSONAL INFORMATION *(Please print)*

Applicant's Name:	Last	First	Middle
Address:	Number & Street		City
	Province/Territory		Postal Code
	Email:		
Telephone:	Home		Cell

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Please complete Section A or Section B as it applies to the applicant.

Section A

If you are a PSAC member please complete this section			
PSAC ID #		Local #	

Section B

If you are a child of a UPCE member applying please complete this portion				
Parent: Last Name		Parent: First Name		Home email
Parent's PSAC ID #			Parent's Local #	
Telephone (Work)			Telephone (Home)	
Parent's work location				



2026 Application Form (Cont.)

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION AND PROGRAM

Section C

Name and address of the post-secondary institution			
Name of degree or diploma			
What year are you entering? Please mark one.			
1 st year		4 th year	
2 nd year		5 th year	
3 rd year		other	



2026 LIST OF ESSAY TOPICS

1. The Future of Work and Unions

In today's world, we often hear or read about Artificial Intelligence, automation and remote work. In your opinion, what role should Unions play in ensuring workers benefit from these changes, while maintaining fair working conditions?

2. The Right to Strike in Canada

At present, and in the recent past, there have been many landmark strikes affecting workplaces across Canada. The right to strike has always been a cornerstone of Collective Bargaining. Should the Government have greater power to intervene in labour disputes that affect critical services and industries? Please explain your position.

3. Protecting Canadian Workers in an uncertain Global Economy

Often, we see headlines about Tariffs and Trade Disputes. This can be seen as a threat to Canadian jobs. How can Unions, employers and Governments work together to protect workers while keeping Canadian industries competitive?

