THE IRVING K. BARBER
British Columbia Scholarship Society

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Irving K. Barber British Columbia Scholarship Society
One World International Scholarship Program

Purpose and Objectives

Through the use of annual returns on a $13 million endowment provided by the Province of British Columbia, the Irving K. Barber British Columbia Scholarship Society ("the Society") manages a suite of international scholarship programs designed to assist students to participate in academic, cultural, language or experiential study programs outside of Canada and the United States. In delivering these programs, the Society hopes to encourage students who are intellectually curious and are interested in expanding their educational experiences while at the same time developing a globally literate citizenry and workforce for BC.

Scholarships of between $1,000 and $3,500 are awarded on a competitive basis to students from all regions of BC who demonstrate a combination of strong academic achievement and community involvement, along with clearly defined career and educational goals. Applications are collected and adjudicated by each of the province's 25 post-secondary institutions for their own students. Please note that in 2015, the Pacific Horizons International Scholarship program has been combined with the One World International Scholarship program.

The Society also independently adjudicates a higher-value Premier's International Scholarship program that recognizes outstanding academic performance and exemplary community service. These scholarships range from $6000 to $10,000 each and require a separate application that is submitted directly to the Society; see www.ikbbc.ca for more details.

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2015 One World International Scholarship Application

Eligible Overseas Programs and Award Amounts

To be eligible for a One World International Scholarship, students must be accepted into a study- or work-abroad program outside of Canada or the United States of America. The program can either:

i) Carry academic credit recognized by their home institution. (These scholarships are valued at $1,000 to $3,500 each);

OR

ii) Offer an opportunity for experiential learning, usually involving language and/or cultural training, but does not carry academic credit. (These scholarships are valued at $1,000 each.)

Student Eligibility Requirements

Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis to students who:

- are Canadian citizens, permanent residents (landed immigrants), convention refugees, or protected persons living in Canada;
- are residents of British Columbia, defined as having a primary residency at an address in the province for at least 12 consecutive months prior to the application deadline;
- have clearly demonstrated significant community and/or school involvement and academic achievement, supported by two references submitted with the application;
- are enrolled in an academic program of at least one year at a BC public post-secondary institution leading to a credential and have been accepted into an eligible study- or work-abroad program;
- can demonstrate links between the study- or work-abroad experience they are pursuing and their educational or career goals;
- are *not* planning a study or work activity in a country from which they have immigrated within the past ten years;
- plan to begin their study term within twelve months of receiving the award; and,
- intend to return to British Columbia after completing their studies abroad for further education or work.

Selection Criteria

To receive a One World International Scholarship, students' applications should demonstrate:

- academic achievement;
- interest and involvement in their educational institution and/or community;
- past experiences that relate how they will be successful in their studies abroad (e.g. independence, leadership, maturity, previous travel experience, familiarity with the language, cultural sensitivity); and
- a clear link between their proposed study/work abroad experience and their educational/career goals.

Note: Preference will be given to students pursuing their first degree.

2015 One World International Scholarship Application

Scholarship Type (choose A or B)

☐ **A**	My study- or work-abroad program will grant *academic credit* recognized by my home institution. (Scholarships of $1,000 to $3,500)
☐ **B**	My study- or work-abroad program provides experiential learning opportunities involving language acquisition and/or cultural training. I will *not necessarily receive academic credit* for participating in the program. (Scholarships of $1,000)

Required Documents

You must complete this **application** and submit it to the International Office or Financial Aid & Awards Office at the institution you are currently attending together with the following attachments:

☐	**Unofficial transcripts** of all post-secondary studies to date, in British Columbia and elsewhere.
☐	**Two reference forms** (attached), one from an academic reference speaking directly to your academic abilities, and one from a non-academic reference speaking to your volunteer or extra-curricular activities. These completed forms serve as character references and substantiate your claims about how this study- or work-abroad activity links with your educational goals and about your participation in community or institutional activities.

(A) Personal Information

Please complete ALL FIELDS; incomplete applications will not be considered.

Full Name

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Permanent Mailing Address

_____

City/Town _____ **Province** _____ **Postal Code** _____

Area Code (_____) **Telephone Number** _____ **Email** _____

Student Number _____ **Social Insurance Number** _____

If applicable, country that you have emigrated from:

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Please check with the International Office or Financial Aid Office at your institution for the application deadline.

(B) Educational Information

Name of the BC public post-secondary institution that you currently attend:

Institution	Program Name	From Year / Month	To Year / Month

Name of the study- or work-abroad program in which you are **planning to take part**:

Institution/Organization	Program	Location	From Year / Month	To Year / Month

Will you earn credits towards completion of your BC credentials through this overseas program? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Name of any study- or work-abroad programs in which you **have previously taken part**:

Institution/Organization	Program	Location	From Year / Month	To Year / Month

(C) Volunteer Activities

List your volunteer activities of the past 3 years. Please be concise, and do not include paid work or service that is required as part of an academic program.

Name and type of volunteer community and/or school involvement	Hours Per Month	From – To Year/Month
Volunteer activity: Description of your duties:	_____	_____/_____ to _____/_____
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If particular circumstances prevented you from participating in your community or school, (for example, family responsibilities, location), please explain the reasons below. List any other contributions (for example support of family members or friends) which you consider to be equal to formal volunteer activities. Your reference should confirm your role or responsibilities.

(D) About You

Why have you chosen this country and program for your international experience?

Explain how this international experience links to your educational and career goals. How will studying or working abroad contribute to your current program?

What personal qualities and past experiences do you have that will help you be successful in your international program?

What do you expect to learn from this international experience, and how will you apply these lessons upon your return to Canada?

Declaration

I confirm that I am applying to The Irving K. Barber British Columbia Scholarship Society (the "Society") for a *One World International Scholarship* and certify that the information I have provided in this application is true and complete **and that I meet the eligibility criteria outlined on page 1.**

I authorize the Society and its agents to verify the information contained in this application, and in any supporting documentation I have supplied, with (1) relevant post-secondary educational institution(s) within and outside of British Columbia, (2) the referees I have identified. I further consent to the release of information from those sources that may be approached by the Society to verify the information I have provided. **(See *Note* below regarding protection of personal information.)**

I understand that all documents submitted to the Society as a part of my application become the property of the Society and will not be returned to me regardless of the outcome of my application, except by special request.

I understand that the Society relies on award recipients to assist in the promotion of its scholarship programs. Therefore, should I be a successful applicant, I consent to the publishing of my name in support of the Society's promotional efforts and to the sharing of my name with my post-secondary institution so that congratulations, materials and invitations to events recognizing my accomplishments can be sent to me.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	PRINT NAME	DATE MONTH DAY YEAR
SIGN HERE	PRINT NAME HERE	_____

Application Process/Notification

You should submit your completed application form and related materials to the International Office or Financial Aid & Awards Office at your current institution. The deadline for applications is determined by your institution.

If you are not accepted for enrolment in the study- or work-abroad program detailed in your application, an awarded scholarship will not be issued.

If you are unable to participate in the international program for which you have received an award, **you must return any and all award funds paid to you**.

You will be notified of the results of your application by the institution through which you applied. If you receive a scholarship, payments will be issued to you directly from the Irving K. Barber British Columbia Scholarship Society.

Deferrals

If a student wishes to defer his/her participation in the study- or work-abroad activity for which they have been awarded a scholarship, the student must apply to the Society for a deferral by contacting info@ikbbc.ca or 1-844-478-4645 (toll free).

Reference Form – Academic

Instructions to applicants:

Choose one academic referee who can speak directly to your academic abilities. Send or give one copy of this form to your referee, asking them to provide the information indicated below. Make sure the form is signed by your referee and returned to you in a sealed envelope, signed across the seal.

Applicant's Full Name: _____

Referee's Full Name: _____

Referee's Relationship to Student: _____

Information for referees:

The adjudication committee relies on the recommendations and information provided to them by referees. The quality and accuracy of each reference is very important to the candidate's application.

Referees will find information about the Irving K. Barber BC Scholarship Society's international awards online at www.ikbbc.ca

1) Describe the applicant's academic accomplishments (i.e. student's ranking in a class, participation, work ethic, etc).

2) Describe what you know of the applicant's activities in general including involvement with peers, leadership roles taken, abilities, employment, family obligations, etc.

3) How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

Referee signature: _____

Please return this form in a sealed envelope, signed across the seal, directly to the applicant named above.

Reference Form – Community Involvement

Instructions to applicants:

Choose one non-academic referee who can speak to your volunteer activities in the community or at your educational institution. The reference should not be a family member or close personal friend. Send or give one copy of this form to your referee, asking them to provide the information indicated below. Make sure the form is signed by your referee and returned to you in a sealed envelope, signed across the seal.

Applicant's Full Name: _____

Referee's Full Name: _____

Referee's Relationship to Student: _____

Information for referees:

The adjudication committee relies on references to assess the consistency and depth of an applicant's community involvement. The quality and accuracy of each reference is very important to the candidate's application.

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1) Describe what you know of the applicant's volunteer activities. What community activities did the applicant regularly and consistently participate in (e.g. coaching, working with children, working with volunteer organizations).

2) Describe what you know of the applicant's activities in general including involvement with peers, leadership roles taken, abilities, employment, family obligations, etc.

3) How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

Referee signature: _____

Please return this form in a sealed envelope, signed across the seal, directly to the applicant named above.