

BOLT FINANCIAL AWARD

Application

ABOUT THE AWARD

The BOLT Financial Award provides financial support of \$3,500 or \$5,500 to youth who aspire to obtain a post-secondary education in a construction-related field and pursue a career in the construction industry.

Available to students in construction-related programs at accredited post-secondary institutions. A list of eligible programs can be found on the BOLT website at boltonline.org/awards. Programs, courses or short-term trade related training that is relevant to construction but does not appear on the list will be evaluated on an individual basis. A link to the course/program should be submitted to bolt@tridel.com for approval prior to completing the full application.

Students who meet the eligibility criteria below can apply for an award for the duration of their program.

The BOLT Selection Committee determines the successful applicants. The award is divided into two installments, September & January. Incomplete application packages will not be considered by the Selection Committee.

The completed and signed application form, along with all supporting documents, must be emailed to bolt@tridel.com.

The deadline for applications for the 2026/2027 school year is **9 p.m. on Friday, May 15, 2026**.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- You will be enrolled as a full-time student at a college/university/training facility for the 2026-2027 study period in one of the [programs on BOLT's website](#) or have received prior approval for your program from the BOLT team.
- You can demonstrate financial need.
- You are a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident between the ages of 17-29 living in the Greater Toronto Area.
- You can demonstrate a sincere interest in a career in the construction industry.

APPLICATION PACKAGE CHECKLIST

- Completed and signed application.
- A resume showcasing your education, volunteer work, and any other relevant experiences to date.
- Transcripts (official or unofficial).
- Confirmed acceptance or enrollment letter for post-secondary program/training.
- OSAP Funding Summary (screenshot of grants and loans from OSAP website).
- ONE** of the following:
 - 2025 T4 slip(s)
 - Letter from your employer confirming wages
 - Most recent CRA Notice of Assessment
- TWO** recent letters of reference regarding your academic, work, or community/volunteer achievements. Reference letters must be dated, signed and on official letterhead. Letters should be from a current or most recent employer, teacher, manager/advisor or community member.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____ SIN #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Secondary School Attended: _____

Are you a Canadian Citizen or a Permanent Resident of Canada? Yes No

What is your preferred pronoun? He/him She/her They/them Other _____

Do you self-identify as a member of any of the equity-deserving groups below? (*select all that apply*)

Black Indigenous (First Nations/Métis/Inuit) LGBTQ2S+ Member of a visible minority

Person with disabilities None of the listed

Are you a [Toronto Community Housing Corporation \(TCHC\)](#) resident? Yes No

Are you a [Co-operative Housing Federation](#) resident? Yes No

Do you have any dependents? This can include a spouse, common-law partner, a parent, or child(ren).

I am single, no dependents I am single, with dependents

I am married/common law, no dependents I am married/common law, with dependents

Have you participated in any of the following? (*select all that apply*)

BOLT Speak Out BOLT Day of Discovery BOLT Job Shadowing Program

Completed a high school program related to construction/trades (*provide name*): _____

Worked in the construction industry for a minimum of three months

Another activity that demonstrates interest in construction (*please specify*): _____

How did you hear about the BOLT Financial Award?

School Online Friend Family Member Agency (*provide name*): _____

Other: _____

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SCHOOL AND PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR THE 2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

College/University Name: _____

Program Name: _____

Upon completion, you will graduate with a:

Diploma Certificate Bachelor's Degree Master's Degree Other (specify): _____

Total length of program, from start to graduation? 1 Year 2 Years 3 Years 4 Years 5 Years

Which year will you be starting in 2026? 1st Year 2nd Year 3rd Year 4th Year 5th Year

Does your program have a co-op term? Yes No

Does your 2026-2027 study period start in **September 2026 and end in April 2027**? Yes No

If you answered 'no' above, please indicate your start and end dates?

Start date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____ End (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

HOUSING

What best describes your living situation during the **2026-2027 study period indicated above**?

With parents/family and not contributing to rent/bills

With parents/family and contributing to bills/rent \$ _____ / month

School residence and paying rent \$ _____ / month

With roommates and paying rent \$ _____ / month

On my own and paying rent \$ _____ / month

In a shelter or transitional housing

TRANSPORTATION

I will be driving my own vehicle to classes I will be driving a family vehicle to classes

I will be taking public transit to classes I will be walking/cycling to classes I will be attending virtually

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

I have secured a summer job for May-August 2026: Yes No

Company Name: _____

Job Title: _____

If no, please explain why will you not be seeking summer employment:

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Enter your gross income **from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025** as indicated on Line 15000 of your 2025 Canadian Income Tax return. If you have not filed a 2025 Canadian income tax return, provide the amount indicated on your T4(s) \$_____

2026/2027 ACADEMIC YEAR BUDGET

Complete the table below with your estimated income and expenses for the **2026-2027 study period (8 months)**. For example, if your rent is \$500 a month (rent + utilities) from September to April, you would put \$4,000 in the (\$500 x 8 months). If you will not be paying rent, you would put down \$0.

If you have questions on how to complete this section, please email us at bolt@tridel.com.

OSAP: Please include proof of your 2026/2027 OSAP assessment. If you do not have your current OSAP assessment, please include the amount for the previous year. If you did not qualify for OSAP, please provide an explanation below.

Estimated 2026/2027 School Year Income (8 months)		Estimated 2026/2027 School Year Income (8 months)	
Employment Income	\$	School Tuition and Additional Fees	\$
Bank Loan/Line of Credit	\$	Textbooks + Other Course Materials	\$
OSAP Loan <i>(screenshot required of latest assessment)</i>	\$	Program-Related Equipment <i>(e.g. safety glasses, boots, tools)</i>	\$
OSAP Grants <i>(screenshot required of latest assessment)</i>	\$	Laptop + Other Tech Devices	\$
Savings <i>(only amount you plan to use)</i>	\$	Rent + Utilities	\$
Family Contribution <i>(amount expected during the school year)</i>	\$	Phone & Internet Bills	\$
Government Assistance <i>(specify below if EI, Ontario Works, ODSP, etc.)</i>		Food <i>(e.g. groceries, take out)</i>	\$
	\$	Transportation Costs <i>(e.g. public transit, car payment, gas, maintenance)</i>	\$
Other Scholarships/Awards	\$	Personal Expenses <i>(e.g. clothing, personal care, laundry)</i>	\$
Other <i>(specify below)</i>		Childcare <i>(if applicable)</i>	\$
	\$	Other <i>(specify)</i>	\$
Total Income	\$	Total Expenses	\$

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WRITTEN RESPONSES

Please answer all three questions below in complete sentences. This section is an opportunity for you to tell the Selection Committee why you should be chosen for the award.

1. Tell us more about yourself and how this award would benefit you. Describe the personal, family, educational, work, or other life experiences that have influenced your development as a person and brought you to this point in your life.

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2. How have you given back to your community or contributed to community building? Describe the volunteer and/or leadership roles you have been a part of.

3. Why do you want to pursue a career in the construction industry?

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Privacy, Consent & Certification

PRIVACY STATEMENT

The BOLT Foundation is committed to protecting and respecting all personal information you share with us and any use of this information is subject to your consent. Our privacy policies are designed to achieve this. To obtain further information and to view our Privacy Policy Statement, please visit boltonline.org/privacy-policy/.

Please be advised that the personal information you provide to the BOLT Foundation in connection with this application will only be used to assess your eligibility for the academic award (the "Award") to which you are applying. As part of the assessment process, your personal information may be disclosed to members of the Selection Committee, Board of Directors, and/or award donors, where applicable.

CONSENT STATEMENT

The Applicant hereby authorizes and consents to the following:

- a) the release of all of the information contained herein to the appropriate Selection Committee and/or Board of Directors;
- b) the release of the Applicant's contact information to Award donors (including name, telephone number, e-mail, and mailing address), so that they may contact the Applicant personally;
- c) in the event that the Applicant is granted an Award, the BOLT Charitable Foundation may publish the Applicant's name, photo, and fact that they were an Award recipient in any and all forms of media; and
- d) that the Selection Committee may make any reasonable and necessary inquiries of third parties to verify the information provided herein.
- e) providing Applicants student number for the sole purpose of the awarded funds being directly applied towards the Applicant student's post-secondary tuition.

Student number: _____

Signature: _____ Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

CERTIFICATION

I certify that my answers and the information provided as part of the application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

If this application leads to an award, I understand that false or misleading information in my application or subsequent conversations may result in a retraction of the award. E-signatures are accepted.

Signature: _____ Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____