

**The United Croats of Canada
King Tomislav Branch
(Croatian Cultural Centre)**

3250 Commercial Drive ~ Vancouver, BC ~ V5N 4E4

SCHOLARSHIPS and BURSARIES

The United Croats of Canada, King Tomislav Branch, is a nonprofit organization registered under the Societies Act of British Columbia. As one of its objectives the United Croats of Canada, King Tomislav Branch, contributes to the enhancement, and promotion of Croatian culture among the people of Croatian ancestry. This is partly manifested through the many activities of the Croatian Cultural Centre such as teaching folk dancing, music, and song; providing the Croatian language instruction; and other similar activities. In addition, The United Croats of Canada, King Tomislav Branch, has established a Scholarship and Bursary Fund. This fund is maintained by donations from the United Croats of Canada, King Tomislav Branch, and from the Croatian and broader communities. All charitable donations made by the public are income tax deductible. A receipt is issued by The United Croats of Canada, King Tomislav Branch, for this purpose.

All students of Croatian ancestry and resident in BC are eligible to apply for either a scholarship or a bursary. At least once parent must be of Croatian ancestry. Applications are made to the Croatian Scholarship and Bursary Committee. Applications are received annually.

Scholarships

Scholarships in the amounts of \$500 and \$1,000 are available for full time attendance either at a university, college, or a technical/vocational institute. In the event of a large number of qualified applications lesser amounts may be awarded. **Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic merit, involvement within the community and written essay.** They are intended for initial post-secondary schooling and are not available for graduate work. All successful applicants will have previously demonstrated a capacity for high achievement. This will be established through the applicant's school transcript, two written letters of reference from the applicant's teacher(s) or school counselor, and a secondary letter may be from work, volunteer experience, or extracurricular activity, and a short essay on a topic chosen by the committee. Scholarships are normally provided for a term of one year or less. Applicants may reapply for a scholarship but if funds are limited preference will be given to students in their initial year of post-secondary schooling.

Bursaries

Bursaries in the amounts of \$500 and \$1,000 are available for full time attendance either at a university, college or a technical/vocational institute. In the event of a large number of qualified applications lesser amounts may be awarded. They are intended for initial post-secondary schooling and are not available for graduate work. **Bursaries are awarded on the basis of financial need and previously demonstrated capacity for successful completion of a program of studies.** Capacity for successful completion of a course of studies will be established through the applicant's school transcript, two written letters of reference from the applicant's teacher(s) or school counselor, and a secondary letter may be from work, volunteer experience or extracurricular activity, and a short essay on a topic chosen by the committee. The applicant must also complete an application form that provides their financial background as well as that of their parents. The applicant must also complete an application form that provides their financial background as well as that of their parents. This is partly accomplished by providing a copy of the family's last completed income tax return(s). The information from the income tax return(s) will be held in the strictest of confidence. Bursaries are normally provided for a term of one year or less. Applicants may re-apply for a bursary but if funds are limited, preference will be given to students in their initial year of post-secondary schooling.

Application Process

Applications are available from the office of **The United Croats of Canada, King Tomislav Branch, (Croatian Cultural Centre) at 3250 Commercial Drive, Vancouver, BC, V5N 4E4**, or by telephoning the Centre at **604.879.0154**.

Applications are also available for downloading from the Centre's website at **www.croatiancentre.com** (click on Croatian Services / scholarships). Applications are accepted at any time of the year. However, completed applications should be received by May 1 to be considered for the fall term or semester. Applicants will normally be advised by June 1 of the status of their applications. In some instances final decisions may not be made until government examination results are made available to the committee. Applications, though, may signify a start date other than the fall term or semester for the applicant's school program. All completed applications should be sent to the Croatian Cultural Centre at the address above or e-mailed to scholarships@croatiancentre.com. All scholarship or bursary awards must be claimed by **December 31st of the year in which it is awarded.**

Scholarship and Bursary Committee

The Bursary and Scholarship Committee is comprised of three members in good standing of The United Croats of Canada, King Tomislav Branch. They are responsible for overseeing the Bursary and Scholarship Endowment Fund. They are also responsible for reviewing the applications and for determining the merits of each applicant. They will advise all applicants of the status of their applications.

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Application for a Scholarship or Bursary

Background of Applicant:

Last name _____ S.I.N. _____

First name _____ Middle Initial(s) _____

Mailing Address Suite/Apartment number _____

Street number _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address _____

School last attended:

Name and Address of school/institution to which you are applying:

Are you required to relocate in order to attend the school or institute? Yes _____ No _____

Have you been accepted by this school/institute? Yes _____ No _____

If not, please explain

Please indicate (x) if applying for a Scholarship _____ or a Bursary _____

If applying for a scholarship please attach a copy of your school transcript, your two letters of reference, your essay (see note below), and forward them to the Scholarship and Bursary Committee

(Please provide parents name(s) below to establish Croatian ancestry).

If applying for a bursary please complete the following section and then forward your application along with a copy of your school transcript, your letters of reference, latest income tax return, and your essay (see special note below) to the Scholarship and Bursary Committee.

Father's name:

Mother's name: (also provide mother's maiden name if required to establish Croatian ancestry)

Address (if different than applicant's)

Address (if different than applicant's)

Occupation:

Occupation:

Employer:

Employer:

Any other relevant information related to your application or financial need:

Signature of applicant: _____ Date of Application: _____

(By signing you are affirming your Croatian ancestry)

****Special Note: *All applicants are required to submit a 750 to 1000 word essay on the theme “My Story: Explain the importance of your Croatian Heritage and how you are involved within the community.”***

Please ensure that appropriate sections of this form have been completed and then return it along with the documents requested, marked **Private and Confidential**, to:

Scholarship and Bursary Committee

The Croatian Cultural Centre

3250 Commercial Drive

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An application will not be accepted until all documents required are enclosed herein

For Scholarship and Bursary Committee use only:

Scholarship Granted? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, amount granted _____

Bursary Granted? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, amount granted _____

Date Processed _____ Date applicant advised of results _____