

Application Instructions

CIF Education & Leisure Fund

Who is eligible to apply?

The following 3 criteria must be met:

1. Adult (18+) with lived/living experience of mental health and/or substance use challenges
2. Resident of the City of Vancouver
3. Applicant must not have received an ELF bursary within the last 3 years

What can the bursary be used for?

The funding is to benefit the wellbeing of individuals by providing opportunities to enroll in education and leisure activities that they would otherwise be unable to access

Examples of Education courses:

Courses (ex: university, college, continuing education, prerequisites, etc)

Workshops (ex: First Aid certification, FoodSafe training, dog training, etc)

Other courses/classes (ex: woodworking, metalwork, computer skills, landscaping, etc)

Examples of Leisure activities:

Gym passes

Exercise classes (aerobics, spin, yoga, etc)

Community centre activities and lessons (swimming, tennis, pickle ball, ice skating, etc)

Creative classes (music, acting, painting, sewing, jewelry making, etc)

What can the bursary NOT be used for?

- It cannot be used to purchase or rent supplies and equipment (textbooks, instruments, clothing, sports gear, ice skates, etc)
- It cannot be used for any subscription-based programs (that require recurring payments)
- It cannot be used to purchase from U.S. based companies (even for online services)

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When can classes start?

- Course/activity start date must be at least 6-7 weeks after the draw date
- If planning to take a college or university course
 - Winter Draw is for courses starting in the Spring/Summer semester
 - Summer Draw is for courses that start in the Fall/Winter semester

How is the funding paid?

- Funding is paid by CIF directly to the educational institute or leisure centre
- Payments can take up to 6 weeks to process
- Reimbursements are not issued
- The bursary must be used within 6 months of the draw, otherwise the funding is forfeited

Application Process

Download Application Form: SpotlightOnMentalHealth.com/CIF/ELF

- Complete and eligible applications are randomly drawn, winners are notified by email or phone
- Winter Draw date: first week of January
- Summer Draw date: one week after the application deadline
- The bursary covers costs up to a maximum of \$400
- Applicants are responsible for all costs exceeding \$400

Submit Application Form:

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Mail or Drop Off:

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