

Teachers of Inclusive Education British Columbia (TIE-BC)* Professional Development Scholarship

The Inclusive Education Professional Development Scholarship was developed to promote the specialist training of practicing teachers currently working in the field of inclusive education. Two \$1000 scholarships will be available each year for teachers enrolled in inclusive/special education courses. Scholarships will be awarded for registration in regular semester, intersession or summer session courses during the period from July 1st to June 30th.

Rationale:

- to increase the pool of qualified inclusive/special education teachers;
- to support teachers who wish to upgrade and/or increase their qualifications in the field of inclusive/special education;
- to assist practicing teachers who are returning to university; and
- to assist regular education teachers who are in the process of changing their teaching component or specialty to inclusive/special education.

Applicants must:

- a. be currently enrolled in diploma or graduate level courses in inclusive/special education at a recognized university;
- b. be a member of the BCTF (preference will be given to a member of TIE-BC);
- c. be a practicing teacher in a BC public school;
- d. submit a letter detailing:
 - i. program of study;
 - ii. current teaching position;
 - iii. personal experience which demonstrates interest in and commitment to working with children with diverse needs;
 - iv. future goals related to working in the field of inclusive/special education; and
 - v. relevance of coursework to achieving future goals.
- e. submit a letter of support from an instructor of an inclusive/special education course; and
- f. submit all documents to the TIE-BC President by **January 5th** of the year in which the scholarship is to be awarded.

Nominations must be received by e-mail by the **January 5th** closure date. Late nominations will not be considered.

TIE-BC Executive Committee members are not eligible for this award during their term of office.

Please submit applications to the President of the Teachers of Inclusive Education British Columbia

tiebcpresident@gmail.com

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* In 2016, the Special Education Association of British Columbia (SEA) was renamed Teachers of Inclusive Education British Columbia (TIE-BC) to reflect changing attitudes and language related to our profession.