

Raymond-Blais Bursaries for Young People Application Guide

A few tips for completing your application

For each question on the form, you receive points. **It is therefore very important to answer all the questions.**

Description of your study plan or project (Question 9)

You **must** summarize your project or plans in the space provided on the form. You may provide additional information on a separate page, provided you do not go over one page.

Other activities aimed at preparing you for your future professional career (Question 15A)

These activities may include internships, acquiring professional equipment, gaining experience with recognized individuals in your chosen profession, learning foreign languages, participating in presentations and conferences or independent learning. For individuals involved in the arts, these activities could include your creations, performances or publications. This list is not exhaustive. Mention any activities specifically related to your profession or project.

Letter to the jury

Write this letter **in your own words**. Jury members need to understand your study plans or project and your commitment to it. To help you write your letter, here are a few suggestions:

Start by telling the jury about the path you have taken. (For example: *I finished secondary 5 in 2009 and decided to become a mechanic... I need to finish secondary school because I want to become a hairdresser... I have been a secretary for five years and I have decided to go back to school to become a massage therapist...*)

Tell the jury why you have chosen this particular project or made these particular study plans. (For example: *I have always loved playing music with my family or since I was a child... My uncle is a carpenter and he shared his passion for woodworking with me... I have always been drawn to the elderly and the interesting lives they have led, so I decided to take training to become a personal aide...*)

Describe the efforts you must make to achieve your goal. (For example: *I must complete three years of school and then do an internship in a business... I am planning a three-month stay in Trois-Rivières in Québec, where I will live in a French-speaking environment and take intermediate-level French classes... I saved for three years and took out a loan to study for one year to finish secondary school. After that, I will start my studies to become a personal caregiver while working part-time... I need to go to Italy for two months for master acting classes...*)

Give the jury a few ideas about your biggest dreams and your ambitions. (For example: *I want to go back to my region and work for myself as an electrician... I love to travel and I want to perfect my art to a level that will allow me to go on tour... I want to be a part of a solid profession, because my significant other and I want to start a family and have three children... I want to work in the health industry so that I always have a job and money...*)

Finally, win the jury over by telling them about your skills and qualities. (For example: *I draw my strength from the support my family gives me and from my son. I've already passed my first two years of study with flying colours... On my own since I was a teenager, I'm used to fighting to achieve my goals... Sports have taught me the diligence and discipline that I now apply to my studies... I am so passionate about mechanics that I even put what I've learned into practice on weekends. I'm a fast learner and I know I will succeed and open my own business...*)