BREAKTHROUGH OPPORTUNITY BURSARY FOR NEW IMMIGRANTS

This award was established to encourage Calgary Board of Education refugee or immigrant students who have come to Canada within the last five years to continue their education to achieve success in their new lives and careers.

DONOR:	Anonymous
WHERE TENABLE:	Calgary Board of Education
FIELD OF STUDY:	Unrestricted – **Students pursuing trades/vocational programs are <u>strongly</u> encouraged to apply**
VALUE:	$3,000 (with a potential for one renewable year of funding for a maximum of $6,000)
NUMBER OF AWARDS:	Two (2)
ELIGIBILITY:	Open to students in a Calgary Board of Education school who are completing grade 12 and are new refugees or immigrants to Canada within the last five (5) years. Applicants must have academic grades sufficient to allow admission into their chosen area of study/educational facility and demonstrate financial need. **Academic achievement is <u>not</u> the determining factor for this award.** Applicants are asked to share their story, in approximately 500 words, about their arrival, challenges experienced with learning in their new environment, involvement in their new Canadian life and their plans for the future. Applicants are required to submit one letter of reference. Letters may be provided from a school official, employer, or a community leader representing a community-based organization that speaks to the applicant's transition into their new life in Canada and their aspirations for the future. Students must not receive other awards in excess of $10,000 excluding the Alexander Rutherford or non-competitive entrance awards. International fee-paying students are not eligible to apply for this award. Selection will be determined with equal consideration given to financial need, the story and reference.
HOW TO APPLY:	Students can apply by creating an account in EducationMatters' Student Award Application Portal. Applicants should check with their guidance office for more information and are encouraged to discuss their application with the Scholarship Coordinator at their high school.
SELECTION & PAYMENT:	Recipients are selected and notified by September. The EducationMatters selection committee may also include the donor or their representative. To claim the Award, within eighteen (18) months of high school graduation, the recipient must be registered in an eligible program of post-secondary study in Canada of at least two years duration, or an eligible skilled trades or apprenticeship program. Payments are made to the post-secondary institution or program. In order to receive funding for the second year, award holders must maintain marks sufficient for continued enrollment in the desired program and be registered in a full-time course load for the previous semester. An Official Transcript must accompany each subsequent proof of enrolment which must be received no later than three (3) months after the beginning of each semester. Recipients will be informed of continued funding upon confirmation of available funds and verification of academic standing.
DEADLINE:	**December 4**