UCPBA Calgary Scholarships

UCPBA Calgary Scholarships are awarded annually to deserving students who are residents of southern Alberta (Red Deer South). Four of the seven awards require acceptance into an educational or training program. The course of study is not a criterion for selection. Not all scholarships are necessarily awarded in any given year.

Guidelines:

1. Applicants are eligible to apply annually; however, any individual who has previously received any scholarship award from the UCPBA is not eligible to receive a second award in any category.

2. Applicants should be prepared to discuss if requested, any information provided in their application as well as extracurricular activities, leadership experience, personal strengths, development areas and career goals.

3. Names of all award winners will be made public.

4. Preference will be given to applicants who are active members of the UCPBA.

5. Complete applications must be emailed to **admin@ucpbacalgary.org**. Only electronic submissions will be considered. The entire application must be submitted as one PDF document. Applications that do not adhere to this format will not be considered.

6. Scholarships may not be awarded in all categories in any given year.

SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

The **Lydia Maria Hladyshevsky Osvita Academic Achievement Award for Youth** recognizes students with demonstrated academic achievement and whose initiatives have enriched the Ukrainian Canadian community.
Award value: up to **$1,000**

Lydia Hladyshevsky (1925–2001) worked tirelessly throughout her life to champion Canada's multiculturalism and citizenship by serving in various leadership roles in organizations such as the Calgary Folk Arts Council, the Southern Alberta Heritage Language Association, the Alberta and Canadian Folk Arts Councils, the Alberta Heritage Council, the Calgary Canadian Citizenship Council, and Calgary Immigrant Aid Society. She played a vital role in preserving Ukrainian culture and awareness in Canada and received several prestigious awards and honours for her contributions to Ukrainian education, including an honorary lifetime membership from the Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association.

Eligibility criteria:

- Southern Alberta resident
- Youth 16–24 years of age
- Letter of acceptance from an accredited post-secondary institution (if available)
- High academic achievement verified with transcripts
- Personal statement, including specific examples of the applicant's involvement in and enrichment of the Ukrainian community
- Two references

The **Osvita Academic Achievement Award for Adults** recognizes mature students participating in post-secondary or graduate studies and who have demonstrated academic achievement initiatives that have enriched the Ukrainian Canadian community.
Award value: up to **$1,000**

Eligibility criteria:

- Southern Alberta resident
- Letter of acceptance from an accredited institution for graduate or second-degree studies or enrollment in professional and/or continuing education programs
- High academic achievement verified with transcripts (if available)
- Personal statement, including specific examples of involvement in and enrichment of the Ukrainian community
- Two references

The **Newcomer Award** serves to provide financial assistance for training and education for new Canadians of Ukrainian descent.
Award value: up to **$1,000**

Eligibility criteria:

- Southern Alberta resident
- Recent arrival to Canada (within the past 2 years)
- Transcripts from recent studies or previous training programs (if available)
- Proof of acceptance into an apprenticeship program or school courses
- Personal statement, including vocational direction and details regarding participation in Calgary's Ukrainian community
- Two references

The **Osvita Youth Leadership Award** recognizes youth demonstrating guidance, collaboration, commitment, and cultural development skills in their community activities.
Award value: up to **$1,000**

Eligibility criteria:

- Southern Alberta resident
- Youth 16–24 years of age
- Letter of acceptance from an accredited post-second institution (apprenticeship, prevocational studies)
- Personal statement outlining participation in activities demonstrating the above values; activities may directly or indirectly involve the Ukrainian community
- Two references

The **Joe Karapinka Arts Award** recognizes those persons demonstrating creativity and excellence in the arts. Eligible art forms include dance, vocal and instrumental music, visual arts, and literature.

Joe Karapinka (1935–2016) was born in Lanigan, Saskatchewan and moved to Calgary in 1960. Joe had a long and productive career at IBM and retired at age 53. He then became very active with St. Stephen Protomartyr Ukrainian Catholic Church and the Ukrainian Canadian Professional Business Association. He also produced "Echoes of Ukraine" for cable T.V., which remains a vital local newscast for Ukrainians in Calgary.

Award value**:** up to **$1,000**

Eligibility criteria:

- Southern Alberta resident
- Personal statement outlining the artistic background and the contribution that the applicant's participation in the chosen field of the arts has made to the Ukrainian and/or broader Canadian communities
- Portfolio sample of 2–3 items; if performing arts, reference the performances and or provide video
- Two references

The UCPBA Calgary Language Award serves to support students enrolled in Ukrainian language immersion programs offered through in-class programming.
Award value: Up to **$1,000**

Eligibility criteria:

- Southern Alberta resident
- Personal statement, including goals of enrolling in the program
- Letter of acceptance to the program
- Two references

The **Murray Copot Sports Award** recognizes individual achievement and excellence in sports.

Murray Copot (1923–2011) was born in Bladworth, Saskatchewan. As a long-time Calgarian, he was president of the Calgary Minor Hockey Association; president of the Alberta Amateur Hockey Association; and a director of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association. He was the Canadian Hockey Association Volunteer of the Year in 1991; Calgary Booster Club Sportsman of the Year in 1993; and an inductee to the Alberta Hockey Hall of Fame in 1993. The Thornhill Hockey Arena in Calgary was rededicated to the Murray Copot Hockey Arena on March 9, 1992. He was a proud Ukrainian and a long-time parishioner of St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox church.

Award value: up to **$1,000**

Eligibility criteria:

- Southern Alberta resident
- Exemplifies the spirit of commitment to athletics and to the Ukrainian community
- Personal statement, including accomplishments and achievements within the chosen sport(s), how participation in that sport has contributed to personal growth and development, and the positive impact that participation and accomplishments in that sporting endeavour have had on the Canadian community.
- Two references

I am applying for the following award: Not all scholarships may be awarded in all categories in any given year. Applicants may apply for multiple awards but will only be awarded in one category in a given year.	○ The Osvita Academic Achievement Award for Youth ○ The Osvita Academic Achievement Award for Adults ○ The Newcomer Award ○ The Osvita Youth Leadership Award ○ The Joe Karapinka Arts Award ○ The UCPBA Calgary Language Award ○ The Murray Copot Sports Award

Applicant Name	
Home Address	
Student Address (if different)	
Telephone	
Academic Institution (only if applying for the Osvita Academic Awards, Newcomer, Youth Leadership, and Language Awards)	
Program and year of study (only if applying for the Osvita Academic Awards, Newcomer, Youth Leadership, and Language Awards)	
Educational Background (school and year attended; please attach a record of marks (official transcripts are not required unless so requested by the Awards Committee, at the applicant's expense)	
UCPBA Member: Yes or No	

Personal Statement: Please provide a brief narrative (up to 250 words) describing your involvement in the Ukrainian community and as outlined in the award description. Please answer the following question (up to 750 words): How would you attract new members to and retain current members of the Ukrainian Canadian Professional Business Association of Calgary?

Reference: Please provide two references in support of your application. References do not need to provide letters in support of the application.

Reference Name	**Phone Number**	**Relationship to you** (ie instructor)

By applying for this award, I acknowledge that the information provided in this application is honest and that should I be the successful recipient of one of these awards, my name will be made public along with my image on the organization's website.

Applicant's Signature	
Date	