

Opportunity Changes Everything

# **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT BGC CANADA**

#### **Best Buy Grade 10 Scholarship**

The Best Buy Grade scholarship is open to youth currently in Grade 10. The deadline for applications is end of June and winners are announced in late August. The award includes a \$750 gift card to Best Buy stores that can be used toward the purchase of a laptop, \$250 paid to your Club to cover the cost of postsecondary applications, and \$4000 paid towards tuition and fees in the first year of postsecondary studies.

#### **Ted Rogers Scholarship Fund**

The Ted Rogers Scholarship Fund is valued at \$2500 per year up to 4 years, and is open to students planning to begin or continue postsecondary education in the following academic year. The deadline for applications is the end of January. Successful applicants are directed to complete their application on the Scholarships Canada portal, and if they successfully submit by the second deadline, they will receive the scholarship.

#### **BGC Canada Scholarships**

BGC Canada Scholarships are a pool of funds provided by BGC partners to fund BGC youth pursuing postsecondary education. The number of scholarships, and the amount of each, varies from year to year. There are typically 20 or more ranging in value from \$1000 to \$3000. The deadline for applications is mid-April. BGC youth and staff up to age 24 are eligible to apply at any point in their postsecondary studies.

## Youth of the Year

Youth of the Year (YOY) is a national competition at BGC Clubs that celebrates youth achievements, service, and leadership in Clubs, schools, and communities. The purpose of the YOY role is to act as a BGC Clubs youth ambassador, speaking passionately to corporate partners and other audiences about the organization and its impact.

Each year, Club members from across Canada apply to become Youth of the Year. From the submissions, six Club members are selected as Regional Youth of the Year, followed by one youth demonstrating exceptional leadership, service, and achievement to receive additional recognition as BGC Canada's National Youth of the Year. This year, we have also added an Indigenous Youth of the Year category, who will be chosen alongside the Regional Youth of the Year.

## Winners of the YOY competition are awarded the following prizes:

Regional Youth of the Year (awarded to six Club members):

- \$2,000 CAD scholarship to apply to post-secondary education
- One personal laptop

#### Indigenous Youth of the Year (awarded to one Club member):

- \$2,000 CAD scholarship to apply to post-secondary education
- One personal laptop

National Youth of the Year (awarded to one of the six Regional YOY):

• Additional \$8,000 CAD scholarship to apply to post-secondary education (total of \$10,000 CAD)

#### Other benefits of participating in YOY include:

- Professional development and leadership training
- Networking opportunities with peers, BGC Canada Board and executives, corporate partners, and government officials
- Travelling to Youth of the Year celebration event and speaking engagements
- Enhancing professional profile as a youth leader and Boys and Girls Clubs ambassador
- Highlighting YOY experiences and skills on résumé