

educational awards program

At Prospera, it's all about people.

Prospera's Educational Awards Program

At Prospera, we believe in helping people realize their star potential. And no, we're not talking about getting you an audition for a reality show. What we are talking about is the kind of help that assists you in achieving those all-important educational goals. We understand that it's not always easy to go from dreaming to doing, that's why we created the Educational Awards Program. Each year we choose from among our very special members a few people who could use a little bit of our help. This includes students who have made a significant impact in their schools and local communities, as well as mature students who know it's never too late to develop talents and abilities to their full potential.

We know a little extra money never hurt anybody (we are, after all, a credit union), that's why our program offers from \$1,000 to \$2,000 to put towards your post-secondary education within Canada. Of course - as much as we'd like to - we can't give out money to just anyone, so there are a few qualifications you'll need to meet if you apply. Like being a Prospera member who plans on pursuing post-secondary education, as well as a few other guidelines that we explain in this pamphlet.

If you think you might qualify for our Educational Awards Program, we want to hear from you, because nothing would make us happier than to help you shine!

Ron Sweeney Rising Star Award

A special award for an exceptional high school student preparing for post-secondary education

We believe that excellence should be recognized and rewarded. The \$2,000 Ron Sweeney Rising Star Award is open to high school students who have been a member in good standing for at least one year and demonstrate extraordinary community volunteerism in addition to superior academic achievement. So, if you're a star on the rise and the thought of pursuing a full-time post-secondary education puts a twinkle in your eye, we want to help you burst through the stratosphere and reach your full potential.

Neutron Awards

Prospera Scholarships for those attending high school

\$1,500 Neutron Educational Awards are open to any Prospera member under 18 years of age, planning to pursue a full-time post-secondary education. This award is based not only on academic achievements, but also on financial need and involvement in the community. So if, for example, you've kept your grades up while helping your school's astronomy club raise money to buy that new telescope, this is the award for you.

Quasar Awards

Prospera Scholarships for those attending post-secondary school

We understand the importance of taking a little time off. After all, backpacking around Europe or getting some valuable work experience is good education too. That's why \$1,500 Quasar Educational Awards are open to those of you who are Prospera members over 18 and planning to pursue full-time post-secondary when you're good and ready. The award is based on community involvement, academic achievement and financial need.

Nebula Awards

Prospera Bursaries

\$1,000 Nebula Educational Awards are open to any Prospera member pursuing a full-time post-secondary education in Athletics, Fine Arts or Culture. The award is based on ability, potential, community involvement and financial need. Sadly, your professional astrologer aspirations won't qualify you, but lots of other eligible fields will, including any sports, fine arts or cultural programs offered by a recognized institution.

Super Nova Awards

Prospera Life-Long Learner Award

This is one of our favourite awards. The \$1,000 Super Nova Awards are open to individual members who balance everything: work, a family and community participation while furthering their education. The award is based on potential, community involvement and financial need. If you're planning to expand your universe a little further through learning, we just might be able to help you out.

What's the Process?

- Applicants should send their completed application form, along with their short video (see below) and any attachments, to marketing@prospera.ca or drop it off at any Prospera Credit Union branch by March 30.
- An independent panel will review all applications.
- Applicants must live in one of Prospera's service areas and provide proof of academic (transcript) and community (confirmation letter) performance.
- All applicants must submit a video (from 90 seconds to three minutes in length) to introduce themselves, talk about their goals and outline their community involvement. Applicants for the Ron Sweeney Rising Star Award must also include details on how volunteerism has affected their life.
- One Neutron, one Quasar, one Nebula, one Super Nova and one Ron Sweeney Rising Star scholarship will be awarded in each region.
- EAP funds must be deposited to a Prospera account and the account must remain active for at least one year.
- Recipients of Prospera's Educational Awards Program must utilize their award funding within two years and cannot have won an award within the last five years.

Who Qualifies?

Applicants must be residents of British Columbia, but may attend a university or college anywhere in Canada. The following members are more than welcome to apply:

- High school graduates wishing to pursue post-secondary education on a full-time basis.
- University, college or trade students (including mature students) continuing their post-secondary education on a full-time basis.
- New and existing Prospera Credit Union members (account can be opened any time prior to submitting your application).

Your time to shine.

Prospera Credit Union believes in the power of higher learning and post-secondary education. That's why we offer \$2,000 Ron Sweeney Rising Star Awards, \$1,500 Neutron Awards, \$1,500 Quasar Awards, \$1,000 Nebula Awards and \$1,000 Super Nova Awards (one of each award in each region) to our members in the following regions:

Okanagan

Vernon, Kelowna and Penticton

Fraser Valley

Abbotsford, Agassiz, Chilliwack, Sardis and Mission

Western

Langley, White Rock, Surrey and Vancouver

For questions or more information please call us at 1.888.440.4480, visit one of our sixteen branches or find us online at prospera.ca.

Where to find us.

Abbotsford

- 34630 DeLair Road
- #100 - 32071 South Fraser Way
- #40 - 32700 South Fraser Way

Agassiz

- 1810 No. 9 Highway

Chilliwack

- 45820 Wellington Avenue
- 7565 Vedder Road

Kelowna

- #15 - 3151 Lakeshore Road
- #100 - 2106 Harvey Avenue

Langley

#500 - 6339 200 Street

Mission

- #101 - 32423 Lougheed Highway

Penticton

- 402 Main Street

Surrey

- #100 - 15288 Fraser Highway
- 13747 104 Avenue

Vancouver

- 3088 Granville Street

Vernon

- #910 - 4400 32 Street

White Rock

- #102 - 1688 152 Street