



2026 Leo Sichewski Memorial Bursary

Bursary Background

This bursary honours Leo Sichewski, a 24-year Emergency Response Assistance Canada (ERAC) veteran who trained, coached, and mentored ERAC responders across Canada and was committed to lifelong learning. 2026 applications open on **Monday, February 2, 2026**.

Application Process

To apply for the ERAC Leo Sichewski Memorial Bursary, applicants are required to submit several key documents and materials:

- Completed application form must be provided to ensure all necessary personal and academic information is captured.
- An unofficial transcript should also be included to demonstrate good academic standing.
- Additionally, proof of enrollment in a qualifying program is needed to confirm eligibility for the bursary, specifically in a Canadian post-secondary diploma or certificate program focused on safety, emergency management, or first responder training.
- Copy of your driver's license and or photo I.D.
- Applicants are asked to write a short essay of 500 to 750 words detailing their motivations for joining their chosen program and explaining how their education will help advance public safety.

All application materials must be submitted by the published deadline, **March 31, 2026**, to be considered. Incomplete applications will not be considered in the selection process.

Applications can be emailed to bursary@erac.org.

Conditions

The bursaries offered through this program are non-renewable and are designated for use during the academic year in which the application is submitted. Recipients who are selected for a bursary must consent to having their names, photo and details of their academic programs published by ERAC for promotional purposes. It is important to note that only complete

applications will be considered; any submission missing required documentation or information will not be reviewed as part of the selection process.

Bursary Details

Two bursaries, each valued at **\$1,000**, are available for students who are currently enrolled in a training program related to safety, emergency management, or first responder fields.

All eligible applicants will be considered for both bursaries. However, additional consideration will be given to applicants who are sponsored by a Canadian Propane association (CPA) or ERAC member, specifically for one of the two available bursaries. In the event that there are no CPA/ERAC member-sponsored applicants, both bursaries will be awarded to members of the general public.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for this bursary, applicants must meet several key criteria. First, only Canadian citizens or individuals holding permanent resident status may apply. In addition, candidates must be actively enrolled in a recognized Canadian post-secondary program specializing in safety, emergency management, or first responder training. This program must have a minimum duration of one year to qualify. It is also important to note that participation in this bursary program is limited; only the first 30 eligible applications will be accepted for review and consideration.

*If you are a family member or an employee of a company who is a member of the Canadian Propane association (CPA) or ERAC, or in any way affiliated to the CPA or ERAC, additional consideration will be given to your application. Please provide a letter from the member stating what member company they work for, their name, telephone and email address.

Scoring Criteria

Criteria	Description	Points
Essay Quality	Clarity, relevance, and depth of interest in safety/emergency management; career goals; dedication or aspirations.	0–20
Academic Performance	Based on unofficial transcript (GPA or equivalent).	0–15
Program Eligibility	Meets program type, duration, and year requirements (degree/diploma/certificate, as applicable).	0–10
CPA/ERAC Member Sponsorship	Consideration for applicants sponsored by CPA/ERAC members.	0–10
Proof of Enrollment	Valid documentation provided.	0–5
Application Completeness	All required documents are submitted by deadline.	0–5

Maximum Total Points: 65



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- Copy of your driver's license or birth certificate and photo I.D.
- Proof of acceptance or current enrollment (e.g., transcripts, course registration, etc.) and invoice for courses or semester.

Email all required documents to bursary@erac.org by March 31, 2026.

Full name: _____

Address: _____

City, province: _____ Postal code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Relationship to ERAC (e.g., RMA/TA, responder, Plan Participant member, etc.):

Educational institute: _____

Program: _____ Years attended: _____

Official description and duration of the eligible program:



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