

# FPSE Local 19-NVITEA Entrance Scholarship 2026 Application



## Purpose:

The Nicola Valley Institute of Technology Employees' Association is the voice of approximately eighty-two (82) faculty and staff at NVIT. Our members join together to protect and improve our conditions of employment. We offer support and advice to members to ensure their workplace is safe and fair, protecting their interests and improving wages, hours and working conditions, and we engage in advocacy on behalf of our members.

We are a member union of the Federation of Post-Secondary Educators, the provincial voice of 10,000 faculty and staff at BC's teaching universities, colleges, institutes and private sector institutions. FPSE provides resources, legal services, and engages in advocacy on behalf of all member unions. NVITEA Local 19, along with 17 other unions are the people who work and teach, organizing for better choices and better opportunities for all British Columbians.

## Eligibility:

The FPSE Local 19–NVIT Entrance Scholarship is intended to support incoming Indigenous learners registered in minimum 80% course loads, at either NVIT campus, who achieved a minimum 2.67 grade point average and who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership potential, and a commitment to programs that align with the values of the labour movement. This award recognizes students who demonstrate an understanding of collective responsibility, advocacy, and fairness—principles that are foundational to unions and essential to fostering strong educational environments and equitable workplaces.

## Amount:

The FPSE Local 19-NVITEA Entrance Scholarship will be disbursed to two (2) students for \$1000 each; one student from the Merritt campus and one from the Vancouver campus, at the annual awards ceremony.

## Criteria:

Students must submit the following items:

- A completed and signed application form.
- Submit an NVIT transcript.
- Applicants must submit two (2) letters of reference.
  - One from their educational institution. The letter should speak to the applicant's demonstration of academic excellence, leadership potential, and a commitment to programs that align with the values of the labour movement.
  - One from their home community. This letter recognizes students who exhibit an understanding of collective responsibility, advocacy, and fairness—principles foundational to unions and essential to fostering strong educational environments and equitable workplaces.
- A 300-word essay about "The Role of a Union". Please include a title page with the title, date and name of the award, double-spaced, in Times New Roman 12-font; and
- An NVIT Registration Statement showing proof you are enrolled in a minimum 80% course load for the upcoming academic year.

## Deadline:

**The NVIT Registration Office must receive applications by 4:30pm on August 15, 2026. If August 15<sup>th</sup> lands on a weekend, the application will be due the last business day before the deadline. Please email a copy to [awards@nvit.ca](mailto:awards@nvit.ca) or drop off the original copy at the front desk of either campus; faxes and/or photocopies will not be accepted. Reference letters must also be submitted through email to [awards@nvit.ca](mailto:awards@nvit.ca).**

Students may appeal the award decision by submitting a written letter to the awards adjudication committee attention:

FPSE Local 19-NVITEA Entrance Scholarship  
c/o Registration Office  
Nicola Valley Institute of Technology-Merritt Campus  
4155 Belshaw Street Merritt, BC V1K 1R1  
[awards@nvit.ca](mailto:awards@nvit.ca)



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