

British Columbia Rural Interest Award Frequently Asked Questions

When is the deadline to submit my application?

The last business day of June for students applying upon completion of 3rd or 4th Year activities or the last business day of September for students applying upon admittance to medical school.

Applications will be accepted **one month prior** to the application deadline. You will not be able to submit an application prior to this time period.

What do I need to include in my application?

Along with your online application, you must upload:

1. A letter detailing the anticipated short-term and long-term impact receiving this award will have on you, and explaining how you meet the eligibility requirements.
2. At least two signed reference letters:
 - ☐ For applicants who are applying upon acceptance to medical school, at least one reference must be from a member of your community (not a classmate or colleague).
 - ☐ For 3rd and 4th year applicants, at least one reference must be from your rural preceptor or FLEX Advisor/Activity Supervisor

How can I submit my application?

You must submit your application using our online application portal.

Who should write my reference letters and is there a template for them to follow?

For applicants who are applying upon acceptance to medical school, at least one reference should be from a member of the community where you spent your formative years (not a classmate or colleague).

For applicants completing 3rd or 4th year activities, at least one reference must be from your rural preceptor or FLEX Project Advisor/Supervisor.

Don't forget to remind your references to sign their letter.

We do not have a template for the reference letter. The content of the reference letters is at the discretion of the author – however, they should state how they know you and why they recommend you. They are not limited to this only as it is for them to dictate why they would recommend you for this award.

Can my reference email or mail you the reference letter?

No. Due to the volume of applications received, we cannot be responsible for matching reference letters to your application. If your reference does not want you to read their letter, please contact our office at REAP.Students@ubc.ca.

How many awards are granted each year?

The Joint Standing Committee on Rural Issues generously provides funding to REAP to grant up to 30 awards/year.

When will I find out if I have been accepted?

Selection is announced via email by September 30th for students applying upon completion 3rd or 4th Year activities or by January 15th for students applying upon admittance to medical school.

How do I get my money?

All REAP payments are issued by Doctors of BC. We will submit a list of accepted applicants to Doctors of BC and they will process the payment. They will get in touch with you if they require any information from you.

Is the award considered taxable?

Yes, REAP payments are considered to be a taxable benefit and as such at T4A will be issued. If I've received the award in the past, can I apply again? Yes. You may apply each time you meet the eligibility requirements to a maximum of once/ year.

Can I apply if I'm studying outside of BC?

No. The award is only available to UBC and SFU Medical Students.

Who can I contact if I have a question that's not answered here?

Email REAP.Students@ubc.ca.

Where can I find out more information about REAP?

Please visit <http://rccbc.ca/our-work/reap>