



**Vision** - At Valhalla Community School (VCS), students will become well-educated and engaged citizens, with strong ethical, civic and democratic standards, who are committed to their families, school, community, province and country.

**Mission** - To instill a readiness for leadership by equipping rural students with both knowledge and skills necessary for success in a rapidly changing economy in the communities they serve.

## Valhalla Community School Teacher Bursary

**Valhalla Community School (VCS) has established a bursary to support individuals living in Northern Alberta and/or those attending an accredited Alberta university to complete their Bachelor of Education (B.Ed) degree or a two year After-Degree B. Ed program.**

### Apply for the VCS Teacher Bursary

This bursary program is open to individuals entering the final year of a four-year Bachelor of Education program or a two-year After-Degree B.Ed program at an accredited Alberta university.

### Bursary Details

- VCS may award **up to \$5,000** to offset costs directly related to the student's final year of study.
  - Four-Year B.Ed Program: Completed as a full-time student over four years.
  - After-Degree B.Ed Program: Completed as a full-time student over two years.
- Successful applicants must sign a **two-year Return of Service Agreement** with VCS.
- Preference will be given to applicants from **rural locations**, though all applications will be thoroughly reviewed.

## B.Ed Bursary Program Qualifications

To qualify, applicants must:

- Be entering the final year of a full-time four-year B.Ed program or the final year of a full-time two-year After-Degree B.Ed program; and
- Be living in **northern Alberta**, or
- Be a **VCS graduate**.

Applicants who do not meet these criteria may be considered if there are insufficient qualifying applicants.

## Application Requirements

Applicants meeting any or all of the qualifications may apply by submitting:

- Completed VCS Teacher Bursary Application Form
- Most recent transcript
- Practicum evaluations
- Current résumé
- Two letters of reference (academic or professional)
- Proof of enrollment in their final year of the program

Applicants may also be required to participate in a pre-screening interview.

## **VCS Responsibilities**

VCS will:

- Upon approval of the bursary application and receipt of confirmation of program registration, provide an award of up to **\$5,000** toward the student's final year of studies.
- Provide a teaching position at VCS in accordance with the Return of Service Agreement.

## **Recipient Responsibilities**

Bursary recipients must:

- Submit term grades as they become available to maintain eligibility for continued funding.
- Maintain a passing average and remain on track to complete their program within the required timeframe.
- Be willing to accept any available teaching position at VCS as outlined in the Return of Service Agreement.

Application Deadline: February 28, 2026

Attention:

reception@valhallacommunityschool.ca



# Valhalla Community School

## Bursary Application Form (For Fourth-Year Bachelor of Education Students)

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### Section 1: Applicant Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Province/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

University Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Program & Specialization (e.g., B.Ed – Elementary): \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Section 2: Academic Information

Current GPA/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

List relevant coursework, awards, or academic achievements:

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### Section 3: Practicum Experience

Describe your practicum placements (school name, grade level, dates):

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**Key learnings or skills gained during practicums:**

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#### **Section 4: Interest in Valhalla Community School**

**Why are you interested in teaching at Valhalla Community School?**

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**Describe how your values align with the mission and vision of Valhalla Community School.**

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#### **Section 5: Financial Need**

**Describe your financial circumstances and how this bursary would support your final year:**

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**Estimated costs for final academic year:**

- Tuition: \_\_\_\_\_
- Books/Supplies: \_\_\_\_\_
- Practicum Travel/Accommodation: \_\_\_\_\_
- Living Expenses: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **Section 6: Commitment to Return Service**

*(If applicable to the bursary program)*

**Are you willing to commit to a 2-year return-of-service period at Valhalla Community School?**

☐ Yes      ☐ No

If yes, please explain your commitment:

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### **Section 7: Personal Statement**

*In 500-750 words, write an essay on your experiences working with children, how it has impacted you personally, and why you would make an excellent VCS teacher.*

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### **Section 8: Supporting Documents**

Please attach the following:

- ☐ Most recent transcript
- ☐ Resume
- ☐ Practicum evaluations
- ☐ Two letters of reference (academic or professional)

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### **Applicant Declaration**

I hereby declare that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete. I understand that providing false information may disqualify me from receiving this bursary.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**For Office Use Only**

**Application Received On:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reviewed By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Decision:** ☐ Approved      ☐ Not Approved

**Comments:**