



Student Aid Guide

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Introduction to CLBI Student Aid

Here at CLBI, we have continued to provide our students with a quality Christian education that is rooted in Biblical literacy and prayer, and is focused on developing Christ's followers for a life of confident and authentic discipleship.

One aspect that has contributed significantly to our success over the years is our continued focus on keeping student costs and fees as low as possible. Not only has this made postsecondary education a possibility for those who might not otherwise have been able to afford it, but it has also led many to pursue a Bible education before pursuing further career or postsecondary goals. As an added benefit, the vast majority of CLBI students continue to complete our program with little to no accumulated debt.

Along with our low costs and fees, we also assist our students by providing them with available financial aid options and potential strategies for them to consider.

- **See next page for list of financial aid options.**

While CLBI desires that all its students receive whatever necessary financial support they are requesting, we cannot guarantee any specific monetary amounts for our students. We do, however, commit to assisting and working with each CLBI student to the best of our ability in finding adequate financial solutions.

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Financial Aid Options

The following is a list of options and strategies available to CLBI students (or applicants) to help them pursue financial aid for enrolment at CLBI (prior to pursuing any of the following, please consult first with the CLBI Director of Admissions).

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Early Application Discounts

These discounts are granted to students who complete and submit their CLBI application by a specified date. These discounts include:

- **Standard Early Bird Discount (\$500 off tuition)**
 - Applies to all applicants who completed and submitted their application (for the upcoming school year) by the last day in February of that year.
- **Event-Related Early Discounts (designated amount)**
 - Applies to all applicants who attended a designated CLBI event and also completed and submitted their application by the specified date (ex: CLBI Open House, Youth Surge, etc.).
- **Other Benefits to Applying Early**
 - Provides time to plan and figure out finances
 - Lowers stress and/or anxiety with confirmed fall plans
 - Allows CLBI Admissions Department time to provide all necessary information for the upcoming school year.

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Student Referral Discounts

These discounts are granted to students whose names are included in other students' applications as a referral.

- **Student Referral Discount (\$500 off tuition/per referral)**
 - For each application that includes your name as a referral, you receive \$500 off your tuition.
 - The above discount is limited to one referral name per application (if multiple referrals names are listed in an application, the above discount will apply only to the first name that appears on that list).
 - An individual can be listed as a referral in multiple applications, thus receiving multiple referral discounts (while also abiding by the guidelines listed above).
- **Other Benefits to Student Referrals**
 - Provides students the opportunity to directly support their fellow students with a tuition discount.
 - Encourages friends or family to apply.
 - Reinforces the supportive nature of CLBI to a new student.

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Scholarships & Bursaries

We desire to help CLBI students be made aware of the various scholarships and bursaries that are available to them. This includes, but is not limited to:

- **CLBI Scholarships & Bursaries**
 - *Applications are made available for students during November of the first term and are awarded in December.*
 - *Available to all students who submit their Scholarships & Bursary application by the given deadline and meet the criteria of respective scholarship/bursary.*
 - *Allocation of all Scholarship & Bursary amounts is agreed upon and approved by the CLBI Student Aid Committee.*
- **Alberta Aid Scholarships & Bursaries**
 - ¹[Click here for more details](#)
- **Karren Stinson Bursary**
(for Lutherans & Anglicans based in Western Canada)
 - ²[Click here for more details](#)
- **Easter Seals Alberta Scholarships**
(for students living with physical disabilities)
 - ³[Click here for more details](#)

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Grants & Loans

Each year, Alberta Student Aid provides students with a number of grants and loans. CLBI students have received upwards of \$4,000/yr of grant money towards school expenses.

- **Applying for ⁴[Alberta Student Aid](#) (Alberta residents only)**
 - Your single application automatically gets you considered for Alberta Student Loans, Canada Student Loans, and Grants.

Step 1) ⁵ [Begin your Alberta Student Aid Application](#)

Step 2) Choose one of following to apply for:

 - a) Loan and grant money**
 - Fill out application for loan and grant money
 - Enter requested amount of \$1
 - b) Grant money only**
 - Fill out application for grant money
 - Enter requested amount of \$1

(*All applications are automatically considered for grant funding)
- **For Non-Alberta Residents**
 - Go to ⁶ [Provincial and territorial student aid offices](#)
 - Select your region and follow the prompts to apply.
- **Additional Resources**
 - ⁷ [Continuing Education Plan – Advanced Study Grants \(ELCIC\)](#)
 - ⁸ [Student Aid Estimator](#)

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Support Request Letter

Sending out a CLBI Support Request Letter is a practical and personal way to seek out support needed to attend CLBI. While your supporters most likely won't be attending CLBI alongside you, they fill a vital role of providing support that will allow you to participate in all that CLBI has to offer.

- **What is a CLBI Support Request Letter?**
 - *A personalized letter that you write and send out that asks recipients to support you as you attend CLBI.*
- **Who do I send it to?**
 - *Family members, close friends, and others with whom you have a close relationship with.*
 - *Your home church and/or any other churches, schools, or faith communities you've attended or are connected with.*
- **How do I write it/where do I start?**
 - *For a step-by-step walkthrough and template guide on how to write your own CLBI Support Request Letter, contact the CLBI Director of Admissions at admissions@clbi.edu.*

Through these letters, it has been an encouragement and a blessing to see God provide for our students in such incredible ways.

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Bonus Tips & Suggestions

Though not extensive, the following list includes a few extra tips and suggestions that have been helpful for CLBI students.

- **Employment**
 - This could include working at places like the local coffee shop, grocery store, gas station, pizza joint, or even a seasonal position in your own town/city (just to name a few).
 - Job search sites: ⁹ [indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com) or ¹⁰ [monster.ca](https://www.monster.ca)
 - For rural communities, ask a local farmer if they need a hand
- **Employment While Attending CLBI**
 - Students may choose to find a job while attending CLBI.
 - Recommended 12hrs/week (max.), and to limit shifts to Fridays (afternoon & evening), and Saturdays.
- **Utilize Your Skills/Interests**
 - Tutor students or teach music lessons
 - Start a babysitting gig
 - Be a dog walker or personal shopper
 - (If you're super eager) Make & sell handcrafted goods online
 - Put on a garage sale (don't forget to put up some signs)
- **Budgeting & Saving Tips**
 - Make a budget to keep track of income & expenses
 - Cook at home & pack a lunch (this includes coffee)
 - Ask stores about student discounts

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Source & Reference List

¹ Alberta Aid Scholarships & Bursaries (pg 6)

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² Karren Stinson Bursary (pg 6)

<https://www.lutheranvictoria.ca/outreach-ministries/karren-stinson-bursary-fund>

³ Easter Seals Alberta Scholarship (pg 6)

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⁴ Alberta Student Aid (pg 7)

<https://studentaid.alberta.ca/>

⁵ Begin your Alberta Student Aid Application (pg 7)

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