



Student Aid Guide

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Introduction to CLBI Student Aid

The CLBI student experience is exceptionally unique, personal, and unlike any other. However, we also know that when it comes to choosing a school, the costs and finances play a major part in affecting your final decision. Don't worry, that's where we come in.

Post-Secondary Cost Comparison (2025/2026)

	Tuition Costs (avg)	Living Costs (avg)	TOTAL COST
Prov. of Alberta	<u>\$7,734</u> ¹¹	<u>\$12,760</u> ¹²	\$20,494
CLBI (1st Year)	\$4,400	\$9,810*	\$14,210

**amount includes room & board, books, and all other student fees*

Why are our student fees so low?

- To keep CLBI **financially accessible to all.**
- To help our students **graduate with little to no debt.**

For list of financial aid options, see next page.

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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CLBI Financial Aid Application

We believe that every young person deserves the opportunity to attend CLBI. As such, we are proud to offer our students a number of scholarships and bursaries, all of which are made possible by the generous donors and supporters of the school.

- **Start your CLBI Financial Aid Application**
 - Visit clbi.edu/admissions, scroll to “Financial Assistance”, and click the CLBI Financial Aid Application thumbnail.
- **Who can apply?**
 - The CLBI Financial Aid Application is open to all students for whom at least 1 of the following options applies:
 - a) **currently attending CLBI**
 - b) **currently applying to CLBI**
 - b) **currently accepted to the upcoming CLBI school year.**
- **How much can you expect to receive?**
 - Each submitted CLBI Financial Aid Application receives a **minimum of \$500***, but is eligible to receive **up to \$5000***.
(*towards your CLBI tuition)

Note: Amounts received will be applied to your full year's tuition at CLBI. 50% will automatically be applied to the 1st semester (Sep-Dec). To apply the remaining 50% to the 2nd semester (Jan-Apr), recipients are to have maintained all classroom requirements and been an active member in the community at CLBI.

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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 ⁴Alberta Student Aid** (Alberta residents only)
 - Your single application automatically gets you considered for Alberta Student Loans, Canada Student Loans, and Grants.
- Step 1) ⁵Begin your Alberta Student Aid Application**
- Step 2)** Choose one of following to apply for:
 - a) Loan & grant money***
 - Fill out application & enter requested amount of \$1
 - (*All loan applications are automatically considered for grants)
 - b) Grant money only**
 - Fill out application for grant money
 - Enter requested amount of \$1

SCHOOL & PROGRAM NAMES FOR ALBERTA STUDENT AID APPLICATION

SCHOOL	Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute
1ST YEAR	Religion 1/1 Certificate in Christian Discipleship and Biblical Studies
2ND YEAR	Religion 2/2 Diploma in Christian Leadership and Mission

- **For Non-Alberta Residents**
 - Go to ⁶[Provincial and territorial student aid offices](#)
- **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 Before Attending CLBI**
 - 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

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² Karren Stinson Bursary (pg 6)

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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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