



CIM MAINTENANCE, ENGINEERING AND RELIABILITY (MERS) SOCIETY

J.D. “PAT” PATTERSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The CIM Maintenance, Engineering and Reliability Society J. D. “Pat” Patterson Memorial Scholarship was created in 1991 in memory of Mr. Pat Patterson, a past CIM MERS Society chairman who was a well known individual in the Canadian mining industry.

Name of Scholarship J.D. “Pat” Patterson Memorial Scholarship

Type of Scholarship Post-secondary entrance, non-renewable

Value of Scholarship \$4,000 payable around January / February of the academic year for which the award is made. In order to receive the award, the recipient must provide an official communication from their institution confirming successful completion of the fall semester.

Eligibility This scholarship is open to any CIM National member (including student members), or the son, daughter or spouse of a CIM National member, who is currently enrolled, full time, in a post-secondary educational institution to study the MERS disciplines with the intent of pursuing a career in the mining industry. The MERS disciplines constitute engineering or technologist level studies in Mechanical, Civil, Electrical, Electronics, Instrumentation, Chemical, Computer Sciences, Material Sciences, Manufacturing and related disciplines.

Note: CIM National membership is open to students from a very broad range of degree disciplines, including those that extend well beyond science and engineering. Students, and prospective students can join the CIM online at:

<https://portal.cim.org/mpower/cim/membership/apply-for-individual>

CIM MERS Scholarships Eligibility Matrix

Scholarship	Ken Hildebrant	MERS Centennial	MERS Memorial	J.D. "Pat" Patterson Memorial	Edward Melville (Ed) Patton Memorial
CIM Member or spouse or son/daughter of Member	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Canadian post-secondary institution	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES
Entrance scholarship only	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO
Open to graduate students	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
MERS disciplines only	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Must be full time student	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about CIM MERS Scholarships

What is an entrance scholarship?	It is a scholarship for a person that has entered, or is entering their first year of post-secondary education. Do not apply for an entrance scholarship if you are entering, or are in, the second or subsequent year of your post-secondary education
What are the MERS disciplines?	The MERS disciplines constitute engineering or technologist level studies in Mechanical, Civil, Electrical, Electronics, Instrumentation, Chemical, Computer Sciences, Material Sciences, Manufacturing and related disciplines. If you are studying Mining Engineering, you may wish to consider applying to one of the other scholarships instead.
I am a post-graduate student. Can I apply?	Yes. The Edward Melville (Ed) Patton scholarship will accept your application as a graduate student, however this award is not only for graduate students. Students doing an undergraduate project can apply too.
What if I am not current a CIM Member?	If you are not currently a CIM member, you can still apply for a scholarship if one of your parents, or your spouse is a CIM National member already. If this does not apply to you then you can join the CIM online at: https://portal.cim.org/mpower/cim/membership/apply-for-individual
I am currently on a co-op. Can I apply?	In order to be eligible for a CIM MERS scholarship you must be registered as a full-time student. Co-op placements that are an official / formal part of a degree program normally require registration with your post-secondary institution as if you were going to be present for taught classes.
What is a post-secondary institution?	In Canada, a post-secondary institution refers to an educational institution that provides education beyond high school (secondary school). These institutions offer a range of programs leading to degrees, diplomas, and certificates. 'Post-secondary institution' does not just mean 'University', means Colleges and Trade Schools too.

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Required Application Information

- Applicant’s name, address, telephone number and email address
- CIM membership number or parent’s or spouse’s membership number
- Proof of enrolment at a post-secondary institution
- Transcript of secondary education (high school) marks
- Personal statement detailing i) extracurricular activities ii) community involvement and iii) details of any other scholarships currently or formerly held by the Applicant. (max. 1 ½ pages)
- An essay explaining why the Applicant is considering a career in the mining industry (max. 1 page)

Basis of Award

Satisfaction of eligibility criteria
Scholastic achievement and excellence
Calibre of personal statement; nature and extent of extracurricular activities and community involvement and extent of prior scholarships
Calibre of essay

Application Deadline

October 31st of the application year

Address for submissions

Submit by email to:
MER_Scholarships@cim.org

Advertising

CIM Magazine, CIM Reporter, Post Secondary Institution’s Calendars, CIM web site

Recipient announcement

CIM Magazine

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

After completing the form on the following pages, please save them (only) as a pdf file. Compile all required annexes, including scanned documents, as pdf files.

Then, combine all the pdf files into a single pdf file, ensuring the application form comes first and name the compiled file according to the following format:

YYYY_MERS_PATTERSON_YourSurname_YourFirstNames.pdf.

For example, if Wayne Gretzky was making an application in October 2025, then the file would have been named:

2025_MERS_PATTERSON_Gretzky_Wayne.pdf

The size of the compiled pdf file should not exceed 5MB.

Then, submit your application to the following email address:

MER_Scholarships@cim.org

with the text:

J.D. “PAT” PATTERSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

in the subject line of the email.

Do this before:

23:59 Eastern Standard Time on 31st October of the current academic year.

If you are selected for an award, you will be contacted by our scholarships coordinator who will ask you to confirm your post-secondary registration status and for additional personal details, such as a head and shoulders photograph for award announcement purposes, a void cheque so you can be paid and your Social Insurance Number so that we can inform the Canada Revenue Agency of your award.

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Surname	
First name(s)	
Summary biographical statement	
In the box below, provide a summary biographical statement. If your application is successful, this statement will be used to describe you in the CIM Magazine. (Do not change font or font size)	

Your contact details		
	Permanent	Term-time
Address 1		
Address 2		
City		
Postcode		
Province		
Country		
Landline phone		
Mobile phone		
Email address		

CIM Membership	
In the four boxes immediately below, enter the details of the CIM Member representing your application. If the member is you, enter “Self” where relevant and provide your own membership details. Students of all disciplines can join the CIM here .	
Member name	
Relation to applicant	
Membership number	
Name of Branch or Society	

NECESSARY INFORMATION

Eligibility Checklist

Please review the eligibility criteria for this scholarship very carefully before responding. Then answer yes or no to the following questions. All questions must be answered.

Is your current Institution located in Canada?	
Are you entering your Institution (are you in the first year)?	
Are you following a graduate degree?	
Have you checked the CIM MERS Scholarships Eligibility Matrix and FAQs to ensure you are eligible to apply to this scholarship?	
Are you a full time student?	

Your secondary institution

Institution Name	
Institution Address	
Principal's name	
Telephone number	
Fax number	

Your post-secondary institution

Please review the eligibility criteria for this scholarship very carefully before responding. For example: if you are not following one of the MER disciplines you are not eligible to apply for this scholarship.

Institution Name	
Student registration number	
Department	
Departmental Chair Name	
Department Address	
Department Telephone	
Department Fax	
Your program/course title	
Your year of study	

Application Checklist

Please answer yes or no to the following questions. All questions must be answered.

Have you provided proof of enrolment at your Institution?	
Have you provided a transcript of your high school marks?	
Have you provided a personal statement?	
Have you provided an essay on your rationale for pursuing a career in the mining industry?	

Personal Statement (Page 1 of 2) (Do not change font or font size)

Personal Statement (Page 2 of 2) (Do not change font or font size)

Essay: Why are you considering a career in the mining industry?