

**MARCH 3 @ 1 PM ET**

Conference & Golf Registration Opens

June 2 - 4, 2026 / Halifax Convention Centre / Halifax, NS

This Week's Top Story | February 20, 2026**Share the Opportunity. Support the Future.**

Student applications open February 25

More Than \$160,000 in Scholarships Available for Canadian College & University Students

Know a student heading to college or university this year? Make sure they do not miss this opportunity.

The 2026 EFC Scholarship Program opens for student applications on Wednesday, February 25, with more than 60 scholarships available totaling more than \$160,000. These scholarships are funded by leading Canadian electrical manufacturers, distributors, and agents committed to supporting the next generation of industry talent.

Scholarships are open to Canadian post-secondary students pursuing a discipline that targets a career in the electrical industry, including Electrical Engineering, Electrical Technologist, Electrical Technician, Industrial Distribution, Sales, Marketing, Finance, Human Resources, Management Operations, Logistics, and Information Technology. Applicants with a connection to an EFC member company are encouraged to apply.

Opportunities are available across different regions and include scholarships that promote diversity and inclusion, supporting Indigenous students, underrepresented ethnic communities, and women pursuing careers in the electrical industry.

"The electrical industry is growing and evolving, and the demand for skilled professionals continues to rise." Says Tom Mason, VP Membership and Channel Development. "Our scholarship program supports students already working toward careers in our field and helps them explore the many opportunities our industry has to offer."

Help Us Spread the Word

We encourage all members to share this opportunity within your networks, including employees, co-workers, customers, family members, and friends who have students in their lives. A simple share can open the door to meaningful financial support and a future in our industry.

[Explore the program](#) | [Share the program poster](#) | [View 2025 scholarships recipients](#)

Industry News

Mark Your Calendars: Head Office Conference Meeting Room Bookings Open Wednesday, February 25 at 1 PM EST – Member companies planning to secure private meeting space at the upcoming EFC Annual Industry Conference in Halifax may select and reserve from a large variety of meeting room options to conduct their company's head office meetings. These rooms are conveniently located throughout the Halifax Convention Centre. For those seeking a more informal setting, the Electro-Lounge offers an open and informal meeting space available on a first-come basis, with no advance reservation required. A reservation link will be distributed by email at 1 PM EST on February 25. Early booking is encouraged to secure your space!

CANENA AGM Highlights: Advancing Standards Harmonization Across the Americas – Last week, EFC represented by Rob McIntyre, our Interim Senior Business Section Manager, participated in the CANENA Annual General Meeting alongside partners from National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) and National Chamber of Electrical Manufacturers (CANAME). [View the LinkedIn Post.](#)

REMINDER: Call for Stories for International Women's Day 2026 – In celebration of International Women's Day on March 8, we invite you to share how your organization champions equity and inclusion in the workplace. This year's IWD theme, Give to Gain, highlights the power of generosity, collaboration, and growth. It reminds us that giving is not about losing—it's about multiplying possibilities. When individuals, organizations, and communities give freely, they create more opportunities and support for women everywhere. When women thrive, we all rise. In this spirit, we want to share your stories, events, or plans for IWD! Please send your submissions to Dennis Potharst for inclusion in the March 6 edition of InfoElectro.

REMINDER: Now Accepting Nominations | EFC Annual Industry Awards – Each year, EFC recognizes the individuals and organizations whose leadership, engagement, and service strengthen Canada's electrical and automation industry. EFC members are invited to submit nominations for the following awards: CEMRA Person of the Year Award and the Industry Recognition Award (IRA). The deadline for submissions is March 31, and recipients will be honoured at the 2026 Industry Conference Awards Gala in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Learn more about EFC's award categories and criteria, and submit a nomination [here](#).

Nominations Now Open: 8th Biennial MEET Innovation Awards! MEET is pleased to present the 8th biennial 'MEET Innovation Awards' as part of the 2026 edition of the show. Help us recognize and showcase innovative products in the industry! Deadline for submissions is Tuesday, March 31. [Click here](#) to make your nomination. [Learn more about MEET.](#)

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: Quebec Personality of the Year 2025 – Each year, Quebec members present the Personality of the Year Award to honour an individual who has been a significant contributor to our industry in the Quebec region, demonstrating strong leadership through personal and professional contributions. To nominate a member, [click here](#).

16th Annual Ontario Gala 'Bowties and Bubbly' | March 6 – This year's gala features a champagne networking reception, dinner, and entertainment. Several executive leadership exchanges on the Ontario Region Committee, Women's Network, and Young Professional Network will also be announced. Register your table or purchase your ticket for this must attend event of the year. A variety of sponsorship levels are available; please contact Nathalie Lajoie. [Register now.](#)

OEN Networking Luncheon with Carolyn Calwell | March 2 – Online registration is now open for the March 2, 2026 OEN Networking Luncheon, featuring special guest speaker Carolyn Calwell, CEO of the Ontario Energy Board. This event will be held in the Harbour Ballroom at the Westin Harbour Castle in Toronto. [Register now.](#)

YPN Atlantic GATHER St. John's Hockey Game | March 20 – Join Atlantic YPNs for an evening of hockey as the Newfoundland Regiment take on the Halifax Mooseheads at Mary Brown's Centre in St. John's, NL! Registration includes food, complimentary beverage ticket, and game ticket. [Register now.](#)

Franklin Empire Inc. Announces Acquisition of O'Neil Electric Supply, Strengthening its Presence in Ontario and Eastern Canada – [Read more.](#)

Hammond Power Solutions to Acquire AEG Power Solutions – [Press release](#) | [View the LinkedIn post](#)

Legrand Announces Acquisition of Kratos Industries and Strategic Investment in Accelsius Two-Phase Liquid Cooling Technology – [Read more](#)

Jessica Legare Joins Roney Marketing's Team to Lead Specification Sales Across Ontario – [View the LinkedIn post.](#)

Honouring Steve Svicki and His Impact on Lighting Controls in Ontario – [Press release.](#)