



831 Squadron Sponsoring Committee
Leduc Black Knights Air Cadets
Volunteer Fundraising Bond - 2025-2026 Training Year

Volunteer Fundraising Bond Agreement Form

Important: The following pages of this form describe the details of the 2025/2026 volunteer fundraising bond. Please **read it carefully** and ask the SSC representatives if you have any questions or concerns. The parent or guardian paying the volunteer fundraising bond must complete the following information.

Note: The bond credit will only be released to the person who completed this form.

Parent/ Guardian Information

First and Last Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Cadet(s) Information

First and Last Name: _____

First and Last Name: _____

First and Last Name: _____

*Please check **one** of the following:*

- ☐ **Pay Bond & Volunteer for Credit** – I will pay \$250 for the first cadet, plus the required amount for any additional cadets in the same family. (Cheques: to be post dated for May 31, 2026). I understand that in order to have this bond returned, I need to participate in the SSC Fundraising Programs per the details outlined in the Parent Handbook.
- ☐ **Donate Bond & Volunteering Optional (not required)** – I will pay \$250 for the first cadet, plus the required amount for any additional cadets in the same family and opt out of volunteering. I understand I am DONATING the \$250 bond and may choose to participate in volunteering or fundraising activities, but it is not required.
- ☐ **Request Financial Accommodation** – I would like the SSC Chair to contact me, as my family has special circumstances that make the volunteer fundraising bond unaffordable.

I have read and fully understand the volunteer fundraising bond program details, and I agree to provide the \$250/cadet volunteer fundraising bond for the first cadet in my family and \$150/cadet for additional cadets in my family for the upcoming 831 Black Knight Cadet Year.

***If writing a cheque, Please make payable to “RCACS 831 Sponsoring Committee”**

***I understand that NSF cheques will be assessed a \$40 fee.**

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



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To be completed by SSC intake member:

Payment Received Date: _____

☐ **Cash Provided:**

☐ Total Received: _____

☐ **Cheques Provided:**

☐ Cheque # _____ Amt Rec'd: _____

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Signature of **Parent/Guardian** acknowledging
payment provided by **November 4, 2025.**

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature of **SSC Intake Member** acknowledging
payment provided by **November 4, 2025..**

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Volunteer Bond Return Information

Cash Returned:

Total Returned	Date Returned	Parent Signature	SSC Signature

Cheque Returned:

Cheque Returned	Date Returned	Parent Signature	SSC Signature



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VOLUNTEER BONDS - Beginning 2025-2026 Year

To help ensure we meet our financial goals, the SSC introduced an **optional and refundable Volunteer Fundraising Bond**, approved by SSC parents at the May 2025 AGM. This bond, launching for the **2025-2026 training year**, provides parents with the opportunity to:

- ✓ Participate in planned fundraising efforts
- ✓ Help support our cadets' programs
- ✓ Receive a full refund once your volunteer commitment is met

This initiative is a key step in securing the future success of our squadron and enriching our cadets' experience throughout the year. We sincerely appreciate your support as we continue to grow and strengthen the 831 Black Knights Squadron.

The volunteer fundraising bond value for the 2025-2026 training year is
\$250/cadet.

Bond Value (due by Nov 4, 2025):

\$250 – first cadet in household
\$150 – each additional cadet

For cadets registered after Jan 2026:

\$200 – first cadet
\$100 – each additional cadet

Disclaimer: Volunteer Fundraising Bond amounts are reviewed annually by the SSC and may be adjusted for future training years. Any changes will be communicated to families prior to the start of the new training year. Bond amounts will not change during the current training year once collected.

Payments can be made through the following options: **cash or cheques** - post dated to May 31, 2026. (Please note: that NSF cheques will incur an additional \$40 fee).

Parents can **earn the bond back by participating in fundraising activities**. Parents receive credits for Joining the SSC Board, helping with bottle drives, and participating in other fundraising events like selling cash calendars. If the volunteer fundraising bond credit threshold is **not met** before the end of the training year, **the bond will not be returned**.



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VOLUNTEERING OPTIONS	BOND EQUIVALENCE
SSC Chair (full year)	\$250
SSC Vice-Chair (full year)	\$250
SSC Treasurer (full year)	\$250
SSC Secretary (full year)	\$250
SSC Fundraising Coordinator x1 (full year)	\$250
Fundraising Volunteers - 2 volunteers needed (As needed - up to 2 hours/month - full year)	\$100
SSC Canteen Coordinator x 1 (full year)	\$250
Canteen Volunteer - 3 volunteers needed (1 - 1 hour shift/month - full year)	\$100

FUNDRAISING OPTIONS	BOND EQUIVALENCE
Every \$300 value of fundraising sales	\$100
Bottle Drive Volunteering - All Day (8 hours)	\$100
Bottle Drive Volunteering - Half Day (4 hours)	\$50
Mess Dinner (based off CO's recommendations) Information, roles and volunteer responsibilities forthcoming.	To Be Determined
Donations to Silent Auction	(Based on donation value)
Other options to be determined. Needs to be brought forward to SSC, and SSC must vote to approve. We love ideas - please don't hesitate to discuss with us	To Be Determined

VOLUNTEER BONDS - FAQ

Can I Choose to Donate the Bond Instead of Fundraising?

Absolutely – and we greatly appreciate it! Donating the bond is one of the most helpful contributions a parent can make. It allows the funds to be available right away for the Squadron's needs, rather than being held until the end of the year. You can still choose whether or not you'd like to participate in fundraising activities after donating.



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What If I Prefer Not To Fundraise?

No problem. On the Volunteer Fundraising Bond form, simply indicate that you would like to **donate the bond** and **opt out of fundraising**. Families who choose not to fundraise will not be contacted with individual fundraising tasks, though you may still receive general fundraising updates through our regular communications.

How and When is the Bond Returned?

If you choose to fundraise, your bond will be refunded once you have earned credit equal to the bond amount. Refunds are given in the same form it was originally provided - and we will require a signature from the parent/guardian & SSC to confirm this was returned to you.

- If your cheque expires, we will reach out to you via phone or registered mail to work out a way to return your bond. A \$10 fee will be taken off to cover the cost of registered mail. If we don't hear back within 30 days, the bond will be forfeited.

What Happens if My Cadet Leaves the Program During the Year?

If your Cadet officially resigns **before January 1**, and returns all issued materials and uniforms, your bonds will be refunded as indicated below.

- Withdrawal before January: \$100 of the bond is non-refundable
- Withdrawal after January: \$200 of the bond is non-refundable

Are Financial Accommodations Available?

Yes – we are committed to making the Cadet program accessible to all families. If you're facing financial challenges, simply check the "special circumstances" box on the Volunteer Fundraising Bond form. Our SSC Chair will reach out to schedule a private and respectful conversation to discuss options.

♥SSC Promise♥

No Cadet will ever be denied participation due to financial reasons.

Isn't the Cadet Program Supposed to be Free?

The Air Cadet Program is one of the top youth leadership and aviation programs in Canada. While there is no registration fee to join, the program is funded at the local level through **parent-led fundraising efforts**.

In the past, traditional fundraising covered the Squadron's needs. However, since COVID-19, fundraising levels have not kept pace with operational costs. The Volunteer Fundraising Bond ensures we can continue offering high-quality experiences to all Cadets – today and in the future.



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I'm ready to do my part. What's next?

That's great to hear! If you didn't complete the Volunteer Fundraising Bond form during September's recruitment nights, you can still do so now. Here's how:

1. Confirm your cadet is registered with 831 Black Knights Squadron.
2. Download and complete the bond form: [[Click here to download the form](#)]
3. Submit the completed form along with your \$250/cadet bond (cash or post-dated cheque) to an SSC member during Tuesday Parade Nights on or **before November 4, 2025**.
4. Watch for volunteer opportunities in our weekly announcements and sign up to get involved!