

Bursary Program for Full-Time Students

What is it?

This bursary program helps to offset tuition fees in a Francophone or bilingual institution in Canada.

Existing or potential post-secondary students who are eligible for this program may benefit from these bursaries valued at \$500 for one semester or \$1000 for a full year of study. There is a life-time maximum of \$2000.

Do I qualify?

To be eligible for this bursary program, you must be

- a full-time post-secondary student registered in a Francophone or bilingual institution in Canada
- a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant, having resided in Nova Scotia 12 months prior to July 1 of the current year (Students from outside the province residing in Nova Scotia for the purpose of attending university or another post-secondary institution do not qualify.)
- a full-time student who has been accepted by an accredited Canadian institution whose campus is in Canada in an environment conducive to acquiring a better command of the French language
- planning to follow a program of studies in which French is the language of instruction for at least 60 percent of the courses (minimum of three full courses during an academic year)

How do I apply?

You must complete the attached application form and send to the address noted below.

The following documents must accompany your completed application:

- proof of Canadian Citizenship or landed immigrant status (a photocopy of the Birth Certificate is sufficient for those born in Canada)
- photocopy of Social Insurance Number card
- most recent official transcript of marks (with seal)

All applications must be postmarked by the last Friday of the month of September.

Incomplete applications will NOT be considered.

Send your completed application and accompanying documents to

Provincial Co-ordinator
Official Languages Programs
Department of Education
2021 Brunswick St., PO Box 578
Halifax NS B3J 2S9

More information regarding this bursary program may be obtained by contacting <bourssetp@gov.ns.ca> or (902) 424-5283.

What happens after I apply?

The Selection Committee will make the final decision on the eligibility of applicants.

Once eligibility is established, random selection of eligible applications will take place. By mid-October, applicants will be advised in writing whether or not they are being awarded a bursary.

Applicants who did not receive a bursary can reapply the following year as long as they still have full-time student status.

What happens if I get a bursary?

The bursary is provided in two equal instalments: end of November and the end of February.

However, before any monies can be paid out, a certificate of enrolment, signed by an official of the institution you are attending is required. A certificate of enrolment is required for both November (first semester) and February (second semester).

If you receive a bursary, you must re-apply for the second year before the deadline. This is to advise us that you are returning to your studies on a full-time basis. Failing to reapply may end in failure to be eligible to receive the remainder of your bursary.

Official Languages in Education Program Bursary Application for Full-Time Students

Personal Information

Surname: _____

Name: _____

Male Female

First language: French English

Social insurance number: _____

Date of birth: _____

Permanent Address: _____

_____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: (902) _____

I am a Canadian Citizen

I am a landed Immigrant

Name of institution you will be entering: _____

Degree/Program you will be/are following (e.g., B.Sc., B.Ed.): _____

Year of program: _____

I am applying for a bursary in the amount of:

\$500 (1 semester)

\$1000 (1 year)

\$2000 (2–4 year program)

Applicant's Declaration

I hereby apply for a bursary and declare that all information given above is complete and true, information given above is complete and true, that I have answered all questions applicable to me on this form, that I shall be a full-time student for the academic period stated and take the program specified above. I understand that my application is subject to verification and I hereby authorize my institution to release to the Department of Education, upon request, all information concerning my enrolment in French-language courses.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

You must submit your application form and all supporting documents by mail to the Provincial Coordinator by the last Friday of the month of September. All applications must be postmarked by that date.

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Bursaries are not guaranteed.