

Diversity in Communications Bursary

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

The Diversity in Communications Bursary reflects our commitment to amplifying underrepresented voices and advancing equity in Nova Scotia's communications landscape. Administered by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (African Canadian Services Branch), this initiative supports students who bring diverse perspectives to creative fields. By empowering the next generation of communicators, we foster more inclusive storytelling and representation across the province. The bursaries will be awarded in the areas of:

Images, Words or Technology

Images: Photography, video, or digital arts program

Words: Public relations/communications, journalism, languages or marketing/advertising program

Technology: Website design, website/app development, or graphic design/digital communications

CREATIVE SUBMISSION DETAILS

Students must submit a creative piece related to the bursary's theme. This year's theme is **Impact**. The creative piece can interpret or relate to the theme in any way you like. The creative piece can be a new work, or something previously created. The piece should be submitted in one of the following formats:

Images: a related series of up to five images (e.g. photos, graphics) or up to five minutes of video

Words: an article or essay, maximum 1,000 words in length

Technology: a portfolio of up to five components (web pages, mobile app screenshots, etc.)

ELIGIBILITY AND CONDITIONS

Applicants must:

- be enrolled full-time in an applicable communications-related degree or diploma program(see examples above) at a university or college in Nova Scotia
- be a member of an underrepresented group, such as Indigenous peoples, Mi'kmaq, African Nova Scotians and other racially visible people, French as a first language, persons with a disability and 2SLGBTQI+
- include the required creative submission and ensure that your name is on the submission
- submit a completed application form, postmarked by **Friday, October 31, 2025**



APPLICATION *(If additional space is required, please attach another sheet.)*

Personal Information

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

SIN: _____

You are a member of an underrepresented group

☐ Yes

☐ No

Submission category: ☐ Words ☐ Images ☐ Technology

Which underrepresented group(s) do you belong to?

University/College Information

University/College attending: _____

Program enrolled in: _____

Please tell us briefly (max 250 words) about the path you hope to pursue in your chosen field of communications.

Please tell us briefly (max 250 words) how your creative piece relates to this year's theme.

Optional: Is there anything else you feel is relevant for us to know?

Please return the completed application with a confirmation of current enrolment in a university or college and a creative submission. Incomplete applications cannot be considered. Please ensure you have included all the required materials.

Application deadline: Friday October 31, 2025

Please send your application to:

Caleb Adams

African Canadian Services Branch

Dept. of Education and Early Childhood Development

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Questions? Call **902-424-2586** or check our website: <https://www.ednet.ns.ca/acs/scholarships-grants/diversity-communications-bursary>