TEACHER EDUCATION APPLICATION FORM

This form is to be completed by an individual enrolled full-time in a Bachelor of Education Program at any school of education in Canada

SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS PROGRAM FOR AFRICAN NOVA SCOTIAN STUDENTS

Students must submit an application EACH YEAR to be considered for any scholarship/award. For additional information on scholarship criteria: **ednet.ns.ca/acs/**Please print clearly in pen and complete Application in FULL.

Value of Scholarship: Up to \$5,000

STUDENT INFORMATION					
ENROLLMENT STATUS Full-time Part-time			GENDER		
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MAIL THIS FORM TO

Department of Education &

African Canadian Services

Early Childhood Development

Brunswick Place,

PO Box 578

2021 Brunswick Street

Halifax, NS B3J 2S9

Further Inquiries

Phone: 902-424-2586

Email: ACSBawards@novascotia.ca

See Reverse Side for Criteria

Fax: 902-428-2202

APPLICATION DEADLINE

in writing by the first week of

September regarding eligibility

Applicants will receive notification

July 26, 2024

Late applications will

Print a copy from website:

not be accepted

ednet.ns.ca/acs/

SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS PROGRAM FOR AFRICAN NOVA SCOTIAN STUDENTS

In response to the *Black Learners Advisory Committee (BLAC) Report on Education*, a number of scholarships are available to African Nova Scotian (Black) students who have displayed a commitment to academic excellence and community involvement.

BACKGROUND

The BLAC Report on Education highlights glaring educational, economic, and social inequities between African Nova Scotians and other Nova Scotians. The report also reveals that the lack of educational opportunities has contributed significantly to the disparity in educational and professional attainment of African Nova Scotians, and consequently, to their social and economic marginalization.

AIMS OF THE PROGRAM

The quest of African Nova Scotians for fair educational opportunities has often been impeded by formidable economic and institutional barriers and the scholarship program partly aims to lower these barriers. This program also seeks to address the serious problem of accessibility by providing financial assistance to African Nova Scotian (Black) students who wish to enter professional programs where African Nova Scotians are severely under-represented, such as teaching, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, engineering, and other sciences. Students would be equipped with tools to provide lifelong service to their communities, while pursuing professional careers. The program assists in providing additional role models, while building community leadership skills.

CITIZENSHIP AND RESIDENCE

To be eligible a student must be a Canadian citizen whose parent(s) is/are of Black African descent. Applicants must be residents of Nova Scotia.

*The term "Black" is the original term that the Education Incentive Program for Black Students used, and it is the term that the Black Learners Advisory Committee used in their recommendation that the Nova Scotia Government "should provide scholarships and financial assistance to Black learners in recognition of achievement and need" (p.21) The term "Black" is used because many people of African ancestry in Canada and Nova Scotia refer to themselves as "Black," a term used to refer to a racial identity, rather than a colour. (acs.ednet.ns.ca/sites/default/files/BLAC%20Report%20on%20Education%20Vol%201-3.pdf)

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR SELECTION, APPLICANTSMUST

- Be accepted or registered as a full-time student in one of the prescribed university programs
- Demonstrate continued scholastic achievement (attach an official academic transcript internet copies and/or photocopies will not be accepted)
- First year students/applicants must submit a typed essay (300 words) describing past involvement with, and vision for future development of the African Nova Scotian (Black) community
- · Must not possess a professional degree
- Must have attended a Nova Scotia P-12 Public/Private school.
- Be willing to participate in school to work transition follow-up surveys
- Attach two letters of reference (see application form), one reference from a university professor and one-character reference (non-relative)

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TEACHER EDUCATION

Teacher Education Scholarships valued at up to \$5,000 are available to African Nova Scotian (Black) students who have been accepted into B.Ed. programs. Applicants must have demonstrated scholastic success while maintaining extracurricular involvement. Up to Fifteen scholarships are awarded annually for any School of Education in Canada for up to two years. Students must apply each year to be considered for any scholarship/award.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SCIENCE PROFESSIONS

Scholarships valued at up to \$7,000 are available to African Nova Scotia (black) students who have been accepted into Science programs. The actual amount awarded will depend on program cost.

Priority will be given to the following programs: Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, and Engineering.

Applicants must have demonstrated scholastic excellence while maintaining extracurricular involvement. Up to ten scholarships are available annually. Students are eligible for funding up to a maximum of three consecutive years, provided a level of academic excellence is maintained. This scholarship may not be held concurrently with the Education Incentive Scholarship. Students must apply each year to be considered for any scholarship/award.

Scholarships are made co-payable to the appropriate university and selected applicant and will be forwarded to the university. However, payment will not be made until the applicant has provided a letter of confirmation from the Registrar of the particular university. Requests for deferment will be considered only in unusual circumstances and the decision will be made by the Selection Committee.

MAP OF HISTORIAL AFRICAN NOVA SCOTIAN/BLACK COMMUNITIES



WHERE TO APPLY:

Obtain application forms from the African Canadian Services Branch, or at ednet.ns.ca/acs/

African Canadian Services Branch:

ACSBawards@novascotia.ca

Completed application forms and required information must be returned by July 26, 2024 directly to:

Department of Education & Early Childhood Development, African Canadian Services Branch Brunswick Place, 2021 Brunswick Street, PO Box 578 Halifax, NS B3J 2S9

