# **UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP** APPLICATION FORM

This form is to be completed by an individual who has just graduated from high school and is enrolled full-time in an undergraduate degree program within the current year at a post-secondary institution

# 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: \$4,500

ION		
○ Full-time ○ Part-time GENDER		
BER (SIN) (Mandatory)		
APT#		
POSTAL CODE		
CELL EMAIL		
COTIAN (BLACK) STUDENT* O Yes O No I AM A CANADIAN CITIZEN	O Yes	O No
CITY / COUNTRY OF BIRTH (Visa Students are not eligible for this award)		
ptember-April)		
POSTAL CODE		
EMAIL		
GROUND (Must have attended school in Nova Scotia)		
) ANTICIPATED GRADUATION DATE (Month/Year)		
TEND		
AM ENROLLED IN		
AND/OR PARENT/GUARDIAN OF AFRICAN DESCENT		
PARENT/GUARDIAN OF AFRICAN DESCENT		
POSTAL CODE PHONE		
HONOURS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES		
HONOURS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES		

#### ATTACH THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR APPLICATION FORM

- · School Report (Must be completed by Principal, Vice Principal, School Counsellor, or African Nova Scotian Student
- Support Worker)
- Official mid-year transcript

- Official final transcript (mail separately if not available at time of applying)
- Official letter of acceptance from university
- Academic reference letter
- Character reference letter (non-relative)
- Maximum 300 words (typed) essay describing your past involvement with <u>and/or</u> vision for the African Nova Scotian (Black) community

I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is true.

#### Signature

Date

If you are approved for this scholarship, your name may/will be published.

MAIL THIS FORM TO Department of Education & Early Childhood Development African Canadian Services Brunswick Place, 2021 Brunswick Street PO Box 578 Halifax, NS B3J 2S9 Further Inquiries Phone: 902-424-2586 Fax: 902-428-2202 Email: <u>ACSBawards@novascotia.ca</u> APPLICATION DEADLINE MAY 31, 2024

See Reverse Side for Criteria

The Education Incentive Program for Black Students was established in 1965 by the Government of Nova Scotia to assist and encourage Black students to continue their education in high schools, community colleges, technical institutes, universities, and other approved post-secondary institutions. This program has evolved into the Scholarship Program for African Nova Scotian Students.

# **AIMS OF THE PROGRAM**

Provide financial assistance to African Nova Scotian (Black) students so they will be encouraged to continue their post-secondary education immediately following completion of grade 12 in the Nova Scotia school system, develop leadership potential, and meet educational career and professional objectives.

### **AWARDS**

Students are eligible to apply for one award per year, up to a maximum of four consecutive years, depending on the scholarship. Contact African Canadian Services Division for information at 902-424-2586.

- University Entrance Scholarship (75% average or higher) \$4,500
- Post-Secondary Award (Less than 75% average) \$2,500
- Community College/Trade School Award \$1,800
- Performing Arts Award \$1,000 Only one student per year will receive this award.
- (This award is available in conjunction with the University Entrance & Post-Secondary Award)

Students may apply for a scholarship/award each year, for a total of four consecutive years immediately following high school completion depending on program enrolled in. Please note that the University Entrance Scholarship in the amount of \$4,500 is available for the first year only. However, applicants who have received the University Entrance Scholarship their first year, may apply the following three years for the Post-Secondary Award. Students must successfully complete the first year of a program to be eligible for the second, third, and fourth year awards which are based on satisfactory academic standing. Students must submit an application each year to be considered for any scholarship/award.

# **UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS**

Valued at \$4,500, these scholarships are available to African Nova Scotian (Black) students who have successfully completed grade 12 in the Nova Scotia school system within the current year, and who have been accepted and will attend university in the academic year immediately following grade12. Students who receive this scholarship can apply the next three consecutive years for the Post-secondary Award.

#### **CRITERIA AS FOLLOWS:**

#### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- An African Nova Scotian (Black) student with genealogical/ancestral connections to an historical African Nova Scotian/Black community; and/or
- An African Nova Scotian (Black) student is a Canadian citizen whose parent(s)/guardian(s) is(are) of Black African descent, and
- Applicant must be a resident of Nova Scotia;
- Applicant must be a Canadian Citizen;
- Applicant must be a graduate of the Nova Scotia School System;
- Enrolled as a full-time student in a recognized degree (undergraduate) program for the academic year immediately following grade 12

\* 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%20 Education%20Vol%201-3.pdf)

#### SELECTION CRITERIA

- Have obtained an average of 75% or higher in five grade 12 academic courses including the compulsory course of English 12 and any four others from the Nova Scotia school system (note that Approved Local Courses (ALC) will not be used in this calculation.
   \*exceptions to this include Advanced Placement Credits, IB Credits and Advanced Courses.
- Have demonstrated leadership qualities through participation in community affairs, student activities and athletics
- Be recommended by the high school principal, vice-principal, guidance counsellor or African Nova Scotian Student Support Worker

Public School Program (PSP) Academic courses are used to determine a student's average. Exceptions as noted above include Advanced Placement, etc. It is crucial that each student review their course selection if they intend to apply for the University Entrance Scholarship. If a student does not have five grade 12 academic courses from the PSP, yet has an average of 75% or higher and will attend university, their application will then be considered for the Post-Secondary Award in the amount of \$2,500.

# SCHOOL REPORT

To be completed by High School Principal, Vice Principal, School Counsellor, or African Nova Scotian Student Support Worker

Available only to African Nova Scotian (Black) students who successfully complete grade 12 within the current year

### **APPLICANT INFORMATION**

NAME		
ADDRESS		APT#
CITY/PROVINCE		POSTAL CODE
PHONE	CELL	EMAIL
AFRICAN NOVA SCOTIAN (BLACK) STUDENT*	○ Yes ○ No	CANADIAN CITIZEN O Yes O No
NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL		GRADUATION YEAR

PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS CHECK APPROPRIATE SECTION ON A SCALE OF 1 (LOW) TO 5 (HIGH)						
LEADERSHIP	01	<u> </u>	○ 3	○ 4	○ 5	
SCHOOL ATTITUDE	○ 1	<u> </u>	<mark>)</mark> 3	○ 4	○ 5	
COOPERATION	01	<u> </u>	○ 3	○ 4	○ 5	

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES CHECK AF	PPROPRIATE SEC	CTION
STUDENT GOVERNMENT	O Active	O Very Active
ATHLETICS	<ul> <li>Active</li> </ul>	O Very Active
DRAMA/LITERACY	<ul> <li>Active</li> </ul>	O Very Active
MUSIC	O Active	O Very Active

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF THE STUDENT'S MID-YEAR MARKS. FINAL MARKS MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE AN AWARD CAN BE CONFIRMED.

# OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES, AWARDS, ETC. (LIST ON A SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY)

Do you recommend that this student receive a University Entrance Scholarship? O Yes O No

Very Highly

○ Highly

○ with Reservation

Signature	Date

Position

If YES, what degree of recommendation?

If NO, explain on a separate sheet.

Ο

\*Must only be completed by Principal, Vice-Principal, School Counsellor, or African Nova Scotian Student Support Worker\*

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

MAY 31, 2024

MAIL THIS FORM TO Department of Education & Early Childhood Development African Canadian Services Brunswick Place, 2021 Brunswick Street PO Box 578 Halifax, NS B3J 2S9 ednet.ns.ca/acs/ Further Inquiries Phone: 902-424-2586 Email: <u>ACSBawards@novascotia.ca</u>





## **APPLICATION DEADLINES**

- University Entrance Scholarship: May 31, 2024
- Post-Secondary Award: July 26, 2024
- Community College Award: July 26, 2024
- Performing Arts Award: July 26, 2024

ALL DEADLINES WILL BE STRICTLY OBSERVED

