

PERFORMING ARTS APPLICATION FORM

This form is to be completed by an individual enrolled full-time in a recognized program at a post-secondary institution

SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS PROGRAM FOR AFRICAN NOVA SCOTIAN STUDENTS

Only successful applicants will receive the award

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: \$1,000

STUDENT INFORMATION

ENROLLMENT STATUS	<input type="radio"/> Full-time <input type="radio"/> Part-time	GENDER
SOCIAL INSURANCE NUMBER (SIN) (Mandatory)		
LEGAL NAME		
ADDRESS	APT#	
CITY/PROVINCE	POSTAL CODE	
PHONE	CELL	EMAIL
I AM AN AFRICAN NOVA SCOTIAN (BLACK) STUDENT*	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	I AM A CANADIAN CITIZEN <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
ETHNICITY	CITY / COUNTRY OF BIRTH (Visa Students are not eligible for this award)	
ALTERNATE ADDRESS (September–April)		
CITY/PROVINCE	POSTAL CODE	
PHONE	EMAIL	

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND (Must have attended school in Nova Scotia)

HIGH SCHOOL	
START DATE (Month/Year)	ANTICIPATED GRADUATION DATE (Month/Year)
UNIVERSITY YOU WILL ATTEND	
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM ENROLLED IN	
STUDENT ID NUMBER:	

PARENT/GUARDIAN AND/OR PARENT/GUARDIAN OF AFRICAN DESCENT

PARENT/GUARDIAN	PARENT/GUARDIAN OF AFRICAN DESCENT	
ADDRESS		
CITY/PROVINCE	POSTAL CODE	PHONE
SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS/HONOURS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES		

ATTACH THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR APPLICATION FORM

FIRST TIME APPLICANTS/STUDENTS

- Official mid-year transcript (for those applying from high school)
- Official final transcript (if available, mail if not available at time of applying)
- Official letter of acceptance from university
- Academic reference letter
- Community reference letter (from a Member of a Historical ANS/African Ancestry Community)(non-relative)
- Maximum 300 words (typed) essay describing your lived experience as a Black person and your connection to one of the Historical African Nova Scotian Communities

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

OR EMAIL THIS FORM TO

Email: ACSBawards@novascotia.ca

Further Inquiries

Phone: 902-424-2586
Email: ACSBawards@novascotia.ca

See Reverse Side for Criteria

APPLICATION DEADLINE

July 31, 2026

This form is available online at:
www.ednet.ns.ca/acs/

The Education Incentive Program for African Nova Scotian Students was established in 1965 by the Government of Nova Scotia to assist and encourage African Nova Scotian 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 Branch for information at 902-424-2586.

- **University Entrance Scholarship (75% average or higher) - \$4,500**
- **Post-Secondary Award (Less than 75% average for Grade 12 students) - \$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)

PERFORMING ARTS AWARD

Valued at \$1,000.00 this scholarship is available to African Nova Scotian (Black) students who have successfully completed grade 12 in the Nova Scotia school system and who are enrolled full-time in a recognized university degree program (i.e., Bachelor of Music) or a Community College/Trade School program with a concentration in the performing arts. **This award is available for one year only.** One Performing Arts Scholarship is awarded per year.

CRITERIA AS FOLLOWS:

ELIGIBILITY

- 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 on a full-time basis in the first or second year of a recognized university degree program (i.e., Bachelor of Music) or a Community College/Trade School program with a concentration in the performing arts.

* 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)

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Have a concentration in one of the performing arts genres, i.e., music, voice, dance, theatrical performances
- Have demonstrated qualities of performing arts through participation in student activities and community affairs

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- A completed application form
- Official mid-term transcript – (Final transcript may be forwarded when it becomes available)
- Copy of official letter of acceptance to a recognized university degree program
- Reference letters (one academic & one community)
- **Maximum 300 words (typed) essay describing your lived experience as a Black person and your connection to one of the Historical African Nova Scotian Communities**

MAP OF HISTORIAL AFRICAN NOVA SCOTIAN/BLACK COMMUNITIES



APPLICATION DEADLINES

- University Entrance Scholarship: **May 30, 2026**
- Post-Secondary Award: **July 31, 2026**
- Community College Award: **July 31, 2026**
- Performing Arts Award: **July 31, 2026**

ALL DEADLINES WILL BE STRICTLY OBSERVED