

SCIENCE PROFESSION APPLICATION FORM

Qualified applicants must already have an undergraduate degree.
Exception to this are applicants enrolled in the Engineering Degree Program, 3rd year.

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 \$7,000

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

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	

NEAREST FAMILY MEMBER

NAME
ADDRESS
CITY/PROVINCE
POSTAL CODE

UNIVERSITY YOU WILL ATTEND

NAME OF INSTITUTION
PROGRAM OF STUDY
YEAR OF PROGRAM <input type="radio"/> 1st <input type="radio"/> 2nd <input type="radio"/> 3rd
STUDENT ID NUMBER:

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND (Must have attended school in Nova Scotia)

HIGH SCHOOL	
START DATE (Month/Year)	END DATE (Month/Year)
LAST DEGREE COMPLETED	
UNIVERSITY WHICH CONFERRED DEGREE	
START DATE (Month/Year)	END DATE (Month/Year)
HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR AND/OR RECEIVED FUNDING FROM ANOTHER SOURCE? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No IF YES, AMOUNT OF FUNDING \$	

ATTACH THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR APPLICATION FORM

<p>FIRST YEAR APPLICANTS/STUDENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Official letter of acceptance from university• Official transcript of Bachelor's Degree (Internet and/or photocopies will not be accepted)• Two letters of reference: one university, one community from individuals other than relative who is a member of a Historical ANS/African Ancestry Community• 300 words typed essay describing your lived experience as a Black person and your connection to one of the Historical African Nova Scotian Communities	<p>IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED PRIOR FUNDING OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP AND ARE IN YOUR SECOND YEAR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Official transcript from the previous year (Internet and/or photocopies will not be accepted)• Confirmation of Enrollment Form from university verifying that you are registered in the second/third year of the degree program
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I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is true.

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

<p>MAIL THIS FORM TO Department of Education & Early Childhood Development African Canadian Services</p>	<p>Brunswick Place, 2021 Brunswick Street PO Box 578 Halifax, NS B3J 2S9</p>	<p>Further Inquiries Phone: 902-424-2586 Email: ACSBawards@novascotia.ca</p>	<p>APPLICATION DEADLINE July 25, 2025</p>	<p>Late applications will not be accepted</p>
			<p>See Reverse Side for Criteria</p>	<p>Print a copy from website: ednet.ns.ca/acs/</p>

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, APPLICANTS MUST

- 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—**Unofficial copies and/or photocopies will not be accepted**)
- First year applicants must submit a typed essay (**300 words**) describing your lived experience as a **Black person and your connection to one of the Historical African Nova Scotian Communities**
- 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-community reference (from a Member of a Historical ANS/African Ancestry Community)(non-relative)**

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. 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.

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 at any School of Education in Canada for up to two years.

MAP OF HISTORIAL AFRICAN NOVA SCOTIAN/BLACK COMMUNITIES



Completed application forms and required information must be returned by **July 25, 2025** directly to:

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

WHERE TO APPLY:

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

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ACSBawards@novascotia.ca