

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.

Only successful applicants will receive the 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**

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

- 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
- 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

May 29, 2026

This form is available online at:

www.ednet.ns.ca/acs/

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 grade 12. 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%20Education%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*	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	CANADIAN CITIZEN <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL	GRADUATION YEAR	

PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS CHECK APPROPRIATE SECTION ON A SCALE OF 1 (LOW) TO 5 (HIGH)

LEADERSHIP	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
SCHOOL ATTITUDE	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5
COOPERATION	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES CHECK APPROPRIATE SECTION

STUDENT GOVERNMENT	<input type="radio"/> Active	<input type="radio"/> Very Active
ATHLETICS	<input type="radio"/> Active	<input type="radio"/> Very Active
DRAMA/LITERACY	<input type="radio"/> Active	<input type="radio"/> Very Active
MUSIC	<input type="radio"/> Active	<input type="radio"/> 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? Yes No

If YES, what degree of recommendation? Very Highly Highly with Reservation

If NO, explain on a separate sheet.

Signature _____ Date _____

Position _____

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

APPLICATION
DEADLINE:
MAY 29, 2026

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/

OR EMAIL THIS FORM TO
Email: ACSBawards@novascotia.ca

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



MAP OF HISTORIAL AFRICAN NOVA SCOTIAN/BLACK COMMUNITIES



Shelburne

- 1 Shelburne
- 2 Birchtown

Yarmouth

- 3 Yarmouth
- 4 Greenville

Digby

- 5 Southville
- 6 Danvers
- 7 Hassett
- 8 Weymouth Falls
- 9 Jordantown
- 10 Conway
- 11 Acaciaville
- 12 Digby

Annapolis

- 13 Lequille
- 14 Granville Ferry
- 15 Inglewood (Bridgetown)
- 16 Middleton

Kings

- 17 Cambridge
- 18 Gibson Woods
- 19 Aldershot
- 20 Kentville

Hants

- 21 Three Mile Plains
- 22 Five Mile Plains

Halifax

- 23 Beechville
- 24 Hammonds Plains
- 25 Africville
- 26 Maroon Hill
- 27 Lucasville
- 28 Cobequid Road
- 29 Halifax
- 30 Dartmouth
- 31 Lake Loon
- 32 Cherry Brook
- 33 North Preston
- 34 East Preston

Celchester

- 35 Truro
- Cumberland**
- 36 Springhill
 - 37 Amherst

Pictou

- 38 Trenton
- 39 New Glasgow

Antigonish

- 40 Antigonish
- 41 Monastery

Guysborough

- 42 Mulgrave
- 43 Upper Big Tracadie
- 44 Lincolnville
- 45 Sunnyville

Cape Breton

- 46 North Sydney
- 47 Sydney
- 48 New Waterford
- 49 Whitney Pier
- 50 Glace Bay

Queens

- 51 Liverpool

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- University Entrance Scholarship: **May 29, 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