

French Language Bursary Program for Nova Scotia Teachers

This bursary is offered to encourage teachers who hold a Nova Scotia teacher's certificate to pursue courses which are either pedagogical in nature or designed to improve French language competencies.

Application

To submit an application, click [here](#).

Bursaries

- **French Immersion Bursary to improve French language fluency.** You may receive up to \$300 per week if you live on campus for the duration of the course; this is limited to receipted expenses for tuition, lodging, and meals. Limit of \$1500 per teacher per school year (September 1 to August 31).
- **Bursary for master's-level courses in pedagogy.** You may receive up to \$750 per course if you live off campus; this is limited to tuition paid for the approved three-credit course. Limit of \$1500 per teacher per school year (September 1 to August 31).

Applicant Eligibility Criteria

- You must be a resident of Nova Scotia.
- You must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada.
- You must hold a valid Nova Scotia teacher's certificate.
- You must be employed by or actively seeking employment with a Nova Scotian Regional Centre for Education or the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP).

Course Eligibility Criteria

- The course is taken at Université Sainte-Anne OR is a master's-level course offered in French by another Francophone institution in Canada.
- The course is either pedagogical in nature OR an immersion course designed to improve French fluency.
- The course is at least two weeks long.



Application Deadlines

- **October 15** for fall and winter courses
- **April 30** for spring and summer courses

Applications must be received before 11:59 pm on the application deadline indicated above.

Required Documents

1. Valid Nova Scotia teacher's certificate
2. Proof of Canadian citizenship or permanent residence in Canada (birth certificate, passport, citizenship card, permanent residency card, etc.)
3. Proof of social insurance number (Social Insurance Number card, pay stub, other official document with social insurance number indicated, etc.)
4. Course description(s) (usually available on the institution's website; this is not the syllabus)

If you selected "Preparing to teach" on the application form, please include transcripts of university courses taken in French that have been completed to date.

A Nova Scotia Teachers Union (NSTU) card will not be accepted in lieu of a Nova Scotia teacher's certificate.

Selection criteria

- Bursary recipients are selected by program staff in collaboration consultants or coordinators from relevant Regional Centres for Education or the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP).
- Bursaries are not awarded to all eligible applicants.
- Selected applicants will receive a notice informing them of whether they have received a bursary or not within six weeks following the bursary application deadline.



Proof of Completion must be submitted within six weeks of completing the course

To claim the bursary, you must provide the following documents within six weeks of completing the course:

1. Your most recent official transcripts with university seal. Please send your transcripts in one of the following ways:
 - Transcripts can be sent by mail in a sealed envelope by the institution directly to the following address: French Language Bursary Program for Nova Scotia Teachers – Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, PO Box 578, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 2S9.
 - Transcripts can be sent by email directly from the institution to the following email address: bourses@novascotia.ca.
2. Original receipts from the university or digital versions of receipts, if sent by email.

Note: If these documents are not received within the expected timeline, you may not receive approved reimbursements.

Reimbursement Conditions

- You must immediately report any changes to approved courses to the French Program Partnerships Division at the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to ensure continued eligibility for the bursary. Failure to do so may result in the loss of the bursary.
- You must successfully complete all approved courses to receive reimbursement.

Notes

- Teacher bursaries may or may not constitute taxable income under the Income Tax Act of Canada. When they do constitute taxable income, the Nova Scotia Department of Finance will issue documentation for tax purposes. Refer to the Canada Revenue Agency website for more information.
- If disputes arise about deadlines, evidence of receipt will be:
 - For registered letters, postmark date
 - For regular mail, received date indicated in program records
 - For applications sent electronically, email or electronic form time and date stamp