



French Language Bursary Program for Nova Scotia Students

This bursary is offered to encourage students to pursue full-time studies at Université Sainte-Anne or another Francophone institution in Canada where French is the language of instruction.

Application

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

Bursaries

- **Bursary for students entering post-secondary education** (\$3000 over two years): You may be eligible for this bursary if this is the first time you will be attending a post-secondary institution or if you have a maximum of 1.0 post-secondary credits (6 credit hours). This bursary can be awarded to an individual only once. If requirements are met, you will receive \$1000 per semester for the first year and \$500 per semester for the second year.
- **Bursary for students with some post-secondary education** (\$1000 for one year): You may be eligible for this bursary if you have 1.5 post-secondary credits (nine credit hours) or more. This bursary can be awarded to an individual only once. You will receive \$500 per semester if requirements are met. Students who have received a \$3000 bursary from the French Language Bursary Program for Nova Scotia Students are not eligible for this bursary.

Eligibility Criteria

- You must be a full-time post-secondary student registered at Université Sainte-Anne or registered at a Canadian Francophone institution outside of Nova Scotia in a program of study not available at Université Sainte-Anne. Note: Applicants who hold a valid Nova Scotia teacher's certificate must apply to the French Language Bursary Program for Nova Scotia Teachers.
- You must be a Canadian Citizen or permanent resident of Canada.
- You must be a resident of Nova Scotia and meet Nova Scotia Student Assistance residency requirements: You must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada, having resided in Nova Scotia for twelve months prior to July 1 of the current year. Out-of-province students residing in Nova Scotia for the purpose of attending university or another post-secondary institution do not qualify. For more information about residency requirements, please visit the Nova Scotia Student Assistance website at novascotia.ca/studentassistance/.



Application deadlines

- Bursary for students entering post-secondary education: **May 15**
- Bursary for students with some post-secondary education: **September 30**

Notes:

- Applications must be received before 11:59 pm on the application deadline indicated above.
- Late or incomplete applications will not be processed.

Required Documents

1. Proof of Canadian citizenship or permanent residence in Canada (birth certificate, passport, citizenship card, permanent residency card, etc.)
2. Proof of social insurance number (Social Insurance Number card, pay stub, other official document with social insurance number indicated, etc.)
3. CV
4. Cover letter
5. 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 from 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.

Selection Process

- Bursaries are awarded based on academic grades obtained for the most recently completed academic year and a cover letter detailing your school and community involvement.
- You will be advised by mail within six weeks after the application deadline whether you have been awarded a bursary or not.
- A limited number of bursaries are available each year. Those who do not receive a bursary are placed on a wait list for the current academic year.

Bursary Conditions

- If awarded a bursary, you must report any changes to the approved program of study to the French Program Partnerships Division to verify continued bursary eligibility.
- Once awarded a bursary, you must maintain a term GPA of at least 3.0 (letter grade B) to receive the balance of the bursary the following term.
- You must complete at least 1.5 credits (9 credit hours) taught in French per semester.
- Provided you meet the above conditions, you do not need to re-apply for the \$1000 portion of the bursary in your second year (this applies to those who were offered a \$3000 bursary).
- Following completion of courses, students must provide an official transcript of their marks for the bursary to be paid out. Official transcripts must include the institution's seal and be sent to the French Program Partnerships Division at the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.



- Bursaries are paid directly to Université Sainte-Anne in the student's name. Students attending all other institutions receive a cheque addressed directly to them.
- If bursaries are considered taxable income under the Income Tax Act of Canada in the year they are awarded, the Nova Scotia Department of Finance will issue documentation for tax purposes. Refer to the Canada Revenue Agency website for more information.