



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
UNIVERSITY

StFX Major Scholarship Application

Step-by-step guide

Important Information

- It is highly recommended that applicants open and read all Scholarship applications in full before they begin to fill out their application. Applications will require information that may need to be collected before completing and submitting.
- Applicant's information will not be stored within any StFX Scholarship Application longer than 24 hours without submission.
- Applicant's one scholarship application will enter them into consideration for most of our scholarships, including those in our Major Scholarship category (complete list of scholarships listed below). **However, several scholarships require a separate application.**

Major Scholarship eligibility:

1. Applicants must complete and submit a StFX Major or Separate Application Based scholarship application by **March 1 AST**.
2. Applicants must ensure two (2) StFX Major Scholarship reference forms are completed and submitted by **March 1 AST**.
3. Applicants must apply for [StFX Admissions](#) by **March 1 AST**.
4. Applicants must submit their first-semester grade 12 transcript(s) by **March 1 AST**.
5. If applying to a nomination-based scholarship, applicants must ensure that its nomination form is submitted by **March 1 AST**.

A full list of all scholarships included in the StFX Major Scholarship application can be found below, for reference.

Please know that it is not required to have an admission decision by March 1 AST to be eligible for scholarships, but your application and transcripts must be received.

Transfer Scholarship eligibility

1. Transfer applicants must complete and submit a StFX Transfer Scholarship Application by **May 30 AST**.
2. Transfer applicants must ensure two (2) StFX Major Scholarship reference forms are completed and submitted by **May 30 AST**.
3. Transfer applicants must apply for [StFX Admissions](#) by **May 30 AST**.

- Transfer applicants must submit their final transcript(s) by **May 30 AST**.
- Transfer applicants must be active in the current academic year (Fall/Winter) in full time studies (24 credits or more) and be accepted with an average of a minimum of 80%.

StFX Transfer scholarships can be found [here](#).

Please know that it is not required to have an admission decision by May 30 AST to be eligible for scholarships, but your application and transcripts must be received.

Separate Application Based Scholarship eligibility

Application Based Scholarships are **separate applications** that sit outside of the StFX Major Scholarship application; these scholarships tend to follow different deadlines and may require additional information.

StFX Residence Scholarship	StFX Alumni Association Scholarship
StFX Accessible Learning Award Application	Joan And Douglas MacMaster Scholarship
Harrison McCain Scholarship Application	Florence Kate Burroughs Scholarship Application
Daniel & Margaret O'Brien Scholarship	Chadwick Hayes Scholarship
Barry O'leary Leadership Award	Jeannine Deveau Scholarship

- Applicants must complete and submit an application for each Scholarship (from list above) in which they want to apply to by deadline outlined within the application.
- Applicants must ensure their references complete and submit a reference form or upload their reference letter by deadline outlined within the application.
- Applicants must apply for [StFX Admissions](#) by **March 1 AST**.
- Applicants must submit their first-semester grade 12 transcript(s) by **March 1 AST**.
- Some application may require uploaded documents, please ensure that all uploaded documents are in PDF formatting and that the title of the document includes applicant's full name and student ID number <student name> and <student ID number>.
- If your reference submits their reference letter to StFX, the application will still require you to upload a document to proceed with the application. To validate this requirement please upload a PDF document stating <reference name>, <student name> and <student ID number> and a note saying reference 1 (or 2) emailed letter to scholarships@stfx.ca.

StFX Separate Application Based scholarship applications can be found [here](#).

Please know that it is not required to have an admission decision by March 1 AST to be eligible for scholarships, but your application and transcripts must be received.

Reference Forms

All scholarship application will need two (2) or more references to support a submitted StFX scholarship application.

Upon submission of a Major scholarship, applicants will be required to provide two (2) references, full names, email addresses and contact phone number.

Upon submission of a reference form, references will be required to provide applicants information in order to complete the reference form; they will need applicant's **first name, last name, StFX student ID number and email address**.

Please ensure applicant's references have all required information to complete a reference form.

1. An application will not be considered complete until two (2) StFX Major scholarship reference forms have been submitted.
2. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that their provided references complete and submit the StFX Scholarship reference form by **March 1 AST**.
3. Upon submission of a scholarship application, an email will automatically be sent to the email address of the references provided within the Major scholarship application.
4. Once a reference form has been completed and submitted, the applicant will receive an automatic email informing them that a reference form has been submitted to support their application and who completed the reference.
5. References could be a former/current employer, volunteer coordinators, high school teacher, extracurricular activity leader, high school counselor, community leader, former/current coach, neighbor or family friend. Family members/direct relatives should **not** be used.

Nomination Based Scholarships

To complete a StFX nomination form, applicants will need nominee's full name, email address and StFX student ID number.

- Applicant's school guidance counsellor must complete and submit an online nomination form for the J.P. McCarthy scholarship as well as an online nomination form for the Phillip Oland McCarthy Scholarship.
- Applicant's school guidance counsellor can submit one student from your high school to be considered for the Phillip J. Oland and one student from the high school to be considered for the J.P. McCarthy Scholarships.
- All nominations must be received on or before **March 1 AST**.
- Students must have a minimum overall average of 90% or higher and demonstrated leadership in school and community involvement.
 - The nomination form can be found at the links provided below;
 - [Phillip W. Oland nomination form](#)
 - [J.P. McCarthy nomination form](#)

Frequently Asked Questions

What scholarships I am eligible for?

Eligibility criteria for all StFX scholarships can be found on our webpage [here](#).

How is my scholarship average calculated?

- Major scholarship eligibility is based on final marks for the five Grade 12 courses used to meet admission requirements for a student's program. Please note that final Grade 11 equivalent subject marks may be used in the interim. Course requirements used for your average calculation can be found [here](#).

When can I apply for scholarships?

The StFX Major Scholarship application will be available on December 1 AST. The application needs to be completed and submitted before March 1 AST.

Applicants must have applied for admission by March 1 in order to be eligible for major scholarships.

Can I review the application before completing it?

- You are welcome to enter the StFX Major Scholarship application multiple times to view the questions and requirements before you complete your submission.
- Please note that the application will not retain response longer than **24 hours** without submission.
- Students should only submit one application. If students submit more than one, the first application submitted

will be used for review.

- Students will not be able to edit their application once it has been submitted.
 - For assistance with edits, please email scholarships@stfx.ca and we will be happy to assist!
- Some scholarships require answers to essay questions as part of the application process. You may wish to draft these answers in a word processing document. **Please note that there is a 750-word count limit.**

When you are prepared to complete the Scholarship application for submission, plan to complete it in one sitting. Your browser may not save your changes and we do not want you to lose previously completed work to support your submission.

Providing your information on the scholarship application:

- Please ensure your StFX Student ID number is entered correctly. If you applied close to the deadline or have misplaced your ID, you may email scholarships@stfx.ca.

When will I know if I received a Scholarship?

- Applicants that have been selected for a Major Scholarship will be contacted via email with a scholarship offer. Those recipients will have a deadline of May 15th to accept or decline the scholarship. All correspondence will be communicated via email.

How many awards can I receive?

- Students are not eligible to hold a StFX National Entrance Scholarship and a StFX Major Scholarship unless otherwise stated in the terms.

If I went to school outside of Canada, but hold a Canadian citizenship, what scholarships am I eligible to apply to?

- A student's citizenship, not where they went to school, typically dictates eligibility. Please review the Scholarship description for citizenship requirements.

What is financial need?

- To determine if a student is in financial need, consideration is given to:
 - Family income
 - Number of dependents supported by the family income
 - Number of dependents attending university in the upcoming year
 - Student's spouse's income
 - Number of student's dependents
 - Student loan
 - Other details

If you wish to be considered for scholarships with a financial need component, you must demonstrate need on your scholarship application.

I have already graduated from high school, but took some time off before applying to University. Am I eligible for scholarships?

- Yes! Students who have deferred their acceptance, taken a gap year or break in studies are still welcome to apply.
- Students must not have received more than six (6) credits or attended any other University or College.

How will I know you received my submission?

- You will receive a confirmation email upon submission of the scholarship application that it has been received.

What if I do not want to fill out the StFX Major Scholarship application online?

- Please contact the scholarship office by emailing scholarships@stfx.ca for a PDF of the StFX Major Scholarship application.

I am filling out the Major Scholarship application and have some questions. Who can I contact?

- Please contact the StFX Scholarship Office

Email scholarships@stfx.ca

Phone 1-902-867-4930

Submission of the StFX Major Scholarship Application will be a submission for multiple scholarships including:

Major Scholarships

Presidents Scholarship	BMO Financial Group Scholarship
International Baccalaureate Scholarship	Marjorie MacLeod Sullivan and Thomas L. Sullivan Scholarship
Canadian Scholarship	Dr. J. William McGowan Family Scholarship
International Scholarship	Dr. Ed O'Connor Scholarship
Phillip W. Oland Scholarship	Sodexo Canada Award in Nutrition
J.P. McCarthy Scholarship	Irene & Joseph Francis Scholarship
Paul Cogger Memorial Scholarship	August Wilkins Scholarship in Engineering
Benedict M. Mulroney Scholarship	Mitch and Donna Hudson Scholarship

Alumni Endowment

Public Policy and Governance (PGOV) Scholarships

The Right Honourable Brian Mulroney Scholarship	Scotiabank Entrance Scholarship
Sobeys Scholarship Associated with the Mulroney Institute of Government	Irving Entrance Scholarship Associated with the Mulroney Institute of Government
Mila Mulroney Scholarship for African Nova Scotian Students	Dahdaleh Scholarship for Indigenous Students
Michael Mulroney Scholarship	Thomas O'Shea Scholarship
Sam Waken Scholarship	Bogdanka Pivnicki Scholarship

Gerald Schwartz School of Business Scholarships

Schwartz National Scholars	Schwartz School of Business International Scholars
Schwartz Business Order of Merit Entrance Awards	Schwartz Heather Reisman Women in Business Scholars
Schwartz Business Scholars of Distinction	

Key dates and deadlines

December 1	-Major scholarship applications open -All applications for scholarships requiring an application become available
March 1	-Deadline to apply for StFX Admissions for scholarship eligibility -Deadline to submit first-semester Grade 12 transcript(s) for scholarship eligibility -Deadline to complete and submit most StFX Application based Major Scholarship Applications
April, prior to May 1	Major Scholarship award winners are notified via phone and official offers emailed
May 15	Deadline to accept a StFX Major Scholarships
August 1	Deadline for submitting final grade 12 transcript for National Entrance Scholarship eligibility
May 30	-Deadline to complete and submit a StFX Transfer scholarship application -Deadline to submit final transcripts for StFX Transfer scholarship eligibility

StFX Major Scholarship Application completion checklist

- Reach out to references; you will need to provide your reference's full name, email address and valid phone number.
- References will need to provide applicants full name, email address and StFX student ID number.
- Review StFX Major Scholarship application in preparation to answer essay questions.
- If applying to a nomination-based scholarship please ensure a nomination form is submitted to support your application before **March 1 AST**.
- Complete and submit StFX Major Scholarship Application by **March 1 AST**.
- If you have not yet applied for StFX Admissions, apply by **March 1 AST**.
- Submission of first-semester transcript(s) by **March 1 AST** to be eligible for StFX Major or Application Based Scholarships to admissions@stfx.ca.