



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER  
UNIVERSITY

## **StFX Scholarship Applications**

### **Step-by-step guide**

**Important Information:** This guide will help users navigate the StFX Scholarship application process. All scholarships are applied to via online application forms. In-progress responses are recorded every time a user moves to a new page, so applicants can revisit their application over multiple sessions. Please note that you must use the same device and web browser during each session in order for your previous responses to populate.

Application-based scholarships offered by StFX can be summarized in the following three categories:

- **Major Scholarship Eligibility:** All incoming direct-from-high school students who will be beginning full-time studies towards a first undergraduate degree at StFX as part of the September 2026 intake are eligible to submit a Major Scholarship Application. The deadline to submit your application and supporting materials is March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Late applications will not be considered for StFX scholarships.
- **Transfer Scholarship Eligibility:** All incoming undergraduate students enrolled in full-time studies at another post-secondary institution planning to attend StFX as part of the September 2026 intake are eligible to submit a Transfer Scholarship Application. The deadline for submitting your application and supporting materials is May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Late applications are not considered for StFX scholarships.
- **Separate Scholarship Eligibility:** These are application-based scholarships which sit outside the standard Major Scholarship Application. Criteria for eligibility and deadlines for submission will vary depending on the award in question.

#### **Before applying for a StFX Scholarship:**

- ☐ Open and read the application in full. Some applications may require uploaded documents.
- ☐ Reach out to two (2) individuals and confirm if they are willing to act as a reference for your scholarship application. References could be a current or former employer, teacher, high school counselor, coach, neighbor or family friend. Family members/direct relatives should **not** be used.

#### **Applying for a StFX Scholarship:**

- ☐ If you are an incoming undergraduate student with no prior post-secondary education, submit a StFX Major Scholarship Application. The application form can be found [here](#).
- ☐ If you are a current full-time undergraduate student at another institution and planning to attend StFX, submit a StFX Transfer Scholarship Application. The application form can be found [here](#).
- ☐ Links to separate application-based scholarships offered by StFX can be found [here](#). Note that these scholarships have specific eligibility requirements and may require additional information than the

Major Application.

### After applying for a StFX Scholarship:

- ☐ Reach out to your two references and confirm they received an email with a link to the Scholarship Reference Form when you submitted your application. If no email can be found, advise them to check their Junk/Spam folder.
- ☐ Ensure that your StFX Admissions application is submitted prior to the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Note that it is not required to have an admissions decision by March 1<sup>st</sup>, but your application must be on file. The StFX Admissions application form can be found [here](#).
- ☐ For high school students, ensure that the StFX Admissions Office has your first-semester Grade 12 transcript on file by March 1<sup>st</sup>
- ☐ For current undergraduate students, ensure that the StFX Admissions Office has your final transcript on file by May 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Reference Forms

When completing a Major scholarship, applicants will be required to provide two (2) references who can speak to the applicants' positive qualities. You will be asked to provide a full name, email address, and contact phone number for both references.

Reference forms will be automatically sent to the email addresses you provide on your scholarship application once you hit "Submit". For your reference to complete the form, they will need your **full name, StFX Student ID number, and email address**. 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.

An application will not be considered complete until two (2) StFX Major scholarship reference forms have been submitted. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that their references are complete by **March 1, 2026**.

### Nomination-Based Scholarships

StFX offers two scholarships annually which, in addition to the standard Major Scholarship application, require that a nomination form be submitted by a school guidance counsellor on behalf of the student. Each high school can nominate only one student for each award or can nominate the same student for both awards. Students must have a minimum overall average of 90% or higher and demonstrate leadership in school and community involvement.

When submitting a nomination form, the guidance counsellor will be asked to provide the nominee's full name, email address, and StFX student ID number. Completed nomination forms must be received on or before March 1<sup>st</sup> 2026.

The nomination forms 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.

### 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. Your in-progress application will save your responses periodically. Please note that you must use the same device and web browser as your previous session to see your in-progress responses.
- Students should only submit one application. If students submit more than one, the last application submitted will be used for review. In this scenario, your references would receive an email notification for each submission, so you would need to follow up with them to advise that only one reference submission is required.
- Students will not be able to edit their application once it has been submitted.
  - For assistance with edits, please email [scholarships@stfx.ca](mailto: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 will I know if will be receiving 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 a student qualifies for multiple awards, only the highest value award will be offered to the student.

### If I went to school outside of Canada, but hold 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 information is required to determine financial need?

- 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?**

- Students who have deferred their acceptance, taken a gap year or break in studies are eligible to be considered for scholarships, provided they have not attended any other post-secondary institution since graduating high school.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:scholarships@stfx.ca)

Phone 1-902-867-4930

**Major Scholarships: Apply via the StFX Major Scholarship Application**

Alumni Endowment Scholarship	August Wilkins Scholarship in Engineering
Benedict M. Mulroney Scholarship	BMO Financial Group Scholarship
Canadian Scholarship	Dr. Ed O'Connor Scholarship
Dr. J. William McGowan Family Scholarship	Dr. Mary Hickman Scholarship
Faye and David Huestis Scholarship	International Baccalaureate Scholarship
International Scholarship	Irene & Joseph Francis Scholarship
J.P. McCarthy Scholarship	James and Maureen Gogan Family Scholarship
Marjorie MacLeod Sullivan and Thomas Sullivan Scholarship	Mitch and Donna Hudson Scholarship
Paul Cogger Memorial Scholarship	Phillip W. Oland Scholarship
Presidents Scholarship	Richard Elliott and Olive Mulroney Elliott Scholarship
Sodexo Canada Award in Nutrition	Thomas J. Hayes and Family Scholarship

**Public Policy and Governance (PGOV) Scholarships: Apply via the StFX Major Scholarship Application**

Bogdanka Pivnicki Scholarship
David and Hildegard Mahoney Scholarship
Irving Entrance Scholarship Associated with the Mulroney Institute of Government
Michael Mulroney Scholarship
Mila Mulroney Scholarship for African Nova Scotian Students
Sam Wakim Scholarship
Scotiabank Entrance Scholarship
Sobeys Scholarship Associated with the Mulroney Institute of Government
The Right Honourable Brian Mulroney Scholarship
Thomas O'Shea Scholarship

**Gerald Schwartz School of Business Scholarships: Apply via the StFX Major Scholarship Application**

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

**Separate Application Based Scholarships: Apply via the Separate Application for the specific scholarship.**

Barry O'Leary Leadership Award	Chadwick Hayes Scholarship
Daniel & Margaret O'Brien Scholarship	David Bernatchez Memorial Award
Florence Kate Burroughs Scholarship Application	Harrison McCain Scholarship
International Student Ambassador Scholarship	Joan And Douglas MacMaster Scholarship
Jeannine Deveau Scholarship	Michael and Lisa Boyd Family Award
StFX Accessible Learning Award Application	StFX Alumni Association Scholarship
StFX Residence Scholarship	StFX Transfer Scholarship