



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 apply for [StFX Admissions](#) and submit their first-semester grade 12 transcript(s) by **March 1st**.
2. Applicants must complete and submit a StFX application by **March 1 AST**.
3. Applicants must ensure two (2) StFX Major Scholarship reference forms are completed and submitted by **March 1 AST**.
4. If applying to a nomination-based scholarship, applicants must ensure that a 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**.
4. Transfer applicants must submit their final transcript(s) by **May 30 AST**.
5. 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%.

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; in addition to requiring a separate application, these scholarships may have different deadlines and may require additional information.

1. Applicants must complete and submit an application for each scholarship they want to apply to by the deadline outlined within the application.
2. Applicants must ensure their references complete and submit a reference form or upload their reference letter by the deadline outlined within the application.
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. 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 you do not yet have a student ID number your application can still be processed, but additional time may be needed.
6. 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.

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

When completing a reference form, references will be required to provide applicants information in order to submit 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. Please follow up with your references after submission and advise them to check their junk mail folders if they don't see the email.
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 Philip 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.

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** 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 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.

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 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 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 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 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

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
Evelyn & Denis Morris Family 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 L. Sullivan Scholarship
Mitch and Donna Hudson Scholarship	Nova Scotia International Student Program Scholarship
Paul Cogger Memorial Scholarship	Phillip W. Oland Scholarship
Presidents Scholarship	Richard S. Elliott and Olive Mulroney Elliott Scholarship
Sodexo Canada Award in Nutrition	Thomas J. Hayes and Family Scholarship
Upton Girard Family Leadership Award	Westbury Family Scholarship

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

Bogdanka Pivnicki Scholarship
Dahdaleh Scholarship for Indigenous Students
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

Key dates and deadlines

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