

First Nations & Indigenous Black Students Entrance Scholarship

Ten renewable entrance scholarships, valued at \$12,000 (\$3,000/year), are awarded annually to First Nations and indigenous Black students who are entering Dalhousie for the first time. Scholarships are available to students who are applying directly from high school as well as those who have attended another post-secondary institution. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of a student's financial need and academic standing.

Eligibility

The scholarships are open to First Nations and indigenous Black residents of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick or Prince Edward Island who are entering Dalhousie for the first time.

An indigenous Black person is one who a) is the direct offspring of parents, at least one of whom is of African descent; b) was born of parents living in one of the Maritime provinces at the date of birth; and, c) whose African-Canadian parent(s) was (were) born in Canada.

In accordance with the Constitution Act, 1982, Part II, Section 35(2), a First Nations applicant is an Indian, Inuit or Métis person of Canada, or a person who is accepted by one of the First Nations of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick or Prince Edward Island as a member of their community.

Students must have been offered admission to Dalhousie and will normally have a high school admission average of 80% or higher to be eligible. Students with previous post-secondary work must have a cumulative average of 3.0 (B) or higher.

Conditions

Candidates will be screened for both the First Nations & Indigenous Black Students Entrance Scholarship and other Dalhousie Entrance Scholarships. A student may not hold this scholarship along with a Dalhousie Entrance Renewable Scholarship or In-course Scholarship.

Recipients of this scholarship must begin full time studies at Dalhousie in the academic year for which it has been awarded and must carry at least 60 percent of a normal full course load in each year of eligible study. Students who maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 will have their scholarship renewed for up to 3 additional years.

A Complete Application Includes:

- The attached **application form**;
- **Personal essay**;
- **Two references letters and reference forms:**
Applicants must submit two separate reference letters (at least one should be academic) from a principal, teacher or member of the community who can attest to the student's suitability for university study.
- Copy of parent(s)/caregiver(s)/applicant's (if applicable) **2004 Income Tax "Notice of Assessment"**. Band and/or Government funding need not be listed as income.

Within the application, students are asked to identify themselves as either dependent or independent. Students should identify themselves as a dependent unless one or more of the following criteria have been met: out of high school for five years or more; supporting themselves through work for a minimum of two consecutive years; married; or, are a parent/guardian themselves. This information will be used when assessing an applicant's financial situation.

In addition to this application, a candidate must have submitted a complete application for admission to Dalhousie (including the \$45 application fee, official transcripts and supporting documents) by March 15th to be eligible.

DEADLINE: MARCH 15

Please direct inquiries to Cathy Hawker, Assistant Registrar, Awards by phone (902-494-1432) or email (cathy.hawker@dal.ca).

First Nations & Indigenous Black Students Entrance Scholarship Application Form

Full name of applicant: _____

Date of Birth OR Dalhousie Student ID : _____

Name of current high school/post-secondary institution: _____

City/town and province of high school/post-secondary institution: _____

APPLICANT'S ANCESTRY (Please check appropriate box)

" Indigenous Black

Applicant's Birthplace

Caregiver/Mother's Ethnic Group

Caregiver/Mother's Name

Caregiver/Mother's Birthplace

Caregiver/Father's Ethnic Group

Caregiver/Father's Name

Caregiver/Father's Birthplace

" First Nations

Are you a registered status Indian? " Yes " No

If yes, what Band are you registered with? _____ Reg. # _____

" Inuit " Metis " Non Status

Are you registered with any Aboriginal/Inuit organization? " Yes " No

If yes, which organization? _____

Please explain your connection to your applicable aboriginal community:

APPLICANT'S FINANCIAL SITUATION

Where are you planning to live during the academic year (please check):

- In residence at Dalhousie
- Off campus (apartment)
- With parent(s)/family

Estimated Resources for the Upcoming Year

Savings from summer employment	\$
Contribution from family	\$
Canada/Provincial Student Loan	\$
Scholarships/Bursaries (do not include this scholarship)	\$
Part-time work during academic year	\$
Education/university trust fund	\$
Other (state source)	\$
Total Resources	\$

(Please refer to the Application Instructions for dependent and independent definitions)

" I am **DEPENDENT**
(Please complete **SECTION A**)

" I am **INDEPENDENT**
(Please complete **SECTION B**)

SECTION A: To be completed by caregiver(s) or parent(s)

Occupation and yearly income of caregiver(s) or parents(s)

If the applicant's parents are separated/divorced, please provide the information of the parent/stepparent who has custody of the applicant. If neither parent has custody, please provide the information for the caregiver(s) with whom the applicant resides. *Each individual submitting income information should provide a 2004 Income Tax "Notice of Assessment" and sign the Declaration on page 5.*

Caregiver/Mother

Occupation: _____ Annual gross income: _____

Caregiver/Father

Occupation: _____ Annual gross income: _____

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List names, ages, relationship of individuals who are dependent on you (including the applicant):

Name	Age	Relationship

SECTION B: To be completed by applicant (if independent)

List names, ages, relationship of individuals who are dependent on you:

Name	Age	Relationship

REFERENCES

Applicants must submit two separate reference letters (at least one should be academic) from a principal, teacher or member of the community who can attest to the student's suitability for university study. **Please make sure that each of your references complete a Reference Form (attached) and reference letter and provide both in one sealed envelope with their signature across the seal. Both envelopes should be submitted with this application.**

Reference Information:

1. _____
Name Relationship How long have you known this person?
2. _____
Name Relationship How long have you known this person?

PERSONAL STATEMENT

On 1-2 pages, please type or neatly print your response to the following questions:

1. Why would you like to attend Dalhousie University?
2. How would receiving this scholarship assist you in attaining your educational goals?

DECLARATION

I declare that all of the information is complete and correct and I authorize the University to verify any information provided as part of this application.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

If applicant is dependent, please complete the following:

SIGNATURE OF CAREGIVER/MOTHER

DATE

SIGNATURE OF CAREGIVER/FATHER

DATE

CONSENT (Optional)

If awarded a First Nations & Indigenous Black Students Entrance Scholarship, I hereby give permission to release my contact information to other Dalhousie departments for the purpose of making relevant information available to me.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

IS YOUR APPLICATION COMPLETE?

Have you included/submitted:

- 9 An application for admission including the application fee and official high school transcript
- 9 A complete scholarship application
- 9 2004 Income Tax "Notice of Assessment" for each individual providing income information within this application
- 9 Two reference letters including complete reference forms
- 9 Personal statement

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Please return all required documents to:

Assistant Registrar, Awards
Registrar's Office
Dalhousie University
Halifax, NS B3H 4H6
Fax: (902) 494-1630

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REFERENCE FORM

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INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete this form and provide a reference letter discussing the applicant's suitability for university study, their character and involvement in the community.

Your reference letter should be on a separate piece of paper and accompany this form in a sealed envelope (please sign across the seal). Please give the envelope to the applicant to submit with their application. The deadline for students to submit an application is MARCH 15.

Reference's Information

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Applicant's Name _____

Relationship to the applicant _____

Length of time you have known the applicant _____

This student is indigenous Black, First Nations, Métis, Inuit? Yes No Don't Know

For academic references only:

In which subject(s) have you taught this student? _____

In comparison with other students who have had approximately the same amount of experience and training, how do you rate the applicant?

Top 1 - 2% 3 - 5%

6 - 10% More than 10%

Out of how many students? _____

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