

Careers Ahead Fact Sheet 2018–2019

African Nova Scotian Programs

Scholarship Program for African Nova Scotians

The Scholarship Program for African Nova Scotians provides financial incentives to African Nova Scotian students to continue their education beyond public school and encourages students to develop their leadership potential and meet their educational, career, and professional objectives.

The scholarship program is divided into the following categories: University Entrance, Post-Secondary, and Community College/ Trade School. Students are eligible to hold only one award in any one year.

• University Entrance (75% average or higher)	\$4,500
• Post-Secondary (Less than 75% average)	\$2,500
• Community College or Trade School	\$1,800
• Performing Arts	\$1000

Citizenship and Residence

To be eligible a student must be a Canadian citizen whose parent(s) is (are) of African (**Black**) descent. Students must have graduated from high school in Nova Scotia. Students must reside in Nova Scotia.

University Entrance Scholarships

Valued at \$4,500, these scholarships are available to African Nova Scotian (Black) students who have successfully completed grade 12 in the Nova Scotia school system within the current year and who have been accepted by a university in the academic year immediately following grade 12. To qualify for this scholarship, the following is necessary:

- five grade 12 academic courses (English 12 and four others) from the public school program (PSP Academic Courses)
- an average of 75% or above using those courses registered as a full-time student in a recognized university degree program
- recommended by the high school principal, guidance counsellor or African Nova Scotian Student Support Worker.

Post-Secondary Awards

Valued at \$2,500, post-secondary awards are available to:

- African Nova Scotian (Black) students who have successfully completed grade 12 in the Nova Scotia school system and who enroll immediately as a full time student in the 1st year of a recognized university degree program
- This award is available to university students going into their 2nd, 3rd or 4th year (awards are based on satisfactory academic standing).

Community College/Trade School Awards

Community college or trade school awards valued at \$1,800 are available to African Nova Scotian (Black) students who successfully complete grade 12 in the Nova Scotia school system and who enroll in an approved community college or trade school.

This award is available for one year only unless the course of study is a two-year continued program.

Applications can be obtained from your guidance counsellor or from African Canadian Services at the address provided on the next page.

Performing Arts Award

Valued at \$1000, the award is available to African Nova Scotian (Black) students who successfully complete grade 12 in the school system of Nova Scotia and who are enrolled as a full-time student in the first or second year of a recognized university degree program (i.e. Bachelor of Music). This award is available for one year only. To qualify for the award the student must

- have a concentration in one of the performing arts genres, e.g., music, voice, dance, theatrical performances

2019–2020 Application Deadlines

Please visit our website at <https://acs.ednet.ns.ca/> in February 2019 to see updated deadlines.

New 2019/20 applications will be available on our website in February 2019.

Applications should be sent to:
Department of Education
and Early Childhood
Development
African Canadian Services
Division
PO Box 578
Halifax, NS B3J 2S9
Tel: (902) 424-2586
Fax: (902) 424-7210
E-mail: acsd@ednet.ns.ca
Website: acs.ednet.ns.ca

Science & Teacher Scholarship Program for African Nova Scotians

In response to the Black Learners Advisory Committee (*BLAC Report on Education*), a number of scholarships are being made available to African Nova Scotian students who have displayed a commitment to academic excellence and community involvement.

Background

The *BLAC Report on Education* highlights glaring educational, economic, and social inequities between African Nova Scotians and other Nova Scotians. The report also makes it clear that a lack of educational opportunities has contributed significantly to the disparity in educational and professional attainment of African Nova Scotians and consequently to social and economic marginalization.

Aims of the Program

The quest by African Nova Scotians for fair educational opportunities has often been impeded by formidable economic and institutional barriers.

The program aims to address one of the serious problems of accessibility by providing financial assistance to African Nova Scotian students who wish to enter professional programs where African

Nova Scotians are severely under represented, such as teaching, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, engineering, and other sciences. These studies will equip students with the tools to provide lifelong service to their communities, while pursuing professional careers. The program will help provide more role models while building community leadership skills.

Scholarships for Science Professions

Scholarships are valued at up to \$7,000 each. They are available to African Nova Scotian students who have been accepted into science programs. Priority will be given to the following programs: *medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, and engineering*. Applicants must have demonstrated scholastic success while maintaining significant healthy extracurricular involvement. Ten scholarships are available every year. Depending on the program of study, the awards are available up to a maximum of three years, provided a level of academic excellence is maintained. This scholarship may not be held concurrently with the Education Incentive award.

Additional Criteria for Selection

Applicants must

- be accepted or registered in one of the prescribed university programs
- demonstrate continued scholastic achievement
- demonstrate positive involvement in school and community
- submit a 300-word essay describing their past involvement in the African Nova Scotia community and their vision for its future development
- hold no professional degree
- participate in school-to-work transition follow-up surveys
- demonstrate continued scholastic achievement
- please review additional criteria at <http://acs.ednet.ns.ca>

Scholarships for Teacher Education

Teacher education scholarships valued at up to \$5,000 each are available to African Nova Scotians who have been accepted into Bachelor of Education programs.

Applicants must have demonstrated scholastic success while maintaining significant extracurricular involvement. The awards are available at any school of education in Canada for up to two years.

Scholarships will be awarded through the appropriate university to selected applicants. However, payment will not be made until the applicant has provided a letter of confirmation from the registrar of the particular university.

Requests for deferment will be considered only in unusual circumstances and the decision will be made by the Selection Committee.

Where to Apply

You can get application forms from your nearest Black Educators Association Regional Educator's office, or by contacting the:

African Canadian Services Division

Tel: (902) 424-2586

Fax: (902) 424-7210

Black Educators Association

Tel: (902) 424-7039/7036

1-800-565-3398

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