



NextGen Canada is proud to offer scholarships to support students who are committed to overcoming barriers to higher education. Our scholarships aim to recognize students who demonstrate resilience, leadership, service, and a commitment to uplifting their communities. At NextGen Canada, we believe education has the power to transform lives and create opportunities for individuals and families across generations. Through this initiative, we aim to support students who embody the values of education, equity, perseverance, leadership and community impact. The NextGen Scholarship Committee will review applications and select recipients for our various awards based on the responses provided. We encourage you to take a moment to share your story with us by responding thoughtfully to the prompts below.

Scholarships are valued at **\$1,000 each**, and a **minimum of 10 recipients** (potentially more) will be selected.

All application materials, including reference letters, must be submitted by **11:59 PM on Friday, May 1st, 2026**.

Evaluation Criteria

All graduating Grade 12 students who plan to attend a post-secondary institution in September 2026 are welcome to apply. Applications will be evaluated based on a combination of the written responses to the prompts, the statement of activities, and the reference letter provided. Academic performance will only be considered as a tie-breaker if necessary.

All successful applicants will be notified of the results by the end of May.

Instructions

Students can apply for the NextGen Canada Scholarships by responding to the prompts outlined below. Applications may be submitted in one of two ways:

- By completing the application form linked here: <https://forms.gle/2dw4kBqVF1g6nKqs7> or available on our social media pages and website

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- By submitting a PDF responding to the prompts below via email to nxtgencanada@gmail.com

Regardless of the submission method, applicants must ensure that all questions included in the application form are answered. Once all materials, including the reference letter, have been received, applicants will receive a confirmation email indicating that their application has been successfully submitted. If you do not receive a confirmation email within one week of submitting your application, please contact us at nxtgencanada@gmail.com.

References

Applicants must also arrange for one confidential letter of reference describing their involvement in the activities outlined in their application. Reference letters should be emailed directly to nxtgencanada@gmail.com and addressed to Harjas Walia.

Additional Instructions for Reference Letters

- Please provide your referee with your full name and school name, and ask that they include this information in the subject line of their email.
- Referees should submit their reference letter as a Word document or PDF attachment. If possible, they should use official letterhead from their organization and send the letter from a professional or work email address.
- Reference letters must be emailed directly to nxtgencanada@gmail.com and received no later than 11:59 PM on Friday, May 1st, 2026.
- Each student applying for the NextGen Canada Scholarships must submit one reference letter.

Who Should You Ask for a Reference?

- Academic referees (teachers, course instructors, school faculty members, or others who have observed you in an academic setting)
- Employers or supervisors from work or volunteer experiences
- Coaches or mentors from sporting or extracurricular activities
- Family members or family friends should not be asked to provide reference letters.

Media & Recognition Consent

By applying to the NextGen Awards, you acknowledge that if you are selected as a scholarship recipient, you consent to NextGen Canada sharing your name, photo, school, post-secondary plans, and scholarship award for recognition purposes. This information may be featured on NextGen Canada's website and social media platforms and may be shared with our sponsors and partners to highlight the impact of the scholarship program. If you have any concerns about this, please let us know—this will not impact your application in any way.

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Personal Information

Full Name:

Gender and Preferred Pronouns:

Date of Birth:

Secondary School:

School District:

City:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Expected Date of High School Graduation:

Intended Post-Secondary Institution (if known):

Intended Program or Field of Study:

Have you been accepted to a post-secondary institution? If so, where?

Statement of Activities

Your Statement of Activities should be a maximum of one page (12-point font with standard margins) and highlight your accomplishments and involvements over the course of your high school studies. Please include information under the following categories:

- High School Activities: Include clubs, leadership roles, student government, or other school-based involvement.
- Community & Volunteer Service: Include volunteer work, community initiatives, service-based activities, or religiously affiliated activities.
- Athletics (Team or Individual): Include participation in school or community sports.
- Other Activities: Include employment, personal projects, artistic pursuits, or other relevant experiences.

For each activity, please include a brief description of your involvement, dates of participation and estimated hours per week if applicable (e.g., Feb 2023–June 2024; ~4 hours/week).

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Personal Statement

An important part of this application is helping us understand who you are and what makes you unique. In your personal statement, reflect on the experiences during high school that you feel best define you. This may include your interests, leadership roles, activities, sports, volunteer or work experiences, challenges you have faced, or goals for the future. Your statement should be written in the first person and should tell us your story. We encourage you to share experiences that reflect the values of equity, resilience, leadership, service, perseverance, educational ambition, and a commitment to uplifting your community, values that guide the work of NextGen Canada. Experiences can take many forms, and there is no single path or story we expect to see. (375 words).

Application Questions

Describe a cause, initiative, or idea that you are passionate about. Why is it important to you and how do you hope to contribute to it in the future? (250 words).

Describe a challenge, setback, or barrier you have faced in your life. How did you respond to it, and how has that experience shaped who you are and the values you hold today? (250 words).

What are your goals for the future? Who or what has inspired you to pursue them? (250 words).

Optional Question

How do you currently plan to finance your post-secondary education (e.g., part-time work, family support, scholarships, or student loans)? You may also share how receiving this scholarship would impact your ability to pursue higher education. Please only share what you feel comfortable sharing. There is no word limit for this question.

AI Use Statement

AI tools may be used for limited editing; however, responses that appear to be fully generated by AI or do not reflect the applicant's own voice will not be considered.

Application Checklist

Please ensure that all of the following materials are included in your submission:

- Personal Information, Statement of Activities, Personal Statement and Responses to the Application Questions (*preferably as a single PDF*).
- High School Transcript
- Reference Letter (*submitted separately by your reference on your behalf*)

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