



Nova Scotia Federation of Labour, CLC Bursary Application form for 2026/2027

The Nova Scotia Federation of Labour is pleased to offer five bursaries for \$1500.00 each to full-time students who are going to attend university or trade school/community college in 2026/2027 for the first time or as a returning student. Please complete the form and indicate which bursary (or bursaries) you are applying for by putting a check in the appropriate box or boxes.

Applicants must have a parent who is a current member of an **affiliated union local** in good standing with the NSFL, or are a member themselves.

***Please note - not all locals of our unions are affiliated with the NSFL. If you are unsure, please contact our office.**

- [Alex "Sugarcamp" MacDonald Memorial Bursary](#) - It is awarded to a student attending university or community college or trade school.
- [Glenda Cooper Memorial Bursary](#) - This bursary is awarded to a student attending university or community college or trade school.
- [J.K. Bell Memorial Bursary](#) - This Bursary is only open to students who are attending community college or trade school.
- [Joe Gannon Memorial Bursary](#) - It is awarded to a student attending university.
- [Leo F. McKay Memorial Bursary](#) - This bursary is awarded to a student attending university or community college or trade school.

Name: _____ Age: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone #: _____

Union **and** Local of which parent/applicant is a member: _____

Total gross income of parent(s): _____ Income of Applicant: _____

Number of family members in household: _____

School you are planning to attend 2026/2027: _____

Calculated Average: _____

Title of Course/Program you are accepted to take: _____

If you have received any bursaries/scholarships for the 2026/2027 year, please outline the name/mount: _____

If you have a summer job this year, please give details: _____

The following items MUST be included with your completed application:

A letter or email from an officer of the local union (affiliated to the NSFL) of which you or your parent is a member, confirming membership.

500 word essay on “The Role of the Labour Movement in today’s society”

Proof of acceptance if you are going into your first year.

A copy of your transcript with the average calculated if you are a new to university/college or a returning student.

PLEASE NOTE: PLEASE ENSURE ALL FIELDS ARE COMPLETED AND ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION IS ATTACHED. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Applications must be received by the Federation office by Friday, July 3, 2026.
Please email your application and accompanying documents to: Amy at accounts@nslabour.ca
or mail to: Nova Scotia Federation of Labour, 3700 Kempt Road, Suite 225, Halifax, NS, B3K 4X8
For more information, please contact us at (902) 454-6735 or visit our Website: nslabour.ca

About our bursaries:

- The Alex “Sugarcamp” MacDonald Memorial Bursary honours Brother Alex MacDonald who died in May, 2001. Alex was on the Executive Council of the Nova Scotia Federation of Labour for 13 years, the last 10 as Secretary-Treasurer. He was a founding member and major supporter of the NSFL Workplace Education Program and Chairperson of the NSFL Education Committee. His contributions to the Labour Movement and his community were immense.
- The Glenda Cooper Memorial Bursary remembers Sister Glenda Cooper, who was a dedicated worker for the Federation of Labour for over 30 years. This Bursary was established to honour her tireless commitment to the labour movement up until her death in 1995.
- The J.K. Bell Memorial Bursary is awarded in honour of Jimmy “J.K.” Bell, who served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Nova Scotia Federation of Labour from 1965-85 and was also a fulltime representative with the Marine Workers’ Federation. J.K. was inducted into the Canadian Labour Hall of Fame in May of 1994. He died three months later.
- The Joe Gannon Memorial Bursary has been awarded since 1966 in honour of labour activist Joe Gannon. Joe was a dockyard worker in Halifax and was President of the Halifax-Dartmouth and District Labour Council and a Regional Vice-President of the CLC. He died in 1965 and this Bursary honours his dedication to working people.
- Leo F. McKay Memorial Bursary honours former NSFL Executive Secretary Leo McKay’s contributions to the Labour Movement. He devoted over 30 years to the Federation of Labour until he retired in 1993. Leo passed away in July 2011.

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