



**Nova Scotia Federation of Labour  
and Higgins General Insurance  
presents  
The Muriel Duckworth Memorial Bursary**



The Nova Scotia Federation of Labour in partnership with Higgins General Insurance is pleased to offer the Muriel Duckworth Memorial Bursary, in the amount of \$1500.00. This bursary will be offered to a full-time student who will be attending university or trade school/community college for the first time or as a returning student. For 60 years, Muriel Duckworth worked as a fireless crusader and an advocate for social justice and change. Muriel was involved with numerous organizations supporting peace initiatives, social reform and educational development in Nova Scotia and across Canada. Muriel played an integral role in the evolution and development of Canadian women's social and peace movements on local, provincial and national levels. Sometimes her role included that of singer in the well-known protest group "The Raging Grannies" who were the highlight of many rallies and demonstrations over the years. Sister Duckworth died in 2009, at the age of 100.

The basis of this bursary shall be the applicant's financial need and current and ongoing volunteerism/social activism in his/her community.

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.**

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/amount: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you have a summer job this year, please give details: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**The following items MUST be included with your 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.

**Resume and cover letter** describing your volunteerism/social activism, the length of service and time commitment.

**Reference letter** completed by an individual who is familiar with your volunteer activities with full contact information but who is not related.

**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](mailto: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](http://nslabour.ca)**