



**GYMNASTICS
NOVA SCOTIA**

Educational Bursary Program

2026-2027 Academic Year



GNS Educational Bursary

We're pleased to offer this bursary to support GNS members as they continue their education.

Program Overview

The GNS Educational Bursary Program is funded by Gymnastics Nova Scotia (GNS) to support eligible GNS members pursuing post-secondary education.

Award Details

- Value and quantity:
 - Up to four (4) bursaries of \$500 each may be awarded annually, subject to suitable applications.
- Use of funds:
 - Bursary funds may be applied to eligible post-secondary tuition at a recognized educational institution.
- Study status:
 - Funds apply to full-time studies only.
- Selection:
 - Applications are assessed using the information provided and reference letters, in accordance with the ranking scheme. Applicants with the highest scores will be offered bursaries.
- One-time award:
 - Each individual may receive this bursary once. Applicants who are not selected may reapply in future years.

Key Dates

- Application deadline: **Friday, June 19, 2026** (complete application package required).
- Notification: Applicants will be contacted by July 31, 2026.

Program Conditions

- Submission materials: Please note that application materials will not be returned.
- Payment: Approved funds are paid directly to the educational institution and are not transferable.
- Publicity: GNS may share the successful applicant's name and photograph in print or digital formats, without additional compensation.
- Program changes: GNS may withdraw or adjust this bursary and/or the application process if needed.

Eligibility Criteria

- GNS membership: You must be a GNS member in good standing for the past two (2) years, including the current year.
- Residency and status: You must have lived in Nova Scotia for the past two (2) years and be a Canadian citizen or hold landed immigrant/permanent resident status.
- Enrollment: You must be registered in, or attending, an accredited post-secondary educational institution on a full-time basis. Recipients must complete at least one semester after the award is issued.

Selection Committee

Applications are reviewed by a committee appointed by the GNS Board of Directors using the ranking scheme and point system. Committee members are made up of staff and volunteers who are not compensated. To support a fair and impartial process, committee member names can be shared after the selection process is complete. Personal information is kept confidential and shared only on a need-to-know basis.

Essay Requirement (Maximum 400 Words)

1. Why did you choose your field of study?
2. What are your future gymnastics-related plans?
3. What other community activities are you involved in?
4. Why do you feel you deserve this award, and how will it help you?

Your essay will be scored on a matrix using all these questions above. Your writing quality and organization will also be scored.

Transcript

Please include an **official transcript for your most recent 2 terms** from your most recent educational institution.

- If you are currently in college or university, the transcript must include complete first and second semester marks from your most recent year.
- If you are in high school, the transcript must include the most recently completed 2 terms (June 2025 and January 2026).

Screenshots or printouts from student portals (e.g., PowerSchool or university accounts) are not accepted—transcripts must be issued as official documents by the high school, college, or university.

Letters of Reference

Please include **at least two (2) original** letters of reference. You are allowed to submit up to 3.

How to Submit

Mail or deliver:

Gymnastics Nova Scotia
5516 Spring Garden Road, 4th Floor
Halifax, NS B3J 1G6

Email: gns@sportnovascotia.ca

Questions?

We're happy to help—please email us at gns@sportnovascotia.ca.

Important: Applications must be **received** by **Friday, June 19, 2026**. Late or incomplete applications **can't be considered**. If mailing, we strongly recommend using a courier or tracked delivery method to confirm the mailing date and delivery.

Quick Checklist (Include These With Your Application)

- Completed Application / Information Form
- Typed essay (maximum 400 words)
- Official transcript (the 2 most recent terms)
- At least two original letters of reference

GNS Educational Bursary Application

Please type or print clearly.

A. Personal Information

Name: _____
(Last name) (First name)

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Age category: 16-25 _____ Over 25 _____

GNS #: _____

B. Current High School / Post-Secondary Information

Name/Address/Phone# of current or most recent educational institution

Name of School: _____

School address: _____

School Phone Number: _____

C. Post-Secondary Information (Starting in September)

Name/Address/Phone# of Post-Secondary Institution to which you applied

Name of School: _____

School address: _____

School Phone Number: _____

School payment option (successful candidates will eventually need to provide school email address for etransfer or EFT information). If known now, please indicate below:

Program Applied For: _____

School Year: _____

D. Gymnastics Involvement

(You may attach an additional page if you need more space below).

1. When did your involvement with gymnastics begin?

2. If you are/were involved as an athlete, please indicate the length of time you were an athlete, the discipline(s) involved and what club(s) you are/were affiliated with?

3. If you are/were involved as coach, please indicate your NCCP #. _____

Please indicate the length of time you were a coach and indicate when you took your first NCCP course and what club(s) you were affiliated with.

Please list gymnastics activities that you have helped to organize or have volunteered with in your local area, regional area, or national area, if applicable.

4. List what gymnastics disciplines you have been involved with, in what capacity, length of time for each and any special events you participated in. ie. Artistic, trampoline, tumbling / coach, judge, athlete, chef, manager, volunteer / Atlantics, Easterns, Canadians, Canada Games, GNS Gymnaestrada, etc.

Example: Artistic Gymnast – Competitive Level – 3 years - Attended Atlantics 2 times

5. What are your current gymnastics activities?

OTHER

I hereby acknowledge that all the information supplied is correct and that I have lived in Nova Scotia for the past two (2) years:

(Signature of Applicant)

(Date)

SCORING MATRIX

Category	Criteria	Points
A	GNS Athlete	1 point per year (max 5)
B	GNS Coach (points accumulate only for years after your first NCCP Foundations course)	1 point per year (max 5), plus: <i>+1 if certified in Foundations or completed C1</i> <i>+1 if completed C2</i>
C	GNS Judge (required judging courses must be completed)	1 point per year (max 5)
D	Extra GNS Involvement	1 point: <i>Attended Atlantics/Easterns once (athlete or judge) or any GNS Gymnaestrada (participant/organizer)</i> 2 points (any one): <i>Attended 2–3 Atlantics/Easterns or 2-3 GNS Gymnaestrada (participant/organizer) or exceptional club involvement supported by a club administrator (must be one reference letter)</i> 3 points (any one): <i>Attended 4+ Atlantics/Easterns or 4+ GNS Gymnaestrada (participant/organizer) or attended Nationals once</i> 4 points (any one): <i>Attended Nationals 2+ times; represented NS at Canada Games; served as chef/manager/coach for team travel once; received a U.S. gymnastics scholarship</i> 5 points (any one): <i>Represented Canada internationally; served as chef/manager/coach 2+ times for team travel</i>
E	Attending post-secondary in Nova Scotia	2 points
F	Grade Average of 2 most recent terms	5 points for grades 95–100 4 points for grades 90–94 3 points for grades 85–89 2 points for grades 80–84 1 point for grades 70–79
G	Reference Letters	1 point per reference (minimum 2 required; max 3)
H	Essay	Up to 10 points (quality of writing and completeness)

Notes: Reference letters (G) and the essay (H) are required for all applicants, regardless of points earned elsewhere. Applicants must submit at least **two** reference letters; additional letters may increase points up to the maximum shown.

The maximum total score is 40 points.