

***Gymnastics
Nova Scotia***



Educational Bursary Program

2025-2026 Academic Year

GNS Educational Bursary

The GNS Educational Bursary Program is a financial bursary funded by GNS to assist GNS members attending a post-secondary educational institution. Up to four awards of \$500.00 each will be given out annually to active GNS members who exemplify the objectives of GNS, if there are suitable applications.

The bursaries will be applied towards post-secondary expenses at a recognized Educational Institute. It shall be applied towards full-time studies only.

Candidates will be ranked based on the information contained in their application and their letters of reference (see ranking scheme). Candidates with the highest rankings will be awarded bursaries.

Any candidate may receive this bursary only once in their lifetime however, an unsuccessful candidate may re-apply in following years.

The **COMPLETE** Application package must be **submitted at the GNS Office at Sport Nova Scotia or emailed in full by Monday, July 7, 2025. Please note that late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

GNS will not return any of the material submitted with applications.

The successful candidates will be notified by August 25th, 2025.

The payment will be made directly to the educational institution and is not transferable.

GNS may, at their option, print, reproduce and publish the successful applicants name and photograph in any medium, without further compensation.

GNS reserves the right to withdraw or modify all or part of this bursary and application process.

Eligibility Criteria

You must have been a GNS member in “Good Standing” for the past two years, including the current year.

You must have lived in Nova Scotia for the past two (2) years and be a Canadian citizen or hold landed immigrant status.

You must be registered or attending an accredited Post Secondary educational institute on a full-time basis in order to be eligible for the award. You must attend one semester after the award is received.

Selection Committee

Candidates will be ranked by a committee according to the attached ranking scheme and winners will be determined based on a point system. The committee will be selected by the GNS Board of Directors, who will not receive compensation for this committee work. Their involvement is voluntary. Due to the need for impartiality, the names of the committee will not be publicly disclosed until after the selection process is completed. All personal information will be kept confidential and disclosed only to those parties on a need to know basis.

Information -To be included in a 400 word TYPED essay

1. Why did you choose your field of study?
2. Include your future gymnastics-related plans.
3. In what other community activities are you involved?
4. Please explain why you deserve this award and how it will benefit you.

Transcript - Please submit an **official transcript** of your latest term from your most recent educational institute. Official transcripts for the current year must include the 1st semester term complete marks. **These marks can not be printed from your student PowerSchool or University accounts and must be official from the University, College or High School.**

Letters of Reference – Minimum of two – Originals to be included

PLEASE mail or email to:

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

Email to: gns@sportnovascotia.ca

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. If mailing, it is highly recommended that you use a courier so that you have a record of the mailing date and a guaranteed delivery date. Applications must be **received** in the GNS office at Sport Nova Scotia or by email (gns@sportnovascotia.ca) by **Monday, July 7th, 2025.** Any questions can also be directed to gns@sportnovascotia.ca

GNS Educational Bursary Application/Information Form

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. September's Post-Secondary Institute Information:

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 can insert a page if you require more space)

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)

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Ranking Scheme for GNS Bursary Applicants

- A)** GNS Athlete – 1pt per year (max 5pts)
- B)** GNS Coach – 1pt per year (max 5pts) **note – points only accumulate for years after you attend your first NCCP Foundations course
- Additional point if you are certified in Foundations, or taken a C1 course
 - Further additional point if you have taken C2 course.
- C)** GNS Judge – 1pt per year (max 5pts) provided the required judging courses were taken.
- D) Extra GNS Involvement**
- 1 point
 - attended Atlantics/ Easterns once (either athlete or judge) or any GNS Gymnaestrada (participant or organizer)
 - 2 points (any one of the following):
 - attended 2-3 Atlantics / Easterns
 - exceptional club involvement as supported by a club administrator
(must be included as one of the reference letters)
 - 3 points
 - attended 4+ Atlantics/ Easterns OR attended Nationals once
 - 4 points (any one of the following):
 - attended nationals 2+
 - represented NS at a Canada games,
 - served as a chef, manager, or coach for team travel once
 - scholarship for US gym
 - 5 points (any one of the following):
 - represented Canada internationally
 - served as chef/ manager or coach 2+ times for team travel
- E)** Attending post-secondary in Nova Scotia – 2pts
- F)** Grade Average
- 95-100 = 5pts
 - 90-94 = 4pts
 - 85 to 89 = 3pts
 - 80 to 84 = 2pts
 - 70 to 79 = 1pt
- G)** Reference Letters (2 required) – 1pt per reference (max 3pts)
- H)** Essay (required) – Max of 5pts if well written

Explanation –

- Fields G and H are required, regardless of how many points have already been accumulated.
- Field G only needs to be fulfilled once (minimum 2 reference letters), but an applicant can gain points (to a maximum of 3pts) by retrieving more references.
- Field H must be fulfilled.

The maximum point value that can be accumulated is 35.