

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - Frequently Asked Questions (for schools)

Q: We have students interested in applying to the Western National Scholarship Program. How do they apply?

A: In order to be considered a student needs:

- ✓ To be nominated by their school. Students are instructed to contact their school about nomination process. It is up to school to determine their own internal process in selecting students for a nomination.
- ✓ Have a minimum 90% (overall) average on grade 12 (or equivalent) courses
- ✓ Apply for full-time admission to Western (main campus)

Q: What is required for the National Scholarship application?

A: The following is the National Scholarship application checklist:

- ✓ On-line application
 - ✓ Essay
 - ✓ Reference letter
 - ✓ School nomination
 - ✓ One official transcript provided by school
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- ✓ Beryl Ivey Continuing Entrance Scholarship supplemental application (**ONLY** if wishing to be considered for this award)

Q: What scholarships are included in the National Scholarship Program?

A: The National Scholarship Program includes the following scholarships:

President's Entrance Scholarships

1 at \$80,000 (\$20,000 for year one, \$20,000 annually for years two to four) *Reserved for a student entering the Faculty of Arts and Humanities.

1 at \$70,000 (\$25,000 for year one, \$15,000 annually for years two to four)

4 at \$65,000 (\$20,000 for year one, \$15,000 annually for years two to four) and;

Up to 20 at \$50,000 (\$20,000 for year one, \$10,000 annually for years two to four) *5 (out of the 20) scholarships reserved for Black students.

Beryl Ivey Continuing Entrance Scholarship

ONE at \$92,000; payable \$23,000 per academic year for a period of four years

International President's Entrance Scholarships

1 at \$80,000 (\$20,000 for year one, \$20,000 annually for years two to four) *Reserved for an International Visa student entering the Faculty of Arts and Humanities.

3 at \$50,000 (\$20,000 for year one, \$10,000 annually for years two to four)

Faculty Entrance Scholarships

Up to 15 at \$30,000 (\$12,000 for year one, \$6,000 annually for years two to four)

National Scholarship Study Abroad Awards

Up to 46 at \$2,500 for up to 4 months (one term), \$5,000 for over 4 months (more than one term)

National Merit Awards

Students who are interviewed for a National Scholarship but not offered a scholarship and accepting offer of admission to main campus will receive a one-year National Merit Award valued at \$2,000. Recipients will also retain eligibility for an Admission Scholarship.

Q: I see that there are scholarships reserved for students entering the Faculty of Arts of Humanities. What if we don't have students that are entering the Faculty of Arts and Humanities?

The Neen Hodgins Scholarships are reserved for students in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities. All the other scholarships are open to any undergraduate Faculty.

Q: What are the citizenship requirements?

A: The International President's Entrance Scholarships are reserved for international (visa) students. International students (on visa) that are studying in Canada are eligible provided that they are not Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents of Canada.

All other available scholarships are for students that are Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents of Canada. This includes students that are studying outside- and are Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents of Canada

Q: Where can students find the application?

A: The on-line National Scholarship application is available in November and can be found at:

http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/student_finances/scholarships_awards/national_scholarship_program.html

Q: How many students can each school nominate for the National Scholarship Program?

A: Each school can nominate up to 4 students for the National Scholarship Program.

***A school can nominate 1 additional student (in addition to the 4) if that student is an international (visa) student.**

Q: How does the school indicate which scholarship(s) the student nominated should be considered for?

A: Schools are not nominating a student for a specific scholarship. The nomination is for the National Scholarship Program. By being nominated, the student will be considered for all the scholarships within the National Scholarship Program that they may be eligible for. Each school can nominate up to 4 students for the National Scholarship Program.

Q: Do students need to have a 90% on each of the grade 12 (U/M) courses to be eligible?

A: No. Students need to have a minimum 90% overall average on all grade 12 courses – **not** individual.

Q: How do we decide which students to nominate?

A: It is up to the school to determine their internal nomination procedure. Students are instructed on the application to check with their school for the internal school procedure (if applicable).

Each school can nominate up to **4** students (plus 1 additional student if student is an international (visa student) for the National Scholarship Program.

Q: What does the school complete in order to nominate student?

A: Students are instructed prior to accessing the application to check with their school as to any internal school procedure to ask for a nomination.

In order for the school to have access to complete the nomination for a student – that student needs to go into their on-line National Scholarship application and complete the “nomination request form”.

On the on-line National Scholarship application (nomination request section) – student will be asked for 2 email addresses.

- ✓ E-mail address for the principal, head of school or designated of the school.
- ✓ Email address for the teaching staff member selected by student to be their assessor. This is the person that will be writing a reference letter for student.

*** It is the student that enters the email addresses on their on-line National Scholarship application. It will be to that email address that emails will be sent to.

Q: What are the responsibilities of the School Administrator or designate and the Assessor?

Students are instructed prior to accessing the application to check with their school as to the procedure to ask for a nomination.

A: The responsibilities of school administrator or designate:

- ✓ Formally nominate student on on-line form using code provided. Code will be provided via e-mail when student completes “nomination form” section on their on-line National Scholarship application.
- ✓ Each school can nominate up to **4** students (plus one additional student international (visa) student).
- ✓ Provide official transcript for student. Transcript in pdf format can be uploaded to application. Instructions and link is provided via email.
*** It is the student that enters the email address of the principal, head of school or designate on their application. It will be to that email address that email will be sent to.

The responsibilities of Assessor:

(Who is the assessor? The assessor is the staff member/teaching staff selected by student to provide comments/reference letter in support of their application)

- ✓ Assessor's comments to be completed (once nomination from school administrator has been granted). Assessor (as selected by student) must be a staff member/teacher who is most familiar with the work of the applicant. The Assessor will be emailed (to email address provided by student) with the request to provide comments/reference.

Q: Does the school nominate students for the different scholarships?

A: **No.** School is nominating student(s) to be considered for all the scholarships within the National Scholarship Program. By completing **one** application students will be considered for all the scholarships within the National Scholarship Program.

Q: Transcripts are required. What is the process?

A: The official transcript can be uploaded in pdf format to the student's application. The email to principal, head of school or designate will include the instructions.
*** It is the student that enters the email address of the principal, head of school or designate on their application. It will be to that email address that email will be sent to.

In the case that the school is not able to upload to the application then transcript can be mailed to Western and it will be matched up to student's application. The school can mail transcript directly, to the attention of the National Scholarship Program, in a sealed envelope issued/handled by the school. If mailed, transcript must be received (not postmarked) by February 14, 2025.

Q: How do students apply for The Beryl Ivey Continuing Entrance Scholarship?

A: The Beryl Ivey Continuing Entrance Scholarship is part of the National Scholarship Program. The only difference is that this award has financial need as part of the criteria. In addition to the on-line National Scholarship application, this award requires a supplemental application for the financial need component. The supplemental application (pdf) can be found at:

http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/student_finances/scholarships_awards/national_scholarship_program.html

Students would only submit the supplemental application **IF** they wish to be considered for the Beryl Ivey Continuing Entrance Award. Completed applications need to be mailed to:

Western University
National Scholarship Program
Room 1140, Western Student Services Building
London, ON N6A 3K7

Q: When will students know if selected for a National Scholarship?

A: There are a number of application review stages and students will be kept informed via email as to where their application status is at.

There is an interview stage for the National Scholarship Program. Students that are selected for an interview will be notified in late March. Interviews will take place during first and second week of April. Once interviews are finished we will be making scholarship decisions. Scholarship offers will be made in by the end of April/early May.

Q: One of our students submitted their online National Scholarship application and they were not done with the application!

A: If you submitted the online National Scholarship application before the deadline and need access to your application please contact Norma at: nmerino@uwo.ca

Q: What is the contact information in case I have any questions about the National Scholarship Program?

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