

## **NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - Frequently Asked Questions (For students)**

### **Q: I am interested in applying to the National Scholarship Program. How do I do apply?**

A: In order to be considered you need to:

- ✓ Be nominated by your school. Contact your school (Guidance/Student Services Office) for instructions on internal procedure for nomination.
- ✓ Have a minimum 90% (overall) average on grade 12U/M courses
- ✓ Applying for full-time admission to Western - main campus

National Scholarship application will be available in November and can be found at:  
[http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/student\\_finances/scholarships\\_awards/national\\_scholarship\\_program.html](http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/student_finances/scholarships_awards/national_scholarship_program.html)

### **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: Do I need to complete multiple applications to be considered for the scholarships that I want? How do I tell you which scholarship(s) I want to apply for?**

**A: You do not need to complete multiple applications.** By completing **one** online National Scholarship application, you will be considered for all the scholarships within the National Scholarship Program that you may be eligible for.

**Please note:** There is a scholarship that has a financial need component. In addition to the online National Scholarship application, a supplemental application is required to be considered for this scholarship. See questions regarding the Beryl Ivey Continuing Admission Scholarship for more information about the scholarship with financial need.

**Q: Where can I find the online National Scholarship application?**

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

[http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/student\\_finances/scholarships\\_awards/national\\_scholarship\\_program.html](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: Do I need to have a 90% on each of my grade 12 courses to be eligible?**

**A: No.** You do not need a 90% on each course. To calculate, take any grade 12 (U/M) course with a final grade and average out.

**Q: I want to be considered for The Beryl Ivey Continuing Entrance Scholarship. How do I apply?**

**A:** The Beryl Ivey Continuing Entrance Scholarship is part of the National Scholarship Program. The only difference is that this scholarship has a financial need component as part of the criteria.

In addition to the on-line National Scholarship application, this scholarship requires a supplemental application for the financial need component. The supplemental application (pdf) will be available in mid-November and can be found at:

[http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/student\\_finances/scholarships\\_awards/national\\_scholarship\\_program.html](http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/student_finances/scholarships_awards/national_scholarship_program.html)

You would only submit the supplemental application **IF** you wish to be considered for the Beryl Ivey Continuing Entrance Award. The supplemental application is a pdf and completed applications can be uploaded through the online National Scholarship application:

**\*Please note that this scholarship is not available to international students. Students need to be Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents.**

**Q: I want to be considered for the Beryl Ivey Continuing Admission Scholarship BUT I am not applying to Ivey.**

A: The Beryl Ivey Continuing Admission Scholarship is not reserved for students that are applying to Ivey. That is the name of the scholarship. This scholarship has a financial need component and in addition to the online National Scholarship application, a supplemental application is required.

**Q: I do not have financial need. Can I still apply to the National Scholarship Program?**

A: **Yes!** There are scholarships that do not have a financial need component. By completing 1 online National Scholarship application you would be considered for all the scholarships that you are eligible for.

**Q: What are the citizenship requirements to apply?**

A: The International President's Entrance Scholarships are reserved for international (visa) students studying outside of Canada or in Canada.

All other available scholarships are for students that are Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents of Canada. This includes students that are studying outside Canada provided they meet the residency requirements.

**Q: As part of my application I need to submit an essay. What are the essay requirements?**

A: You need to include an original essay written by you on an issue important to you of public concern. Explain causes, discuss why it is important and examine potential solutions.

Your essay should be typed and double spaced and it must be titled. The list of references must include a range of materials such as books, articles or other sources.

**Q: How long should my essay be?**

A: Your essay should be no fewer than 1000 words and no greater than 1250 words. Word count needs to be on the last page of essay (in brackets and in bold font).

**Q: Does my reference page count as part of my word count?**

A: No, your reference page does not count towards your word count.

**Q: Does my reference page need to be in a certain style?**

A: Yes, your reference page needs to be in APA style.

**Q: Do I need to submit an abstract for my essay?**

A: No, you do not need to submit an abstract.

**Q: On my summary page of the National Scholarship application, it says that my transcript is outstanding. Am I supposed to provide the transcript?**

A: No. You (the student) would not provide the transcript. The transcript is to be provided by your school.

On your online National Scholarship application there is a section called “nomination” – check that section to make sure you have entered the email of the school administrator. If you need help please contact: Norma Merino  
[nmerino@uwo.ca](mailto:nmerino@uwo.ca)

**Q: It says that my transcript is needed and my school is having problems uploading to my application. What should be done?**

A: A transcript is required as part of your application. Information/instructions are provided to the school to be able to upload to the on-line application. For assistance your school can reach out to: Norma Merino  
[nmerino@uwo.ca](mailto:nmerino@uwo.ca)

In the case that your school wants to mail your transcript to Western then they can do so and it will be matched up to application and uploaded to the application. The school can mail transcript directly in a sealed envelope issued/handled by your school.

**Mailing address:**

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

\*Deadline for transcript to be received (not postmarked) at Western is February 14, 2025.

**Q: On my summary page of the National Scholarship application, it says that my reference is outstanding. What should I do?**

A: On your application there is a section called “Reference” – Make sure you have completed that section. If you need help please contact: Norma Merino  
[nmerino@uwo.ca](mailto:nmerino@uwo.ca)

**Q: I entered the email address for my School Administrator for my nomination request BUT I need to change it and the system won't allow me to change it. What should I do?**

A: Once an email address has been entered you will not be able to change it BUT it can be changed. For assistance please contact: Norma Merino [nmerino@uwo.ca](mailto:nmerino@uwo.ca)

**Q: I entered the email address for my referee to provide a reference letter BUT I need to change it and the system won't allow me to change it. What should I do?**

A: Once an email address has been entered you will not be able to change it BUT it can be changed. For assistance please contact: Norma Merino [nmerino@uwo.ca](mailto:nmerino@uwo.ca)

**Q: When will I know if I am selected for a National Scholarship?**

A: We will be in contact with you letting you know of your application status. There are stages and we will be updating you via email as to where you are at in the competition. Students that are selected for an interview will be notified in late March. Interviews will take place during the first and second week of April. Once interviews are done we will be making scholarship offers. Scholarship offers will be made at the end of April/early May.

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

Norma Merino

[nmerino@uwo.ca](mailto:nmerino@uwo.ca)

T: 519 661-2111 extension 85958

**Q: I think that I am done with the application. What should my complete application include?**

A: The following is the National Scholarship application checklist:

- ✓ On-line National Scholarship Application (submitted)
- ✓ Essay
- ✓ Reference letter
- ✓ School Nomination
- ✓ One official transcript provided by school
  
- ✓ The Supplemental Application (**ONLY** if you want to be considered for the scholarships with financial need)

**Q: How do I know if my school has provided my information that is needed for the nomination?**

A: The online National Scholarship application has a section called "STATUS". In this section, you would be able to check the status of your nomination, transcript and reference letter. You are able to navigate through the application to check your status. Make sure that you click "SAVE" as you go along to save your work.

**Q: I entered the email address for the School Administrator and/or the Assessor and I can't change it. What can I do?**

**A:** You are not able to change the email address for the school administrator and/or the Assessor on your own **BUT it can be changed**. If you need help please contact Norma at: [nmerino@uwo.ca](mailto:nmerino@uwo.ca)

**Q: I submitted my online National Scholarship application and I was not done! What should I do?**

**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](mailto:nmerino@uwo.ca)

**Q: I am done with my application but my school has not submitted the information (nomination, transcript, reference letter) to complete my application. Can I submit my application OR do I need to wait for my school to submit the information?**

**A:** If you are ready to submit your application you can go ahead and do so. Your school will be able to provide the information (nomination, transcript, reference) even if your application is submitted. Your school does need to submit the information by the deadline of February 14, 2025. Once you submit your application you will receive an email confirming submission. If there are outstanding items to complete your application to be submitted by your school, you will be able to check the status after submission.