

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

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 \$70,000 (\$25,000 for year one, \$15,000 annually for years two to four) and;
4 at \$65,000 (\$20,000 for year one, \$15,000 annually for years two to four) and;
Up to 15 at \$50,000 (\$20,000 for year one, \$10,000 annually for years two to four)

Beryl Ivey Continuing Entrance Scholarship

1 at \$72,000; payable \$18,000 per academic year for a period of four years

International President's Entrance Scholarships

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 39 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 separate applications to be considered for the scholarships that I want? How do I tell you which scholarship(s) I want to be considered for?

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

Q: Where can I find the application?

A: The on-line 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

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 award 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 November and can be found at:

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

A: **Yes!** The President's and Faculty Scholarships do not have a financial need component. The only scholarship that has a financial need component is the Beryl Ivey Continuing Entrance Scholarship.

Q: What are the citizenship requirements to be considered?

A: The International President's Entrance Scholarships are reserved for international 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 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 less 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.

Q: It says that my transcript is needed and my school is not able to upload 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. In the case that your school is not able to upload to the application, then the transcript can be mailed to Western and it will be matched up to application and uploaded to the application. 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, 2021.

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 first and second week of April. Once interviews are finished 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
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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

- ✓ Beryl Ivey Continuing Entrance Award Supplementary Application (**ONLY** if you want to be considered for this award)

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.

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

Q: I submitted my online National Scholarship application and I was not done!

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: 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, 2021.