

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

MSVU ID: \_\_\_\_\_



# 2021 - 2022 Undergraduate Entrance Bursary Program Guidelines, Information and Application

To be eligible to apply students must be:  
- entering their first undergraduate program;  
**or**  
- transferring from another postsecondary institution and not yet completed a degree.

**Education and graduate students are not eligible to apply.**

A university education is a wise investment. We recognize the cost is difficult for many students and their families and believe no one should be denied a university education because of financial need.

Mount Saint Vincent University has developed an Undergraduate Entrance Bursary Program to assist those who may have reached a critical decision-making point as to whether or not they will have sufficient funds to get them through the academic year.

Our Undergraduate Entrance Bursary Program is intended to help students by supplementing their own financial contribution and that of their families toward their education. The program is not intended to replace these contributions; nor is it intended for students with sufficient resources to cover their year.

You **MUST** be receiving a student loan (government or private bank) in order to qualify for an Undergraduate Entrance Bursary.

## **TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN MSVU UNDERGRADUATE ENTRANCE BURSARY, YOU MUST BE ABLE TO CHECK (AND CONFIRM) ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:**

- I have been accepted to MSVU for the **2021-2022** academic year and will start classes in September 2021 (students who begin courses at the Mount before the Fall 2021 term **are not eligible** for an Undergraduate Entrance Bursary).
- I will be taking a minimum 60% course load during the academic year; i.e., the equivalent of three half-units in the Fall semester and three half-units in the Winter semester.
- I have applied for a government student loan **OR**  I plan to apply for a government student loan (only an option if your province is not accepting 2021-2022 applications by May 15 **OR**  I have applied for a private bank student line of credit)
- I do not have an undergraduate degree.

**ABORIGINAL ENTRANCE BURSARY AWARD**

I wish to be considered for the Aboriginal Entrance Bursary Award. In the context of this voluntary self-identification question, an Aboriginal person in Canada, as recognized in the Constitution Act 1982, is a person who identifies as First Nations (Status/Non-status), Metis, Inuit cultural and/or ancestry background.

**FIRST GENERATION TO ATTEND UNIVERSITY**

Some awards give preference to students who are the **first generation of their family to attend university**. This is defined as 'highest level of education for either parent is less than a bachelor's degree (parents may have some postsecondary education).' Check this box if you are the first generation of your family to attend university and wish to be considered.

**IMPORTANT NOTE!**

Not all students who demonstrate financial need will be offered an Undergraduate Entrance Bursary. Priority will be given to those who demonstrate exceptional need as determined by the Bursary Sub-Committee. **Please complete the information on ALL four pages.**

# Mount Saint Vincent University - Undergraduate Entrance Bursary 2021-2022

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MSVU Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

## STATUS (Check one)

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Dependent</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Independent</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Single Parent</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Married/ Common-law</b>
(Have not been out of high school for 4 years; single, without children)	(4 years out of high school)	<b>Complete independent student income below</b>	<b>Complete independent student income and spousal income below</b>
<b>Complete parental income below</b>	<b>Complete independent student income below</b>	<b># children</b> _____	<b># children</b> _____
		<b>Age(s)</b> _____	<b>Age(s)</b> _____

## PARENTS / STUDENT / SPOUSE INCOME

**Parental Income:**  
 Are you from a one-parent family:  Yes  No  
 Parental Income for **2020**: Parent 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Parent 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 # of children in family \_\_\_\_\_ # of children (including you) in **postsecondary education** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Independent Student Income:**  
 Independent Student Income for **2020**: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Spousal Income:**  
 Spousal Income for **2020**: \_\_\_\_\_

## Student Budget: complete for the upcoming study period **September 2021 to April 2022**

## Estimate of Expenses

(September 2021 to April 2022)

For 2020-2021 each undergraduate course cost approximately \$870 (tuition plus mandatory fees)	Total # of courses (Fall and Winter) X \$870 (5 courses/term is a regular full course load)	\$
International students also need to include differential fees (for 2020-21 approximately \$817 per course)	Differential fees (if applicable)	\$
Books and supplies	Budget \$180 for each course	\$
Living costs will vary widely depending upon where you choose to live (we will use the Student living Allowances published by Employment and Social Development Canada to include an estimate for food and communications - including cell phone)	<input type="checkbox"/> Live at home: <input type="checkbox"/> Residence fees: or <input type="checkbox"/> Apartment rent <input type="checkbox"/> Mortgage (include property taxes and heat) <b>*Dependent living at home cannot include an amount in rent</b>	\$
Check your lease to see what is included in your rent	Utilities (if living away from home and not included in rent)	\$
Transportation (student bus pass is included in your student fees) - Car, gas, insurance	Local Transportation (if applicable)	\$
For students living more than 100 km away from home please include the cost of one round trip home	Return Transportation to and from home	\$
You will need to socialize with friends. This is necessary for your mental well-being. Moderation is the key to your financial well-being	Miscellaneous (clothing, laundry, personal hygiene and entertainment)	\$
Details are required if other expenses are included	include an extra page if necessary	\$
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$</b>


In order to have your government student loan money in place for September, you should apply no later than the end of June. It is expected you will work during the summer. If you are not able to find work, you should keep track of your attempts. Most provinces require full-time students to apply for Student Assistance online, please visit the appropriate provincial website. In Nova Scotia, full-time students apply online at [novascotia.ca/studentassistance](http://novascotia.ca/studentassistance)

### APPLICATIONS WITH ZERO RESOURCES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

**Student Budget**

**Estimate of Resources**

(September 2021 to April 2022)



Government Student Loan and Grants	\$	If you are a Nova Scotia student <b>you MUST attach</b> a copy of your My Path account showing your loan and grant estimates. If you are applying from another province, please provide an estimate of your government loan and grants amounts if available. If not provided, estimated amounts will be calculated for you.
Private Bank Loan (Student Line of Credit)	\$	For students who do not qualify for government sponsored loans, most private banks now provide loans to students enrolled in postsecondary education. The maximum amount will vary depending on the financial institution, monthly interest charges apply
Anticipated earnings during the summer months (July and August)	\$	You will have two months between graduating high school and beginning university. You should work during this time and save as much as possible for the school year
Anticipated earnings during the study period (September to April)	\$	We recommend that you do not work more than 12 hours a week during the school year. Career Services (McCain 312) is a good starting point to search for jobs.
Savings for Post-Secondary Education (PSE)	\$	<b>Start saving now (if you haven't already)!</b> Plan your budget before school year. (RESPs go here)
Parental Contribution	\$	Parents are expected to contribute to your university education, but they are not an unending source of money
Relative Contribution	\$	Often students receive support from relatives (i.e. grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.) to assist with school
Bursaries	\$	Many high schools, churches, businesses, societies, etc. offer bursaries to students from their community. Search appropriate groups to learn if you might be eligible.
Scholarships	\$	
Canada Pension Allowance	\$	
Other (Specify)	\$	

**Incomplete applications or those that show \$0 total resources and/or \$0 total expenses will not be considered.**

**Are you a transfer student?**

Yes

No

Total Resources \$

Administrative use only...FAA Comments:

Total Need: (expenses minus resources) \$

**International Students ONLY**

Citizen of: \_\_\_\_\_ and  Permanent Resident  Student Visa  Other type of VISA  
Remember to include your differential fees under "tuition and fees" section of EXPENSES.

**DEADLINE:** Completed applications must be received by **4:00 PM Friday, June 11, 2021**. Late applications will not be considered.

**REMEMBER: APPLICATIONS WITH ZERO RESOURCES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

We will be distributing bursaries ranging in value from \$500 to \$2,500. Decisions will be made and students informed by mid-July. Bursaries are available only in the year in which they are awarded.

**VERY IMPORTANT ...**

**Confirmation of Need Form**



Students awarded an Undergraduate Entrance Bursary will be required to complete a **Confirmation of Need Form** and return it to the Financial Aid Office no later than **Monday, August 16, 2021**. This form will be provided to students with their Entrance Bursary offer. The bursary will be considered relinquished if the Confirmation of Need form is not received by the due date. You may be asked to provide proof of information included in your original application; i.e., amounts of student loans, summer earnings, rent payments, etc.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Every year, some students lose their Entrance bursaries because they do not return their Confirmation of Need Form. Please make note of the **August 16** deadline now so you don't forget!

Once these forms are received and approved, students will be awarded their bursary funds. Funds will be credited to their student account in two installments; 50% in Fall term and the remaining 50% in Winter term.

MSVU also offers two other financial need-based programs – an In-Course Bursary program and the Student Works program.

We welcome you to Mount Saint Vincent University and encourage you to seek out the resources on campus that are here to help you!

**Please submit completed applications to:**  
**Attn: Financial Aid Office, 207 Evaristus Hall**  
**Mount Saint Vincent University**  
**166 Bedford Highway**  
**Halifax, NS B3M 2J6**  
**Email: [financial.aid@msvu.ca](mailto:financial.aid@msvu.ca) or Fax: 902-457-6498**

Please check to confirm you have:

- Completed the entire application form and signed it
- Entered income information based upon your status (dependent, independent etc)
- Expenses and resources are for the full academic year (September 2021 – April 2022)
- Attached a copy of your expected student loan and grant amount (actual or estimate)

**Declaration:** I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information contained herein is true and correct. I declare that I require additional funds to begin my studies at MSVU. I understand that, if any information is found to be untrue, this application may be cancelled. I have no objection to sources being contacted for corroborating information. I will advise your office in writing of any course load changes, as it may affect my eligibility for the Entrance Bursary program.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please email your completed application to [financial.aid@msvu.ca](mailto:financial.aid@msvu.ca) using your MSVU email address.

An application sent directly from your MSVU email address does not require an original signature.