

2024 – 2025 Undergraduate Entrance Bursary

Mount Saint Vincent University's 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 academic year.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for an MSVU Undergraduate Entrance Bursary, you must be able to check (and provide confirmation) for ALL of the following:

- ☐ I have been accepted to MSVU for the **2024-2025** academic year and will start classes in September 2024 (Students who begin courses at the Mount before the Fall 2024 term **will not be eligible** to receive 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 OR I have applied for a private bank student line of credit.

FUNDING MUST BE IN PLACE BY AUGUST 14, 2024 so apply as soon as applications open!

- ☐ I am entering my first undergraduate degree, or transferring from another postsecondary institution and have not yet completed a degree.

If you have checked all of the above, please continue filling out the entire application

Application Deadline:

Completed Entrance Bursary applications must be returned by Monday, June 10, 2024:

Email: financial.aid@msvu.ca with subject: Entrance Bursary application; or

Fax: 902-457-6498; or

Mail: Financial Aid Office
Mount Saint Vincent University
166 Bedford Highway
Halifax NS B3M 2J6

Confirmation of Need Form:

Students who are awarded Undergraduate Entrance Bursary will be required to complete a Confirmation of Need form and return it to the Financial Aid Office no later than Wednesday, August 14, 2024. This form will be mailed to eligible students with their Entrance Bursary offer in July. Any Undergraduate Entrance bursary awarded will be considered relinquished if the Confirmation of Need form is not received by August 14. Once the Confirmation of Need form is approved, the bursary will be applied 50% to the Fall term and 50% to the Winter term.

**The Undergraduate Entrance Bursary consists of 5 pages.
Please review carefully. Incomplete applications will be ineligible.**

Questions – please contact the Financial Aid Office at financial.aid@msvu.ca

Personal Information

Name: _____ MSVU Student ID #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

*Results of your bursary application will be mailed to this address in July; ensure it is kept current (any changes should be provided to financial.aid@msvu.ca).

Are you a transfer student? Yes ____ No ____

International Students only

Citizen of _____

Are you a Permanent Resident ____ Studying on a Student Visa ____ On another type of Visa ____?
 (Check the applicable category)

Student Status

Only complete information for the **ONE** status that applies to you:

☐ **Dependent – I have been out of high school for 4 years or less and do not have a child(ren)**

Are you from a one-parent family: ☐ Yes ☐ No

2023 Parental Income (line 15000 on tax returns): _____

Parent 1 \$CDN _____ Parent 2 \$CDN _____

of children in family _____ # of children (including you) in **postsecondary education** _____

☐ **Independent – I have been out of high school for more than 4 years and do not have a child(ren)**

2023 Student Income (line 15000 on your tax return): _____

☐ **Single parent – I am single and have one or more dependent children**

2023 Student Income (line 15000 on your tax return): _____

of children in family _____ # of children (including you) in **postsecondary education** _____

☐ **Married/Common-law**

2023 Student Income (line 15000 on your tax return): _____

2023 Spousal Income (line 15000 on partner's tax return): _____

of children in family _____ # of children (including you) in **postsecondary education** _____

Living Status

Where will you live while attending Mount Saint Vincent University?

- ☐ Live with parents/guardians
- ☐ Live in residence (my permanent home is _____ km from Mount Saint Vincent University)
- ☐ Off-campus but not with parents/guardians

Student Budget (September 2024 – April 2025)

This worksheet helps evaluate student resources against expenses to calculate your financial need. Complete all the yellow highlighted boxes below (and gray if writing by hand). It is important to provide the most accurate amounts possible. For any fields that are unknown, best estimates should be given. If you have any questions about any fields, please direct these to financial.aid@msvu.ca.

Applications which include \$0 in total resources and/or total expenses will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed.

Resources

Employment income		
Savings from summer employment earnings (summer income - summer expenses)		\$
Study period income (September 2024 to April 2025) after deductions		\$
Family support		
Family/support system contribution		\$
Spouse or partner's contribution		\$
Financial aid and government assistance		
Scholarships, bursaries and awards		\$
Sponsorship or funding from an organization (September 2024 to April 2025)		\$
	Per month	x 8 months
Child tax benefit	\$	\$
Student Loan and Grants		\$
Student Line of Credit (September 2024 to April 2025 only)		\$
Savings and other income		
Savings (RESPs, GICs, etc.)		\$
Other income		\$
TOTAL RESOURCES (September 2024 to April 2025)		\$

Expenses

University Expenses		
Tuition (September 2024 to April 2025)		\$
Student Fees		\$
Textbooks (\$180 per course)		\$
Housing		
	Per month	x 8 months
Rent/mortgage	\$	\$
Utilities and other household expenses		
Electricity	\$	\$
Phone	\$	\$
Heat	\$	\$
Internet/streaming services/cable	\$	\$
Home/apartment insurance	\$	\$
Groceries and transportation		
Groceries	\$	\$
Car loan/lease	\$	\$
Car insurance	\$	\$
Bus pass	\$	\$
Family Care, personal, and medical		
Family care (daycare, elder care, etc.)	\$	\$
Personal (laundry, toiletries, clothing, etc.)	\$	\$
Medical (expenses <u>not covered by student health and dental plan</u>)	\$	\$
TOTAL EXPENSES (September 2024 to April 2025)		\$

TOTAL NEED (Total expenses – Total resources)	\$
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Personal statement: Tell us about your financial circumstances and why you want to be considered for a bursary. Be sure to identify any exceptional circumstances that make your personal situation unique. Attach up to one additional page if needed.

Self-Identification

This information will be used to award bursaries which indicate a preference to students who self-identify in one, or more, of the following areas.

- ☐ **Aboriginal Peoples of Canada**
For the purposes of this questionnaire, "Aboriginal Peoples" include individuals who are status, non-status, First Nations, Métis, or Inuit.
- ☐ **Black/Person of African descent**
- ☐ **Students with Disabilities**
A disability can be defined as any physical or mental condition that limits a person's movements, senses, or activities. Some examples include: hearing loss, deafness, vision loss, blindness, various forms of learning disabilities, ADHD and mental illness, including depression, anxiety, etc. We encourage you to contact Accessibility Services to learn how we can support your academic experience.
- ☐ **First generation to attend university**
For the purpose of this application, this is defined as 'highest level of education for either parent is less than a bachelor's degree (parents may have some postsecondary education).'
- ☐ **Prefer not to answer**

Declaration (Required)

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 Mount Saint Vincent University. 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 the Financial Aid Office in writing of any changes, as it may affect my eligibility for the Entrance Bursary program.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

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.