

The BIG Scholarship

Funded by the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Halifax

Purpose: To assist “Littles” in funding their goals of post-secondary education for a one-time entrance scholarship.

Administered by: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Halifax (“BBBS”)

Awards: \$4,000 one-time entrance scholarship

Conditions: To be considered, bursary applicants must:

- Be an active “Little” in a current match or on the wait-list as of the date of application within the BBBS program
- Be a resident of Halifax Regional Municipality
- Be enrolled in full time studies for the 2025-2026 academic year in an accredited post-secondary institution (university, college, technical institute) through proof of acceptance at time of graduation (barriers to enrollment and/or acceptance proof, reach out to your Agency staff member).

Criteria: The applications of candidates meeting the above considerations will be forwarded to the selection committee.

Applications are evaluated on a number of factors including:

- Involvement with Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Financial Need
- Educational goals

To Apply: To be considered, all parts of the scholarship application form must be completed and received at the Big Brother Big Sisters of Greater of Halifax (for email, see below) no later than 11:59 pm on April 30, 2025.

Submission of an application signifies an applicant's agreement to comply with all stated conditions of the award program.

Applications: Application forms are available below on the subsequent page.

Before completing this form, please ensure you have a reference letter in Word or PDF format available to upload.

Applications can be submitted electronically using this form or by email to:

Steering Committee: halifax.scholarships@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca

Laptops are available for use at the BBBS office. Reach out to your agency staff member to arrange access

Scholarship Application Form

Applicants Full Name: _____

Applicants Address: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Bigs Name (if applicable): _____

Current School: _____

Post-Secondary Institution: _____

Program: _____

1. Describe your education and goals. What has led you to choose this career path? Please highlight challenges and successes you have experienced while working towards your goals. (250 words)
2. Describe your involvement in the community and how to you intend to give back. (250 words)
3. Describe your experiences with BBBS of Greater Halifax. What has your time in the program meant to you and what have you found the most valuable? (250 words)
4. Describe your financial pressures and supports as it relates to your education and personal life and any financial circumstances that our selection committee should be aware of. (250 words)

Additional Requirements:

- Please include **one letter of reference with this application**. Ideally, the reference letter will be from your “Big” through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Halifax.
- **Please email the reference letter to halifax.scholarships@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca**
- All applications subject to verification of valid registration at an accredited post-secondary institution (university, college, technical institute) at time of payment.

Deadline: Completed Applications must be received by **11:59 pm April 30, 2025**

Falsification of any information in this application will result in disqualification of the applicant or requirement of repayment of any monies awarded. With the exception of names, images, current school attending, anticipated education program, institution of the award recipients, the information contained in this application will be held in confidence.

I certify that all information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to comply with all requirements and criteria of this bursary program.

I authorize _____ (name of institution) to verify to BBBS that I am currently enrolled in _____ (program) and that I am in good academic standing for the purposes of this scholarship application.

As a condition of acceptance of an awarded scholarship, I agree to give permission to BBBS to contact me in the future to follow up on my progress. I also agree to allow the use of my name and photograph to be used in promotion of the scholarship. If you do not consent for use of your name and photograph in publications promoting the scholarship, please check here: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

For more information please contact: halifax.scholarships@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca