

The Joyce Foundation Bursary Application
(For students entering Memorial University in Fall 2026)

The Joyce Foundation Bursary is available annually to students entering Memorial University who are either currently attending their final year or have graduated within the last twelve months from a high school in Newfoundland and Labrador. Each award is intended to fund tuition and mandatory fees annually and renewable for up to three additional years. Criteria for the awards include a minimum of 70% final admission average (St. John's/Grenfell campuses) or a minimum of 60% final admission average (Marine Institute), demonstration of critical financial need, and perseverance in the face of challenges. Renewal criteria must be met each year and students must commit to working with a mentor for the duration of their program of study.

The bursary application is in writeable PDF format and must be downloaded for completion.

Deadline: Completed application must be emailed by January 7, 2026

Section A: To be completed by Applicant

Name: _____

Telephone #: _____

MUN Student # (if available) _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

High School: _____

Power School ID: _____

What is your Citizenship Status?

Canadian Citizen Permanent Resident

Which Memorial University campus will you be attending?

Grenfell Labrador Marine Institute St. John's

Where are you planning to live during the academic year?

In residence Off campus With Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/Other Relatives

Do you have any dependents? If yes, how many _____

Will you be applying for a Canada Student Loan/Provincial Student Loan/Provincial Student Grant for the upcoming academic year? Yes No

If no, provide reason why you are not seeking a loan

Household income: Below \$50,000 \$50,000-\$75,000 \$75,000-\$100,000 Over \$100,000

What are your estimated resources for the upcoming academic year?

1. Estimated savings from summer employment prior to start of university	\$	
2. Tuition Voucher/Waiver	\$	
3. Parental/Guardian contribution	\$	
4. Scholarships/bursaries (do not include this award)	\$	
5. Part-time work during last year of high school	\$	
6. Education/University trust fund (ex. RESP)	\$	
7. Credit Card/Student Line of Credit	\$	
8. Canada Pension Benefits	\$	
9. Other (state resources) _____	\$	

Section B: Short Essay – Personal Statement - To be completed by Applicant

Describe why you want to attend university and how you have demonstrated dedication to your education.

Describe how you have persevered in the face of challenges in your life.

Section C: Reference Letter

Attach one (1) letter of reference:

From a qualified representative (non-family member) who can confirm your critical financial need, perseverance in the face of challenges, and dedication to your education (ie. social workers, teachers, coaches, community leaders, etc.). See page 4 for further details.

Please send your completed application and a copy of your high school transcript to: ugschlrappl@mun.ca

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Applicant Instructions

Eligibility Requirements

To be considered eligible to apply for the Joyce Foundation Bursary, students must:

- Be in their final year of secondary school in Newfoundland and Labrador,
- Or have graduated from a NL secondary school within the last 12 months,
- Be a new student, entering an undergraduate program on any campus of Memorial University,
- Clearly demonstrate critical financial need as well as perseverance in the face of challenges,
- Be a citizen of Canada, or have their permanent resident status at the time of their application submission, and must meet at least one of the following three criteria:
 1. The applicant has attended a Newfoundland and Labrador high school within the two years prior to the semester for which admission is sought. This includes those students who are deemed to have met Newfoundland and Labrador high school requirements through other equivalent means (e.g. homeschooling).
 2. At the time of general application to the University, the permanent home address for the applicant is located in Newfoundland and Labrador. Applicants may be required to provide evidence of permanent home address. See note below.
 3. The applicant has lived in the province for 12 consecutive months without undertaking full-time studies at a recognized post-secondary institution.

Note: Canadian applicants who have lived outside Newfoundland and Labrador for twelve consecutive months without undertaking fulltime studies at a recognized post-secondary institution will be considered a resident of the province where they resided at the time of application.

In the event that incomplete, false or misleading information is submitted, Memorial University reserves the right to retroactively reassess the bursary application, all tuition fees for each semester affected, and revoke the bursary status of the student.

Highlights for Getting References:

One reference letter must accompany your JFB Bursary application

Ensure that you provide the referee instructions to your referee

Ask them to email their reference letter directly to the University at ugschlrappl@mun.ca

Please let your referee know in advance if you are comfortable with them sharing confidential information with the JFB selection committee

Tips on writing a good personal statement:

Your letter of intent is an extremely important part of your application; it helps the selection committee get to know you and better understand your background and eligibility. Here are some tips to help you write a strong personal statement:

Don't rush! Start your application early and take your time thinking about and writing your personal statement.

Be yourself and tell your story. Provide as much detail as you feel comfortable revealing. Your application and personal statement are confidential and will not be shared with anyone outside of the JFB selection committee.

Read through your personal statement to make sure that you are happy with it and make changes until you are satisfied with the finished product.

Ask someone you trust, your referee, your teacher, or guidance counsellor, to read through your finished personal statement and provide you with their feedback. Make any necessary changes.

Make sure that your personal statement is easy to read. Use the online fillable PDF application to submit your finished personal statement; copy and paste from a Word document into the online application.

Short Essay – Personal Statement (See section B):

Why do you want to attend university? How have you demonstrated dedication to your education? What are some of your academic goals?

What sorts of challenges have you faced in your life and in what ways have you persevered to overcome those challenges?

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Referee Instructions

You have been asked to provide a Letter of Reference for a prospective Memorial University student who is applying for the Joyce Foundation Bursary. The selection committee relies heavily on these letters in selecting recipients. Please be frank in describing why the applicant is worthy of such an award focusing on their dedication to their education, their critical financial need and how they persevered in the face of challenges in their life.

Reference letters are confidential. Therefore, please email your reference directly to the Memorial University at ugschlrapply@mun.ca by **January 7, 2026**.

The following information should appear in your letter:

Name of applicant

Your name

Your phone number

Your email address

Your occupation/position

Your place of work

Your relationship to the applicant (how do you know the applicant)

Length of time you have known the applicant