

Objective

INTRODUCTION

Scholarships, to be known as Fessenden-Trott scholarships, have been established in memory of the late Professor Reginald Aubrey Fessenden and the late Helen May Fessenden (née Trott).

Professor Fessenden was born in Canada in 1866. He came to Bermuda as a young man and was Headmaster of the Whitney Institute for approximately two years. He married Helen May Trott of Bermuda in 1890. During a distinguished career in Canadian and American universities, which included appointments as Professor of Electrical Engineering at Purdue University and at Western University of Pennsylvania (now the University of Pittsburgh) Professor Fessenden became a renowned inventor of electrical and radio equipment and was a pioneer of radio broadcasting. He developed an entirely new system of wireless transmission distinct from and based on a different principle from that of Marconi and Lodge and he first tested the wireless telephone at Cobbs Island, Maryland, in 1900. Six years later he effected the first two-way trans-Atlantic wireless telegraphic service between Brant Rock, Massachusetts, and Machrihanish, Scotland. Professor Fessenden also invented the oscillator, the fathometer (also known as the sonic depth finder), the wireless compass and other submarine signaling devices. He was honoured by the Institute of Radio Engineers in 1921 and received the John Smith medal for his invention in "Continuous Wave Telegraphy and Telephony" in 1922, followed by the Scientific American Medal for his numerous inventions relating to safety at sea.

The Professor's wife, Helen May Fessenden, was a daughter of the late Thaddeus and Louisa Trott of "Rockmore", Smith's Parish, Bermuda. When the Professor's health began to fail, he and his wife returned to Bermuda and resided there from 1928 until he died in 1932. Mrs. Fessenden remained in Bermuda until she died in 1941 and the Fessenden Trust was established by her will.

Each year, these scholarships are offered to a different region of Canada. In 2020, nominations will be accepted from universities in the Atlantic provinces.

Number, Value and Duration of Scholarships

- Up to four (4) scholarships will be available at the bachelor level. These scholarships are valued at \$9,000 CAD for students who have completed their **first year of their first bachelor degree program** by the deadline date of **June 15** in the year of application. Applicants who have undertaken prior post-secondary studies (other than the first year of their first Bachelor degree program) will not be eligible. The scholarship is tenable for up to three consecutive years or until the first bachelor degree is obtained.

Eligibility

An eligible applicant must:

- Be entering the second year of their first bachelor degree on a full-time basis in September 2020.
- Have Canadian citizenship or permanent residency by June 15th in the year of application.
- Have completed the first year of their first bachelor degree program in a Canadian educational institution.
- Have attained a high academic standing as defined by the nominating institution.
- Be nominated by a Canadian educational institution where the first year of the first bachelor degree studies has been completed.

Eligible institutions:

- Canadian educational institution which have recognized provincial degree-granting powers, or their affiliates (e.g. universities).

Field of Study / Program Requirements

- There are no restrictions on the program of study or discipline.
- Program must be of a minimum of three years in duration.

Nominations / Conditions / Restrictions

Nominations:

- Candidates must submit their application, supporting documents and the nomination form to their nominating institution.
- Each eligible institution, or the campus within the same institution, may nominate **ONE** candidate.
- Each institution will set its own internal policies, procedures and deadlines concerning the selection of its nominee. Please contact the Awards/Financial Aid Office at your institution for more information on the institution's internal deadline for nominations and whether or not your application has been forwarded to Universities Canada for final selection.

Conditions / Restrictions:

- If a recipient is taking a three year degree program prior to studies for a first professional degree such as law, medicine, education, etc., the scholarship recipient may qualify for each year of the first degree plus the consecutive year towards the professional degree but only to a maximum of three consecutive academic years or the equivalent.
- Students who have commenced their post-secondary studies in January are not eligible for the summer competition of the same year.
- Students who have previously held a Fessenden-Trott Scholarship are not eligible.

Administrator

Scholarship Partners Canada, a division of Universities Canada, administers the scholarship program on behalf of the Fessenden-Trott Scholarship Committee. Universities Canada's mandate is to facilitate the development of public policy on higher education and to encourage cooperation among universities and governments, industry, communities, and institutions in other countries. Universities Canada is associated with leading firms in nearly every sector of the economy through its provision of scholarship services and management of more than 130 different scholarship programs on behalf of corporations, government agencies and private foundations throughout North America. For additional information, please visit www.univcan.ca.

The Fessenden-Trott Scholarship Committee retains the right to change and/or end the sponsorship of the scholarship plan without notice.

Selection Process

The selection of scholarship recipients is made by a committee of Canadian university and college representatives chosen by Universities Canada. The Fessenden-Trott Scholarship Committee (sponsor) exercises no influence in the adjudication process. Once complete, the selection committee's decision is irrevocable.

Evaluation criteria:

- Academic performance;
 - for co-op students, only the first two study term marks will be considered;
- Leadership qualities as evidenced by volunteer/community involvement and/or extracurricular activities;
- Quality and relevance of the reference letters.

All applicants will receive confirmation by email of the results of the selection process, once available.

Successful Applicants

Successful applicants will receive confirmation of their scholarship in July. Recipients will be required to complete the online scholarship acceptance process and forward proof of registration from the educational institution they will be attending. It is the responsibility of the recipient to keep Universities Canada informed of any changes to their contact information through their online portal.

Payment

- Scholarship payment(s) will only be issued upon completion of the scholarship acceptance process and review and acceptance of all required supporting documentation.
- Universities Canada will forward payment of the scholarship to the educational institution on behalf of The Fessenden-Trott Scholarship Committee.
- It is the student's responsibility to ensure that payment of tuition fees is made within the defined timeframe set by the educational institution regardless of the timing of the scholarship payment.
- Payment by the institution to the student will be made in accordance with the normal practice of the educational institution.
- Note that, depending on method of payment, receipt of payment can take 6-8 weeks following the applicant's acceptance of the award or submission of the online renewal.

Application Process

Paper Application:

1. Applicants must submit their completed application, supporting documents and the nomination form to their nominating university.
2. The paper application form and all required supporting documents sent by the nominating institution must clearly indicate a postmark of no later than the application deadline of **JUNE 15, 2020**.
3. It is recommended that the nominating institution sends the candidate's application form and all required supporting documents by registered mail or courier, to ensure that the package can be tracked. Your application will be acknowledged in writing once it has been received and processed by Universities Canada. To ensure that all supporting documents have been received and accepted, visit <https://portal.scholarshippartners.ca> to review your scholarship application information. To access your account, you will require your login information, which will be provided in your acknowledgement email.
4. While paper applications will be accepted, award renewals and account maintenance will be conducted online.

Further information and an application form may be requested directly from Universities Canada at the address noted below or from the applicant's university Awards/Financial Aid Office.

Supporting Documentation

The supporting documentation described below is required as part of this application. If any of these documents are not received and accepted, your application will be considered incomplete and will not be evaluated. Universities Canada will send a final follow-up email to the applicant by 4.30 pm (EST) on June 11, 2020 requesting any missing or incomplete required documentation. Any applicant submitting supporting documents after this date will not receive a follow-up email. Supporting documents must be received by Universities Canada on or before **JUNE 15, 2020**

Letters of Reference

Each letter of reference must be written by separate individuals. All letters must be dated, typewritten, signed with an original non-electronic signature and include the reference's contact information. The person writing the letter of reference should describe their relationship to the applicant in the letter. Reference letters must be dated within one (1) year of the supporting document deadline.

Letter of Reference (Academic)

One letter of reference is required to support the application and must come from an individual who is not related to the applicant. The letter must come from a past or present teacher who knows the applicant and is familiar with their academic history.

Letter of Reference (Extracurricular)

One letter of reference is required to support the application and must come from an individual who is not related to the applicant. The letter must come from a person who is familiar with the applicant's volunteer, community involvement and/or extracurricular activities and must not be the same individual who provided the academic reference.

Volunteer/Community Involvement and/or Extracurricular Activities Essay

Provide a 250-word essay describing the applicant's volunteer/community involvement and/or extracurricular activities over the past five years.

Volunteer/Community Involvement and/or Extracurricular Activities Form

Complete the form found in the application form to demonstrate the applicant's volunteer/community involvement and/or extracurricular activities. **The maximum number of activities you can submit is eight (8).**

Transcript

Provide an **official** transcript of the first year of marks (two terms of studies). A transcript will only be considered acceptable if it is presented on the official paper of the institution AND it bears the appropriate signature(s) and/or seal of the institution.

Endorsement/Nomination Form

The Endorsement/Nomination Form must be completed by the nominating institution and included with the application.

Documents must be uploaded by submitting an online application or sent directly to the address below by June 15, 2020.

Contact Us

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PLEASE NOTE: If any of the application requirements noted above are not met, the application will be considered incomplete.