

## GUIDELINES

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 2024, nominations will be accepted from universities in the Atlantic provinces.

**Here's what you need to know.**

## **NUMBER, VALUE, AND DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

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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's degree program by the deadline date of June 7 in the year of application. Applicants who have undertaken prior post-secondary studies (other than the first year of their first bachelor's degree program) will not be eligible. The scholarship is tenable for up to three consecutive academic years or until the first bachelor's degree is obtained.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

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You are eligible if you:

- are entering the second year of your first bachelor's degree on a full-time basis in September 2024;
- have Canadian citizenship or permanent residency by June 7<sup>th</sup> in the year of application;
- have attained a high academic standing as defined by the nominating institution;
- have been nominated by a Canadian educational institution where the first year of the first bachelor's degree studies has been completed.

### **ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS**

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

## **FIELDS OF STUDY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

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- There are no restrictions on the program of study or discipline.
- Program must be of a minimum of three (3) years in duration.

## NOMINATIONS

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- Candidates must submit their 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 nominees. Please contact the Awards/Financial Aid Office at your institution for more information on the institution's internal deadline for nominations and whether your application has been forwarded to Universities Canada for final selection.

## CONDITIONS/RESTRICTIONS

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- If you are pursuing a three-year degree followed by a professional degree (e.g., law, medicine, education), you are eligible to receive funds for up to five consecutive academic years.
- If you start post-secondary studies in January, you are eligible for the summer competition of the same year.
- If you have previously held a Fessenden-Trott Scholarship you are not eligible to apply.
- The Fessenden-Trott Scholarship Committee retains the right to change or end the sponsorship of the scholarship plan without notice.

## HOW TO APPLY?

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To apply for the scholarship, please submit an online application no later than **1:00 PM EDT June 5, 2024**, by visiting <https://portal.scholarshippartners.ca>

Access the dependent scholarship program using the company code: **069FES2024**

Remember, the application must be completed and submitted by you and not by your parent or guardian. If you have questions, please contact SPC at. <https://spc.univcan.ca>

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- Both an academic and an extracurricular reference form from someone not related to you;
- Transcripts of the first year of marks (two terms of studies);
- An essay describing your volunteer/community involvement and/or extracurricular activities over the past five years.
- An endorsement/nomination form must be completed by the nominating institution and included with the application.

Detailed instructions can be found in the application. Remember, your application must be complete to be evaluated, and deadline extensions will not be granted.

## EVALUATION CRITERIA

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- 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 forms.

Applications are assessed on academic performance; volunteer/community involvement and/or extracurricular activities; and content and relevance of reference letters.

## SELECTION PROCESS

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A committee of Canadian university and college representatives, chosen by Scholarship Partners Canada (SPC) select scholarship recipients. The Fessenden-Trott Scholarship Committee has no influence in the decision. The selection committee's decision is final.

## SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

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You will receive scholarship confirmation in August. When you receive your confirmation, complete the online acceptance process, and submit any necessary documentation, which includes proof of registration from your educational institution.

## SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENT

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Payment will be made after the acceptance process and document review. It can take 6 to 8 weeks, depending on the method of payment chosen. Funds will be sent to your educational institution on behalf of the sponsor.

Please make sure to pay your tuition fees within the defined time frame, regardless of the timing of scholarship payment. Your institution will reimburse you according to their normal practices.

We will communicate with you through your student portal account. Be sure to keep contact information up to date and to notify us of any changes.

The Fessenden-Trott Scholarship Committee has entrusted the administration of its scholarship program to SPC, a division of Universities Canada. We administer over 140 scholarship programs for corporations, government agencies, and private foundations in North America and are affiliated with top companies in almost every sector of the economy. For more details, please visit [www.univcan.ca](http://www.univcan.ca).

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