

The Joyce Foundation Bursary

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 or two reference letters must accompany your JFB Bursary application

Ensure that you provide the referee instructions to your referees

Ask them to return their reference letters to you in sealed envelopes

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?