



ARE YOU AN AFRICAN NOVA SCOTIAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PLANNING TO PURSUE A CAREER IN HEALTHCARE?



*Ask Your African Nova Scotian Student Support Worker Today
About the \$2,000 Dartmouth General Hospital Foundation
Healthcare Bursary Available for African Nova Scotian Students!*

**Available for students at Auburn Drive High, Cole Harbour District High, Dartmouth High,
École secondaire Mosaïque, Island View High and Woodlawn High School.*

The Dartmouth General Hospital (DGH) values diversity, inclusion and a workforce that is representative of the people we serve. We recognize that African Nova Scotian people are essential for our workforce and our Dartmouth General Hospital community. It is in this spirit that the Dartmouth General Hospital Foundation (DGHF) has established the DGHF Healthcare Bursary for African Nova Scotian Students to recognize one student from each of the six Dartmouth area high schools (Auburn High, Cole Harbour High, Dartmouth High, Island View High, Woodlawn High, and École secondaire Mosaïque) with a \$2,000 award.

It is our hope that encouraging African Nova Scotian and Black students to pursue careers in healthcare and investing in their futures will inspire a more diverse workforce at the Dartmouth General Hospital that is more culturally representative of the community we serve now and in the future.

Eligibility

- Must be of African Ancestry

**African Nova Scotians are distinct people whose histories, legacies and contributions have enriched that part of Mi'kma'ki known as Nova Scotia for over 400 years. They descend from free and enslaved Black Planters, Black Loyalists, Black Refugees, Maroons and other Black people who inhabited the original 52 land-based Black communities in that region. Examples include, but are not limited to, North Preston, East Preston, Cherry Brook, Lake Loon, Africville, Beechville, Birchtown, etc.*

- Must be a citizen, permanent resident, landed immigrant or newcomer to Nova Scotia.
- Must be entering a health-related program at a recognized post-secondary educational institution.

Application must include:

- An essay (250-500 words) describing why you are choosing to pursue a career in healthcare (or a health-related field), your career goals, and how you plan to engage with African Nova Scotian communities along your journey to make an impact. Please include any relevant community, volunteer, or work experience, as well as extracurricular activities you feel are relevant to this application.
- A brief statement outlining financial need and how this award will support your ability to continue education.
- This award is payable to the student recipient to cover any post-secondary school related expense upon confirmation of enrollment at their chosen post-secondary school.

Applications should be submitted to the student's school award selection committee. The selection committee will choose one recipient and forward the student application to the Dartmouth General Hospital Foundation at mariam.sulyman@dghfoundation.ca by **May 15th, 2026**.

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Student Name:

Address:

City/Province:

Postal Code:

Home/Cell Phone:

Email:

Please select one of the following:

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I am African Nova Scotian/Black Nova Scotian – born and/or raised in Nova Scotia with at least one parent from the 52 historical Black Communities of Nova Scotia*

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I am African Canadian/Black Canadian, born and/or raised in Nova Scotia without familial ties to the historical Black communities of Nova Scotia.

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I am African Canadian/Black Canadian, born and/or raised outside of Nova Scotia.

High school:

Intended area of healthcare study:

Intended post-secondary institution:

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Promoting Leadership in health for African Nova Scotians (PLANS) is a program that was established to increase the representation of individuals of African ancestry within the fields of health, medicine and dentistry. This is done through targeted recruitment and retention activities, community collaborations and partnerships that foster a pathway of equity and support. PLANS provides programs, bursaries, assistance with admission pathways and supports for students.

Have you ever participated in the PLANS Co-op? YES ☐ NO ☐

☐ I consent to my name being shared with PLANS to share supports that may be available.

Please attach the following to your application:

- An essay (250-500 words) describing why you are choosing to pursue a career in healthcare (or a health-related field), your career goals, and how you plan to engage with African Nova Scotian communities along your journey to make a positive impact. Proof of acceptance into a
- recognized post-secondary educational institution Please include any relevant community,
- volunteer, or work experience, as well as extracurricular activities you feel are relevant to this application. A brief statement outlining financial need and how this award will support your
- ability to continue education.

Please note that the successful bursary recipient will be expected to participate in promotional material related to this bursary for the Dartmouth General Hospital Foundation.

☐ By checking this box, I am agreeing that my name may be published to promote the bursary program. I also agree to participate in promotional material for the DGH Foundation, related to this bursary.

By signing below, you confirm that all the information provided above is true and accurate

Signature

Date