

2025-2026 Commitment Scholars

Application Questions

This document is for practice purposes only and cannot be sent directly to the Financial Aid and Awards Office. This practice application is available to assist you in preparing your responses in advance of the February 15th deadline. The practice application contains the exact questions that will appear on the online application. There will not be any additional questions.

Queen's is committed to equity, diversity, inclusion and Indigenization (EDI) in our recruitment and admission practices and is further committed to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment on campus. The Commitment Scholars program is one initiative to support diversity on campus and to recognize the significant contributions our students make to creating and supporting an inclusive community, and their commitment to racial justice, social justice and diversity in their schools, their communities and at Queen's.

Eligibility

1. Canadian citizens, permanent residents, or protected persons of Canada.
2. Applicants must be entering the first year of a first-entry undergraduate degree program at Queen's University for the first time, full-time.
3. Self-identification as a member of an underserved or underrepresented group, including Black, Indigenous, and other racialized students, Persons with Disabilities, and 2SLGBTQ+ individuals.
4. Demonstrated leadership in, and commitment to, racial justice, social justice, or diversity initiatives in their high school or their local community.
5. Given the value of this award, candidates who receive this award will not receive other merit-based awards.

Dates and Deadlines

The deadline to submit the completed online application is February 15, 2025.

Recipients will be notified by the end of April 2025.

Instructions and Notes

1. The application includes 3 questions. It is recommended that you prepare your responses in advance, and copy and paste them into the form, before submitting the form. You cannot save drafts or partially completed applications.
2. The practice application contains the exact questions that will appear in the online application form. There will not be any additional questions.

3. The application must include contact information for a verifier who is able to validate and confirm the information in the application. The verifier should be knowledgeable of accomplishments and personal attributes that make the applicant a strong candidate for consideration of this award. In addition to confirming the information in this application, the verifier should be able to speak to the impact of the applicant's actions, and level of community engagement. The selection committee may contact your verifier during the selection process. A verifier should be an adult and should know the applicant well. Verifiers cannot be family members. Verifiers must be able to speak and write in English.

Collection of Personal Information

The personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the Royal Charter of 1841, as amended. The information collected will be used by the Office of the University Registrar to assess your eligibility for merit-based student financial assistance. Information regarding the receipt of student financial assistance may be reported to the Ministry of Colleges and Universities. In addition to external reporting requirements, the information will also be used for internal planning and statistical analysis.

The information on applications will be shared with the selection committee for evaluation and adjudication.

For more information, please contact the Office of the University Registrar, Financial Aid and Awards, Queen's University, Gordon Hall. Email: financialaid@queensu.ca. Telephone: (613) 533-2216.

Commitment Scholars Award

Awarded to students entering first year of any first entry undergraduate degree program, who self-identify as a member of an underserved or underrepresented, including Black, Indigenous, and other racialized students, Persons with Disabilities, and 2SLGBTQ+ individuals.

The award will be granted based on demonstrated leadership in, and commitment to, racial justice, social justice, or diversity initiatives in high school or the local community.

The award is renewable for 3 subsequent years provided the student continues to be registered in a program of study.

Applications are to be made to the Office of the University Registrar, Financial Aid and Awards, via online form, by February 15, 2025.

Value: 10 Awards at \$12,000 CDN x 4 years

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Student Biographical Information

Queen's Student Number:

Last Name:

First Name:

Middle Name(s):

Permanent Mailing Address:

Address 2:

Address 3:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Date of birth:

Email Address:

High School Name:

High School City:

High School Province or Country:

I identify as (check all that apply):

- Black (e.g. African, American, Canadian, Caribbean)
- A member of a Visible Minority/Racialized group
- An Indigenous Person
- A person with a disability
- A person who identifies as 2SLGBTQ+

Program(s) at Queen's to which you have applied to:



Extracurricular Activities / Employment/Involvement

We want to better understand your experiences outside of the classroom as they relate to your leadership in areas of racial justice, social justice, or diversity initiatives. Please indicate your involvement in up to 3 activities/initiatives that exemplify your engagement in your school or community and highlight your role or contribution.

Include any paid employment by indicating 'Yes' in the column provided. Employment is viewed as equally important in enriching your experiences and skills in these areas.

e.g., YMCA - Swimming Instructor | Team Leader | 2021-2022 | 160 hours | Yes

Please note: the character maximum includes spaces and returns as a counted character.

Organization/Activity (Brief Description, 100 characters or less)	Role (e.g., leader, participant, member, founder, captain) (20 characters or less)	Year(s) involved (e.g., 2021 - 2022 or 2022)	Approximate Hours in a given year (e.g., 220)	Was this paid employment? (Yes/No)



Leadership and Impact

Using examples from above, or another example, describe how your contributions demonstrate your leadership in the area of racial justice, social justice or diversity, and the impact or results of the contributions you have made. Describe your motivation to engage in this work, and how this experience will lead to continued commitment to these issues while at Queen's.

(5,000 characters (approx. 800 words) or less, including spaces and returns)



Overcoming Obstacles

As part of an experience where you demonstrated your leadership, what challenges did you encounter? How did you respond and what did you learn about leadership from this experience.

(2500 characters or less (approx. 400 words) including spaces and returns)



Verifier Information

Please complete this section to identify a verifier who can validate and confirm the information you have submitted in this application.

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Verifier Contact Information:

Last Name:

First Name:

Email Address:

Telephone Number:

How long has the verifier known the applicant?

In what capacity does the verifier know the applicant?

Has the verifier agreed that Queen's University may contact them to verify the information provided on this application?

Yes No

Applicant's Declaration

I certify the information I have provided in this application is complete and true in every respect. The information, which I have provided in this application, is my own and is accurate.

Yes