

Divert NS  
**Champion** of  
the **Environment**  
**Scholarship**

2025



**Divert NS is offering up to \$28,000 in scholarships to Nova Scotia Grade 12 students who have exemplified dedication in protecting our environment.**

**Seven (7) \$2,500 and seven (7) \$1,000 scholarships based on solid waste regions.**



**French Language Scholarships: Students can submit applications in French to compete for one (1) \$2,500 and one (1) \$1,000 scholarship. Visit [divertns.ca/scholarship](https://divertns.ca/scholarship) to access the French application package.**

To be awarded one of the scholarship prizes, your entry must include the following:  
*(Details on each application element can be found on the following pages.)*



**1 A summary of your recent environmental activities**

- Provided in a short letter (750 words maximum), video, or audio file (two minutes maximum).



**2 A letter of reference from someone in your school or community**

- Provided in a short letter (500 words maximum), preferably on letterhead.



**3 A research essay focusing on this year's topic**

- 1,500 words maximum essay (not including executive summary and references).
- One-page double-spaced executive summary.



**4 Complete contact form and submit application**

- Visit [divertns.ca/scholarship-form](https://divertns.ca/scholarship-form) to submit your application online or email your application form and other requirements to [scholarship@divertns.ca](mailto:scholarship@divertns.ca).

**Deadline for submissions: Sunday, May 4, 2025 by midnight.**

Winners announced: June 2025.

# SUBMISSION DETAILS



## 1 Summary of environmental activities

Submit a summary of the ways you have been involved in protecting the environment. Your contributions can be within your school, workplace, personal life, family, or community. It is not limited to recycling or waste management. For example, maybe you have been active in your school's environmental club, organized a climate demonstration, promoted energy efficiency, helped your family reduce their waste, or organized a community garden or litter clean-up.

*In a short letter, 750 words maximum, video, audio file, or other format tell us about:*

- The initiatives (and organizations if those apply) that you are a part of.
- How long you have been involved.
- Ways you have contributed to the cause.
- Why the cause is meaningful to you.



## 2 Letter of reference

Provide a letter of reference from a member of your school or your community who is familiar with your environmental activities. This could be a teacher, mentor, your supervisor, a volunteer coordinator, or anyone else in your community who is familiar with your environmental activities.

*A few things to remember:*

- Your letter, preferably on letterhead, must be signed by the person providing the reference.
- Your reference cannot be a relative.
- Maximum 500 words.



## SUBMISSION DETAILS



### 3 Scholarship Essay 2025

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is an emerging technology that is widely used across industries, academic research, and communication. Explore how AI can be used to reduce landfill waste and improve environmental sustainability. Research the environmental cost of using AI and consider whether the benefits outweigh any potential negative environmental impacts.

*A few points to note:*

- You must provide an executive summary that is approximately one page in length, double spaced.
- The written essay component must include research and sources cited using **APA format**.
- Only one author per essay.
- Maximum 1,500 words for the written essay (does not include the executive summary and references).



### 4 Contact form and application submission details

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If there are any parts of the application that require more clarity or if you're having trouble accessing or interpreting any of the requirements, please reach out to [scholarship@divertns.ca](mailto:scholarship@divertns.ca).

### A note on diversity and inclusion

We believe in the power of diversity and inclusion to better our environment. Diversity drives more innovative and creative thinking, and different perspectives make our environmental protection community stronger and more impactful. We encourage all applicants regardless of gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, colour, sex, race, age, disability, religion, national or ethnic origin, citizenship, or family/marital status to apply.

# JUDGING

Divert NS will assemble a judging committee of both internal staff and external partners to review submissions. The scoring will be based on your research essay (40%) and environmental dedication (60%).

## Research essay

- Creativity and effort
- Accuracy of research and citations
- Organization and clarity of ideas
- Grammar, spelling, and syntax

## Environmental dedication

- Description of activity, including impact on the environment
- Level of involvement/impact
- Letter of reference
- Duration of involvement

# OFFICIAL RULES

- This scholarship competition is open to Grade 12 students in Nova Scotia.
- Entries must be submitted before the closing date of midnight on Sunday, May 4, 2025.
- Immediate family of, or those domiciled with the following individuals are not eligible to receive a scholarship:
  - Current and former employees and board members of Divert NS.
  - Employees of the Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change Solid Waste Resource Management Section.
  - Employees of regional and municipal waste management authorities.
- Scholarships will be awarded only if submissions merit a scholarship. All decisions of Divert NS and the scholarship judging committee are final.
- Scholarships are issued directly to post-secondary institutions on behalf of the winning students.
- All entries become the property of Divert NS once they are submitted and may be used for publicity, promotion, marketing, illustration, advertising, web content, and all multi-media materials.
- By accepting a scholarship, the winner authorizes Divert NS to use, in any related publicity, the winner's name, city and province of residence, and any statements he/she/they may make regarding such scholarship for advertising and promotional purposes in any form of media, including the Internet.
- Incomplete submissions and submissions with falsified information will be disqualified. The decision to disqualify any submission is at the sole discretion of Divert NS and will occur without notice or communication to the entrant. The disqualification decision is final and not subject to review.



in recycling and waste diversion solutions. Divert NS is a registered business name of the Resource Recovery Fund Board, Inc.

Divert NS is a not-for-profit corporation championing recycling and waste reduction in Nova Scotia. For over 25 years, we have helped build a culture of recycling and refusing to waste through environmental stewardship, education, and programming that has made Nova Scotia a recognized global innovator



# CONTACT FORM

## Student information

Student name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred pronoun: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## How would you like to be contacted?

By email

By phone

## School information

School name: \_\_\_\_\_ School phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Principal: \_\_\_\_\_ Principal email: \_\_\_\_\_

## How did you hear about the scholarship?

Teacher(s) / Guidance department    Friend(s) / Family    Internet    Other (*Please specify below*)

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## Student declaration

All of the information I have provided in my submission is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. My summary of environmental activities and research essay are original, written by me. I have read and understood the rules of the Divert NS Champion of the Environment Scholarship program and have fulfilled each and every requirement.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

