

Divert NS
Champion of
the **Environment**
Scholarship

2024



Divert NS is offering up to \$20,000 in scholarships to Nova Scotia Grade 12 students who have exemplified dedication in protecting our environment.

Seven (7) \$2,500 regional scholarships awarded based on solid waste regions.



NEW French Language Scholarship for 2024! Students can submit applications in French to compete for one (1) \$2,500 scholarship. Visit 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 to submit your application online or email your application form and other requirements to scholarship@divertns.ca.

Deadline for submissions: Sunday, April 28, 2024 by midnight.

Winners announced: June 2024.

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 that is familiar with your environmental activities. This could be a teacher, mentor, your supervisor, a volunteer coordinator, or anyone else in your community that 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 2024

The average Canadian throws away 37 kilograms of textiles each year— and 95% of those clothes could have been reused or recycled. A province-wide landfill waste audit conducted by Divert NS in 2023 found that the disposal of textiles (any material made of interlacing, woven, or knitted fibers, including carpet, clothing, cloth, and more) in landfill has increased by 58% since 2017. Research what happens to end-of-life textiles in your community. What can be done individually and provincially to reduce the amount of textiles going to landfill?

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

Visit divertns.ca/scholarship-form to submit your application online or email your application form found on page 6 and other requirements to scholarship@divertns.ca.

If there are any parts of the application that require more clarity or if you're having trouble with accessing or interpreting any of the requirements, please reach out to 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, April 28, 2024.
- 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*)

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 _____

