

THE WESSEX SCHOLARSHIP

Application Deadline: May 22, 2026

OVERVIEW

The Wessex Scholarship is presented annually to commemorate the visit by His Royal Highness The Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex to the IWK Health Centre in November 2015. A \$5,000 award, this scholarship recognizes the important role community service has played in supporting the IWK in providing exceptional care. The Wessex Scholarship is awarded to a deserving individual by the IWK Foundation.



ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants will be graduating from an Atlantic Canadian high school and entering* a post-secondary health care degree level program at an Atlantic Canadian institution (*please see Appendix A for a list of eligible programs*). This scholarship focuses on the impact of community service and as such, applicants should be active participants in their community. A minimum grade average of 80 per cent is required.

**Students who have applied, but have not yet been accepted into an eligible program may still apply for Wessex Scholarship and may be asked to provide proof of acceptance at time of award if chosen.*

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Essay (1,200 words maximum). Please write an essay introducing yourself and answer the following question. How has your own participation in community service inspired you to pursue studies in a health care field?
- Completed application form (page two of this document)
- Résumé
- Copy of most recent transcript
- Academic reference letter (max. 1 letter)
- Character reference letter (max. 1 letter)

CRITERIA

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| • Essay | 30% |
| • Letters of reference | 30% |
| • Demonstration of community service | 20% |
| • Marks | 20% |



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APPLICATION FORM

First name:

Last name:

Address:

Phone number:

Email:

Academic reference - name:

Academic reference - phone:

Email:

Character reference - name:

Character reference - phone:

Email:

Atlantic Canadian high school attended:

Name of university:

Name of program:

Application checklist

- Essay (1,200 words maximum)
- Application form
- Résumé
- Official copy of transcript
- Academic reference letter (max. 1)
- Character reference letter (max. 1)

Submission Information

Applications must be received or postmarked in full to the IWK by 4:00 pm on Friday, May 22, 2026.

Applications can be emailed to:
foundation@iwkfoundation.org

or mailed to:
IWK Foundation
2738 Clifton Street, Suite 300
Halifax, NS B3K 0K8
Attention: Wessex Scholarship

For questions:
Please contact the IWK Foundation at
902-470-8085 or 1-800-595-2266 or email
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APPENDIX A - ELIGIBLE PROGRAM SUBJECTS

Eligible applicants for the Wessex Scholarship will be entering a post-secondary health care degree level program at an Atlantic Canadian institution. This chart lists eligible subjects as a guide but note not all are necessarily available for high school graduates.

Diplomas, certificate programs, or Bachelor of Science degrees without an appropriate health related attribution, are not eligible. If you do not see your program listed here or have a question about eligibility, please contact the IWK Foundation at 902-470-8085 or email foundation@iwkfoundation.org for approval.

Applied Health Services Research	Kinesiology	Pharmaceutical Science
Applied Human Nutrition	Medical Laboratory Science	Pharmacology
Clinical Vision Science	Medical Physics	Pharmacy
Community Health & Epidemiology	Medical Research	Physiology & Biophysics
Dental Hygiene	Medical Sciences	Physiotherapy
Dentistry	Medicinal Chemistry	Prosthodontics
Diagnostic Cytology	Medicine	Psychology
Diagnostic Medical Ultrasound	Microbiology and Immunology	Public Health
Foods and Nutrition	Neuroscience	Radiation Therapy
Health Administration	Nuclear Medicine Technology	Radiography
Health Informatics	Nursing	Radiological Technology
Health Promotion	Nutrition and Dietetics	Respiratory Therapy
Health Sciences	Occupational Therapy	Social Work
Human Communication Disorders	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	Pathology

