

## SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES

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# YOUR GUIDE TO SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES 2016/17



## ENTRANCE AWARDS

For students entering a full-time program at NAIT for the first time.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**  
**MARCH 1 – AUGUST 30**

## IN-TERM AWARDS

For students in a full-time program at NAIT who have completed a minimum of one semester of studies.

**APPLICATION DEADLINES:**  
**SEPTEMBER 1 – 30 / JANUARY 1 – 31**

## APPRENTICESHIP AWARDS

For students enrolled in their first, second, third, or fourth periods of training. Students must apply while enrolled and attending.

**INTAKE 1: AUG 29, 2016 – OCT 21, 2016**  
**INTAKE 2: OCT 24, 2016 – DEC 16, 2016**  
**INTAKE 3: JAN 3, 2017 – FEB 24, 2017**  
**INTAKE 4: FEB 27, 2017 – APR 21, 2017**  
**INTAKE 5: APR 24, 2017 – JUN 23, 2017**

## DEFINITIONS

### Scholarship

A monetary value given in recognition of excellence in academic achievement. Students are eligible if enrolled in 80% (eighty percent) or more of a full course load. Additional selection criteria, for instance volunteer work or leadership, may also be considered.

### Bursary

A monetary value given to applicant(s) who prove financial need and are maintaining satisfactory academic standing. Students are eligible if enrolled in 60% (sixty percent) or more of a full course load. Additional selection criteria, such as volunteer work or leadership, may also be considered.

### Award

A monetary or other value given in recognition of volunteer work or leadership, and may include but is not limited to, academic achievement or financial need. Students are eligible if enrolled in 80% (eighty percent) or more of a full course load.

Note: "Award(s)" is also used generically to describe the presentation of an item of monetary and/or other value to a person or persons. For example: Scholarships and Bursaries.

### Prize

A prize is given in the form of cash, book and/or medals and is awarded on the basis of academic achievement and any other conditions stated in the terms of eligibility.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

NAIT takes every opportunity to recognize student achievement. We celebrate academic excellence.

We also give out awards for athletic program participation, extra-curricular activities, leadership and involvement in the community. We work to support students in financial need.

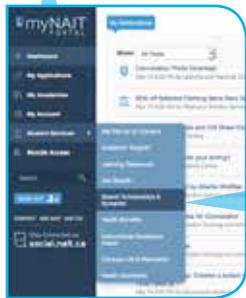
Most awards are available to students who have completed a minimum of one semester in a full-time program. Students must be enrolled to apply. We also offer scholarships and bursaries to students entering NAIT and for those attending for Apprenticeship training.

# HOW TO APPLY ONLINE

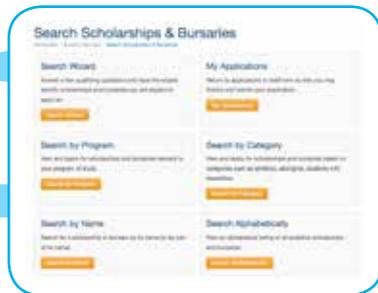


1. Log onto the MyNAIT Portal.

[mynait.nait.ca](http://mynait.nait.ca)



2. Under Student Services tab on left side of homepage select 'Search Scholarships & Bursaries'



3. Locate the scholarships and bursaries you would like to apply for by searching under the following categories:

**Alphabetically**—if you know which Scholarship or Bursary you are looking for

**Category**—search by Aboriginal, Apprenticeship, Athletic, General, or Students with Disabilities depending on which categories apply to you

**Program**—choose your specific program to see a complete list of what is available throughout the year

**Search Wizard**—complete the list of questions to have the wizard create a list of recommended awards for you.



4. Once you have located the scholarships and bursaries you would like to apply for, click on the 'Add' button. If there is no 'Add' button available, the Scholarship or Bursary may not be available at that time.

You may apply for as many scholarships and bursaries as you like, as long as they are relevant to you and /or the program you are taking at NAIT.



5. Fill out the application form. Please have the following documentation ready in advance of completing the online application if applicable:

- Social Insurance Number (SIN)
- Canada and/or Alberta Student or Apprenticeship Loan information
- Grant/EI information
- Tuition & Books amount.



6. You may save your application to 'Draft'. Remember to 'Submit' your application before the deadline date.

# TIPS ON APPLYING



- **Plan ahead!** Keep track of deadlines. It can often take time to get all the information and documents you need for an application. It is important you prepare well in advance.

- **Read eligibility requirements carefully.** Apply only if you are eligible and make sure you demonstrate how you meet the criteria.

- **Community Involvement/Volunteer Work** Describe your duties and state what you learned as a result of these experiences.

- » Volunteer work at school: tutor, student government (were you the president, treasurer, vice-president or class representative?), clubs, school associations, sports (what was your position on the team? Were you the captain, co-captain or manager?)
- » Volunteer work out of school: hospital, public school, non-profit organization, government office, sports team, nursing home, etc.
- » Awards: were you on the honour roll? Did you receive an award for your extracurricular activities?

- **Know your strengths** and don't be afraid to advertise them.
- **Don't leave items blank.** Include all requested attachments.



- In your essays, go for **quality**, not **quantity**.
- **Proofread** your application and essays.
- **Double check your budget.** Make sure that your costs are realistic and that you include all the funds you will have available to you.
- **Choose references carefully:** make sure they can describe why you are a good candidate for the award. Make sure those who are writing letters of recommendation are familiar with the scholarship program. And don't wait until the last minute to ask for your letters of recommendation.
- **Apply** for all awards for which you are eligible.
- **Apply on time**, or better yet, early.



## ONLINE APPLICATION TIPS

Applications time out after 20 minutes

Use Google Chrome for best results

Refrain from applying via mobile device

Ensure all fields are filled out

Timelines on selection process is 6-8 weeks



For more information please visit  
[nait.ca/scholarships](http://nait.ca/scholarships)

## COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS



### BELIEF:

If I'm the only one that applies, I'll get it

### FACT:

Scholarships and bursaries are only awarded to students who fully meet the award criteria.



### BELIEF:

I should apply for everything

### FACT:

Only apply for scholarships and bursaries you are eligible for. Go for quality, not quantity. Award criteria varies so read each award fully to ensure you are including the appropriate information in your application.



### BELIEF:

It's only the top student in my program that will be selected

### FACT:

Many awards are not solely based on marks. Award criteria varies and may also include other factors such as volunteer/community involvement, leadership, special circumstances, and/or financial need.



### BELIEF:

So much money goes un-awarded

### FACT:

The Scholarships and Bursaries Office is accountable to donors to ensure all awards and money is disbursed in a timely and appropriate manner. It is extremely rare for money to go unawarded.

## FACTS AND FIGURES



IN THE  
**2015/2016**  
ACADEMIC YEAR WE  
AWARDED OVER  
**\$5 MILLION**  
TO MORE THAN  
**4,000**  
DESERVING STUDENTS

THE AVERAGE  
SCHOLARSHIP VALUE IS  
**\$1257**  
AND COVERS  
APPROXIMATELY  
**25%**  
OF A STUDENT'S TUITION

WE RECEIVED OVER  
**19,000 APPLICATIONS**  
AND ADDED  
**174 NEW AWARDS**  
IN 2015/16



Watch Daniel's story  
at [nait.ca/daniel](http://nait.ca/daniel)

"Scholarships are a key that allow people to open the door to success through education."

**Daniel Petty**  
Bachelor of Business Administration  
Marketing Student and Scholarships  
Recipient



## **OPPORTUNITY. DREAM. GRATITUDE. APPRECIATION.**

These are just some of the words that describe what is felt by students who receive scholarships and bursaries.

Many of the scholarships and bursaries available to students are made possible by the generous private donations from NAIT staff, friends, alumni and organizations.

We may contact you to help with our donor recognition activities as an opportunity for you to give back!