



University Endorsement: Open Process

A student or recent graduate of your university is interested in applying for the McCall MacBain Scholarships at McGill. This document provides information on the criteria and endorsement process to the **head of a university (President, Principal, Vice-Chancellor, Rector, or Provost)**. If you do not occupy one of those roles, please ask the candidate to redirect the request to the appropriate individual.

All current university students and recent graduates (those who graduated in 2022, 2023, or 2024) must earn an endorsement from their institution. Universities outside of our current list of outreach partners (<https://mccallmacbainscholars.org/apply#outreach>) may endorse one applicant of any citizenship or up to two Canadian applicants for consideration.

What are the McCall MacBain Scholarships?

The McCall MacBain Scholarship provides exceptional students with mentorship, coaching, a leadership curriculum, and funding to pursue an eligible master’s or professional degree at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. The full scholarship covers tuition and fees, a living stipend of C\$2,000 per month during academic terms, a one-time relocation grant, and summer funding options.

Different scholarships are available based on the applicant’s citizenship or residency status. Up to 30 McCall MacBain Scholarships and 100 one-time entrance awards, ranging from C\$5,000 to C\$20,000, will be available for Summer/Fall 2025 entry to McGill.

| Application Type | Scholarships Available | Deadline | Endorsements | Endorsement Deadline |
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| Canadian Applicants Having Canadian citizenship, permanent residency, or refugee status | 20 McCall MacBain Scholarships (full funding) 30 Finalist Awards of C\$10,000 30 Regional Awards of C\$5,000 | September 25, 2024, at 4:00 PM Eastern Time | 2 max. | September 25, 2024 |
| International Applicants Having any other citizenship | 10 McCall MacBain Scholarships (full funding) 25 Finalist Awards of C\$20,000 15 Regional Awards of C\$10,000 | August 21, 2024, at 4:00 PM Eastern Time | 1 max. | August 21, 2024 |

Who is eligible?

The candidate must meet one of the following criteria:

- Be a current student on track to complete their first undergraduate degree by August 2025
- Have completed their first undergraduate degree in the last five years (January 2019 or later)
- Have completed their first undergraduate degree before 2019, and was 30 years or younger on January 1st, 2024

McCall MacBain Scholarship applicants will also need to meet the degree and language requirements specified by McGill University for master's program admission, as well as any admission requirements for their intended program of study. The requirements can be found at mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/how-apply.

What does the endorsement mean?

When you endorse a candidate, you tell us that you consider the applicant to be a suitable candidate for the McCall MacBain Scholarships at McGill. The scholarship criteria are exceptional character, track record of community engagement, leadership potential, entrepreneurial spirit, academic strength, and intellectual curiosity. The minimum threshold for endorsement is good standing in terms of academics and overall conduct.

How can I help my student put together a strong application?

While applicants may seek general advice, they will be asked to certify that what they are submitting is their own work in their own words, and that it has not been edited by anyone other than them. This does not preclude you from reading a draft application and having a conversation with the student about how they might improve it. It does, however, mean that you should not be editing/wordsmithing and that the prose should come from them.

Applicants are encouraged to consult our website (mccallmacbainscholars.org) and ask questions during online information sessions. They may also email our team at info@mccallmacbainscholars.org.

UNIVERSITY ENDORSEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

How many endorsements can our university submit?

Your university is invited to endorse up to:

- **One** candidate for our 10 international scholarships
- **Two** candidates for our 20 Canadian scholarships

Candidates for the Canadian scholarships must have Canadian citizenship, permanent residency, or refugee status in Canada at the time of their application.

If your university submits more endorsements than the number specified above, only the first endorsement(s) will be considered. For example, if we receive two endorsements of international applicants, only the first will be reviewed.

How do I endorse the applicant?

The endorsement request must be initiated by the applicant. After the applicant enters your name and email address into the system, you will receive an email from info@mccallmacbainscholars.org.

This endorsement request email will include a link to the online endorsement form (yes/no with short comment). The applicant must also email you a draft copy of the application, so that you can review it. You will be asked to confirm that you have read the draft application.

When do I endorse the applicant?

You will be able to access the endorsement form as soon as the request is initiated by the applicant. You must submit your endorsement decisions by August 21st (international applicants) or September 25th (applicants with Canadian citizenship, permanent residency, or refugee status in Canada).

Do I have to provide an institutional letter of support for a candidate being endorsed?

No, an institutional letter of support is not required.

Will the applicant be notified of my endorsement decision?

The applicant will be notified via email if you indicate yes or no in the university endorsement form. Regardless of your decision, the endorsement comment is not viewable by the applicant.

What happens next?

The top candidates will be invited to regional interviews. Applicants who are successful at this stage will be notified by email approximately two weeks before the relevant interview date. The regional interview dates can be found here: mccallmacbainsscholars.org/regional-interviews.