



Nahom Berhane Scholarship for Leadership and Inclusion **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)**

1. Who Can Apply?

In order to apply to the Nahom Berhane Scholarship, you must be:

- Sponsored by a Mentor who will write a letter of support and commit to supporting the applicant in their educational journey for at least one year
- Enrolled in or in the process of applying to a Canadian college, university, trade school or other institution for the upcoming year on a full-time basis (as defined by the school);
- 30 years old or younger on December 31, 2025;
- Currently living and have lived in the GTA (Greater Toronto Area) for at least two years;
- Enrolled in a course of study leading to a **first degree, diploma or license**. Those who have graduated from overseas programs are considered to have completed a first degree, diploma or license and thus do not qualify for this Scholarship;
- Able to demonstrate a proven track record of volunteerism, community service and leadership in the community;
- Be a Canadian citizen or have permanent residence status, or be in the process of obtaining permanent residency in Canada. (Applicants who have permission from IRCC (Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada) that allows them to study at a post-secondary institution may apply. Proof of an application with IRCC will be required.)

2. When is the deadline for the Nahom Berhane Scholarship?

Applications are due on Monday, March 31, 2025 at 5:00 P.M.

3. How do I submit my scholarship application?

Applications must be submitted through our [online application form](#).

4. If I've received a Nahom Berhane Scholarship in a previous year, can I re-apply?

No. Past recipients are not eligible to re-apply for the Nahom Berhane Scholarship.

5. Do I have to be attending university to be eligible?

No. Our scholarships are for students who are enrolled in any post-secondary education or training programs, including college, university or trade school.

6. Can I apply for the Nahom Berhane Scholarship before being accepted to a post-secondary program or training?

Yes, you can apply for a Scholarship before being accepted to a post-secondary program. However, should you be selected, the Scholarship will only be paid when you present proof of enrolment in a recognized Canadian post-secondary educational program for the upcoming academic year.

7. How are scholarships reviewed?

The Scholarship Selection Committee scores applications based on our scholarship eligibility criteria. Priority will be given to applicants with a strong track record of volunteerism and community service who demonstrate financial need, are youth of African descent, are from single-parent families or newcomer families, or are from first or second generation immigrant families.

8. How many scholarships are given out?

The Nahom Berhane Scholarship Program offers up to \$4,000 in scholarship funding towards tuition fees or school-related expenses for students in any year of post-secondary study. The number of scholarships given out annually is contingent on contributions by our donors. In recent years, we've given out between 3 and 6 Scholarships per year.

9. How are scholarships paid?

Scholarship money will be issued directly to the student via cheque.

10. When will I be notified on the status of my application?

Applicants will be notified by email by June 15, 2025.

11. Can I defer my scholarship?

Yes. Recipients may defer enrolment for up to one year, or they may interrupt their studies for up to one year, on one occasion only. Reinstatement of the Scholarship will be conditional on reacceptance at an approved institution. Recipients who fail to return to school after one year deferment or who drop out of school will forfeit the remainder of the Scholarship.

12. Will this scholarship affect my OSAP Funding?

You should report any award or scholarship funding you are expecting to OSAP when you complete your application. If you find out about an award after you have applied for OSAP, upload a letter in the "Print/Upload" section of your account on the OSAP website to update them. Your OSAP application will be updated and you will be notified of any changes in your funding. Contact your Financial Aid Office if you have any additional questions.

13. Where can I find support with filling out my application?

Any individual who is willing to support you may do so. This includes teachers, parents, family members, etc. For additional support, you can contact us by email at info@nahom.org no later than Friday, March 21, 2025.