

The Graduate Citizenship Award recognizes graduate students who have demonstrated outstanding dedication and leadership to fellow students and to their community.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- be a Canadian Citizen, Permanent Resident, Protected Person or international student,
- be living in Alberta at the time of the application deadline,
- be currently enrolled full-time (a minimum 60% course load) in at least one semester of study in a graduate program at one of the four Alberta universities in the year of application, and
- be involved at the university, municipal, provincial, national or international level or in non-profit community organizations.

Applicants who are currently receiving an honorarium for serving on committees may apply. An applicant cannot receive this award twice for the same service commitments used in a previously successful application. International students must identify activities that contribute to the Alberta community.

International graduate students are eligible to apply for and receive up to 20% of the awards available at each university. International applicants must live in Alberta during the year of the application submission and activities identified within the application must be contributing to Alberta's community.

Selection Process

Applications meeting eligibility criteria are assessed by a committee designated by the Graduate Students Association at the applicant's university. Successful applications are forwarded by the committee to Alberta Student Aid.

The committee assesses applications based on the following criteria:

1. Strong record of student service and community engagement; demonstrated through active involvement in non-profit organizations at any level, which can include but are not limited to:
 - student government and/or societies;
 - clubs or organizations;
 - community charitable and non-profit organizations.
2. Submission of supportive letters of recommendation. The emphasis of these letters should be on the service and volunteer contributions of the applicant, rather than on academic or professional achievements.

Alberta Student Number (ASN)

Your Alberta Student Number is on your Alberta Transcript for High School Achievement.

If you do not know your ASN, or do not have an ASN:

- Visit iae.alberta.ca/ASN for instructions.
- Call toll-free in Alberta at 310-0000 to have a Request for ASN form mailed to you. Due to privacy issues, ASN's will not be given over the phone.

Deadline and How to Apply

- **Application Deadline:** Students must contact their schools for application deadline dates.
 - **Post-Secondary Institution Nomination Deadline for submission to Alberta Student Aid:** November 15, 2017
 - **Submit application to:** Post-Secondary Institution Graduate Student Association Office
 - **Payment:** December
- Contact: Alberta Student Aid Service Centre at 1-855-606-2096
Visit: studentaid.alberta.ca/scholarships

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Application Process

Complete the application form, and include the following:

- Two (2) letters of support which addresses your service and community engagement efforts,
- Curriculum Vitae which provides a brief description of your responsibilities associated with each activity,
- Proof of Canadian Citizenship or Permanent Resident Status such as a copy of birth certificate or passport, or permanent resident card; copy of student visa if international student,
- Proof of Alberta residency such as government issued ID, a third party lease agreement, a letter from an Alberta based employer, a utility bill, etc. and,
- Confirmation of full-time enrollment.

Submit the application form and supporting documents to the Graduate Student Association (GSA). Questions on the application and evaluation process should be directed to the GSA at your institution.

Additional Information

Fifty (50) Alberta Graduate Citizenship Awards are awarded each year to be divided among the following universities in Alberta:

- The University of Alberta - 20 awards
- The University of Calgary - 20 awards
- The University of Lethbridge - 5 awards
- Athabasca University - 5 awards

Post-secondary institutions nominate eligible students for this scholarship. There are a limited number of scholarships available to each school and application deadlines vary by school. Students must contact their schools for application deadline dates (be aware that some student deadlines may be months before the school submission deadlines).

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