

The most common questions about the Jason Lang Scholarship are listed below. If you have other questions or need more information, contact your school.

**1. I am a Convention Refugee. Am I eligible for a Jason Lang Scholarship?**

Yes, however, you must provide a copy of a valid **Protected Persons Status Document (PPSD)**. The PPSD has an expiry date on it (normally two years from the date of issue) and it must be valid for the entire period of study. You must also provide a copy of your Social Insurance Number (SIN) card showing the 900 series SIN number. The SIN card must have an expiry date and be valid for the entire period of study.

**2. What is the required course load to be able to receive payment of the scholarship?**

Payment of the award is conditional upon continuing your full-time studies. You must be enrolled in a minimum of a 60% or greater course load for one semester – either the fall or winter semester at an Alberta institution, to be able to receive your cheque.

**3. I just completed a one-year certificate program and I am enrolling in another certificate program, am I eligible?**

No, you are not eligible because the length of the program must be a minimum of two years or greater. For example, a program must offer at minimum four academic terms, or 64 weeks of academic instruction, or 32 weeks of instruction each year excluding work term, co-op, etc.

**4. I have been nominated by my school, but now I am taking courses at two different institutions. For example, I was nominated by the University of Alberta and I'm now taking courses at both Athabasca University and the University of Alberta. Can I still receive my cheque?**

If you are taking courses at two different educational institutions you must provide proof of enrolment in these courses from both institutions.

**5. Who nominates me for a scholarship if I am enrolled at two educational institutions?**

To be nominated you must achieve a GPA of 3.2 on a minimum of 80% course load or greater at one post-secondary institution. Only one institution can nominate you.

**6. I went on a student exchange for one semester. Do the marks I achieved while on an exchange count towards my eligibility for a Jason Lang Scholarship?**

The Jason Lang Scholarship is administered within the general policy guidelines of the educational institution's student awards program. At most institutions courses taken at any other post-secondary institution are not considered for purposes of scholarships. Course grades from two institutions are not combined. It is recommended you contact the Student Awards Office to determine your eligibility.

If you are attending two post-secondary institutions taking greater than an 80% course load when courses are combined and have a 3.2 GPA, you cannot be nominated as most schools grant advance credit for courses taken outside their educational institution.

**7. What if I transfer to another post-secondary institution after being nominated? For example, I attended Red Deer College and based on my GPA, I qualify to be nominated. However, I have now transferred to the University of Alberta.**

The Students Awards Office at Red Deer College may not be aware that you are attending the University of Alberta and may be under the impression that you have dropped out of school. Contact the Student Awards Office to inquire about your status.

**8. I have transferred to another school. Who will confirm my full-time enrolment? For example, I attended MacEwan University and their Student Awards Office informed me that I was nominated. Now I'm enrolled full-time at the University of Calgary.**

The Student Awards Office at MacEwan University sends a list of names of students who qualify to Alberta Student Aid. The Awards Office indicates what school the student will be attending. Based on that information, Student Aid will contact the school after classes start to confirm your full-time enrolment.

**9. I was nominated to receive the scholarship but I must postpone my studies for a year. Can I claim the scholarship at a later date?**

No, the scholarship cannot be deferred. You must claim the scholarship immediately in the next academic year, either the fall semester or the winter semester.

**10. I have been nominated for a Jason Lang Scholarship, but now I am doing a co-op term. Can I still receive payment of the scholarship?**

Some educational institutions do not consider you a full-time student while you are on a co-op term. The Student Awards Office will send your nomination to Alberta Student Aid after you have returned to full-time study. Check with the Awards Office or the Office of the Registrar at your school to determine your enrolment status.

The post-secondary program must be a minimum of two years in length or greater, for example, a program must offer at minimum four academic terms or 64 weeks of academic instruction or 32 weeks of instruction each year excluding work term, co-op, etc.

**11. What happens if I transfer to a non-participating post-secondary institution in Alberta, or a school outside Alberta?**

If you are nominated for a scholarship and you transfer to a non-participating post-secondary institution in Alberta, you may receive the scholarship providing you are full-time. However, you will not be eligible to be nominated by the non-participating school.

**For example:** You are nominated by the University of Alberta and you transfer to Prairie College. You can receive payment of the scholarship providing you are enrolled full-time. After you complete the year at Prairie College, you are no longer eligible for the scholarship.

Students who continue a program of study outside of Alberta are also no longer eligible for the scholarship.

**12. Can I receive both a Louise McKinney Scholarship and a Jason Lang Scholarship in the same academic year?**

You cannot receive more than the \$2,500 value of the Louise McKinney Scholarship in the same academic year.

Normally, the Awards Office nominates students for the Louise McKinney first and then nominates students for a Jason Lang Scholarship. If the Awards Office discovers they should have nominated a student for the

Louise McKinney and have already nominated the student for the Jason Lang, then the student will receive a reduced Louise McKinney amount of \$1,500. Combined with the Jason Lang amount of \$1,000, the total amount will equal the maximum of \$2,500.

**13. If I qualify, when does the Student Awards Office submit my name?**

Your post-secondary institution must send their fall nominations to Alberta Student Aid by October 15, and winter nominations by February 1.

**14. What personal information is required from me to receive payment of my scholarship?**

To issue a cheque, Alberta Student Aid requires your full legal name, Social Insurance Number, Alberta Student Number, date of birth, gender and current mailing address. If you have changed your name since you have received any type of funding from Alberta Student Aid (e.g. student loan), a copy of a legal name change is required.

**15. When do I receive my cheque?**

- For nominations received in the fall term by Oct 15, cheques are mailed in December
- For nominations received in the winter term by Feb 1, cheques are mailed at the end of March.

**16. Is a cheque mailed to me or to the school?**

The cheque is mailed to your home address as provided on your application form. If you move, you must notify Alberta Student Aid. Contact the Alberta Student Aid Service Centre at:

- 1-855-606-2096 Toll Free in North America

**17. The Student Awards Office has confirmed I was nominated for a scholarship, but I still have not received my cheque.**

Cheques can be delayed for a number of reasons:

- Information provided by the school, such as your mailing address, may not be current,
- Your first and/or last name does not match the information in the Alberta Student Aid database, for example, your legal name in the database is different from the one submitted by the school. This may happen if you changed your name or are now using a nickname at school instead of your legal name. You must provide documentation of your name change before a cheque can be issued to you, e.g. legal name change document, marriage license, etc.
- You have changed post-secondary institutions after being nominated and the confirmation of enrolment is outstanding, or
- Your cheque has been lost in the mail.

**18. My cheque is lost in the mail. How do I get a replacement?**

If your cheque is lost in the mail, contact the Alberta Student Aid Service Centre:

- 1-855-606-2096 Toll Free in North America

There is a waiting period of 14 days from the time the cheque was mailed to you before a replacement cheque can be issued. It will take approximately 6 to 8 weeks to receive a replacement cheque.