



## Menno Simons College Scholarships and Bursaries Criteria

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All awards administered by Menno Simons College are composed of funds donated by friends of the College. These include scholarships and bursaries that are awarded in the spring or fall according to various criteria. The majority of returning student scholarships are processed in April of each year; entrance scholarships are processed in September of each year; bursaries are processed and awarded as needed and according to funds available.

### General Conditions:

1. Candidates for scholarships must be registered in a minimum of 9 credit hours in each of the Fall and Winter semesters, 3 credit hours of which must be *International Development Studies* and/or *Conflict Resolution Studies* courses.

*Note: Students going on an international placement during the Fall and/or Winter terms must register in a minimum of 9 credit hours in the terms prior to and following the term of placement; registration must include a minimum of 3 credit hours in CRS and/or IDS courses in each term.*

1. Scholarships are awarded primarily on the basis of academic performance, with some consideration of the student's history of community service, extracurricular activities, leadership experience or challenges overcome in the pursuit of education.
2. Students must have all application documents submitted prior to the deadline outlined on the application form.
3. **MSC Entrance Scholarships** are awarded to students entering their first year of University level studies. Students must be enrolled in *Introduction to Conflict Resolution Studies* or *Introduction to International Development Studies*. Deadline for application is typically the middle of September each year.
4. **MSC Returning Student Scholarships** are awarded to students who have:
  - i) completed, at minimum, 18 credit hours of University level courses, including one of *Introduction to International Development* or *Introduction to Conflict Resolution Studies*;
  - ii) achieved a minimum GPA of 2.5 to 3.0 (see application for details); and
  - iii) officially declared a major in *Conflict Resolution Studies* or *International Development Studies*.

Deadline for application is typically in March of each year.

5. **MSC International Student Scholarships** are awarded to students who have a valid Study Permit and are not permanent residents of Canada. Candidates must have:
  - i) completed, at minimum, *Introduction to International Development* or *Introduction to Conflict Resolution Studies*;
  - ii) achieved a minimum GPA of 2.75;
  - iii) officially declared a major in *Conflict Resolution Studies* or *International Development Studies*.

Deadline for application is typically in March of each year.

6. Menno Simons College **Bursaries** are available to students who demonstrate a financial need and:
  - i) are registered in a minimum of 18 credit hours in a given academic year;
  - ii) have completed a minimum of 6 credit hours in *International Development* and/or *Conflict Resolution Studies* and are currently registered in a minimum of 3 credit hours in *International Development* and/or *Conflict Resolution Studies*;
  - iii) have officially declared a major in *International Development Studies* or *Conflict Resolution Studies*.

Bursaries are awarded on a first-come-first-served basis. Candidates may apply for an MSC Bursary towards tuition for the Fall, Winter or Spring semester. Deadline for application is a minimum of one month prior to the start of the applicable semester.

7. Select Menno Simons College Scholarships are designated as **Multi-Year Scholarships**. Students receiving these scholarships will be awarded funds on an annual basis for up to three years. *Students must achieve a minimum GPA of 3.5 in order for their scholarship to be renewed each year.* A written statement indicating the student's intention to renew and a copy of the student's transcript (printed from WebAdvisor) must be submitted by June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.
8. The Menno Simons College Scholarship and Bursary Committee reserves the right to not award a particular scholarship or bursary in any year where: a) there are no funds available, and/or b) a student does not meet the criteria for eligibility.