

APPLYING FOR THE AWARD...

Students interested in applying for the Award should first visit McMaster University <https://future.mcmaster.ca> for updated and complete information on eligibility and the applications procedure.

Eligibility.

- 1) All applicants must have high school graduation and CAPE certification or equivalent college qualification prior to taking up the award.
- 2) Students who have been out of school for two years or more must apply as mature students and may not be eligible for admission to all programs. Candidates should consult McMaster in advance on admission to specific programs.

Application procedure.

- 1) The application portal will open on 20 September at <https://www.petna-foundation.org/scholarship-application-2025>.
- 2) No later than 1 November 2025, all applicants must upload the following to the application portal:
 - a. Complete copy of their high school transcript. ***Please note that there is often a delay in obtaining official transcripts – candidates should make these requests as soon as possible, as applications cannot be considered if transcripts have not been submitted.***
 - b. CAPE/CSEC/CXC certifications and/or college transcript.
 - c. Statement of financial need: The Nicholas and Janice Brathwaite Award is intended to assist students and families who would not otherwise be in a position to study abroad. Accordingly:
 - i. Please outline your personal and family financial circumstances, including any extenuating circumstances, and indicate what sort of impact this scholarship would have on your own educational plans?
 - ii. Please specify current family income and number of household members.
 - iii. Please list other grants, scholarships, and other awards for which you have or are planning to apply, including CDN dollar value and costs covered.
 - iv. Please estimate the total amount in CDN dollars of your educational costs at McMaster University that you and your family would anticipate being able to cover, if any.
 - d. Maximum two-page essay, as follows:
 - i. Volunteer experience, community engagement, and leadership: What are you most proud of accomplishing outside of academics? How have you served the community and what have you achieved as a volunteer, as a community member, and as a leader? What types of changes would you like to make in the world? If you could start a non-profit or charity, what

would you support?

ii. Career and life goals: What do you want your life to look like in 10 years?

- 3) Candidates must also apply to McMaster University through the Ontario University Application Centre, using the OUAC application (www.ouac.on.ca) no later than 15 January 2026.
- 4) Candidates must receive an offer of admission from McMaster University to be named the recipient of the Nicholas and Janice Brathwaite Award.
- 5) Applicants are responsible for meeting all subsequent deposit due dates, with information on deadlines being provided directly by McMaster University.

Eligible Caribbean Countries (CARICOM)

Member States (15)

Antigua and Barbuda
Bahamas
Barbados
Belize
Dominica
Grenada
Guyana
Haiti
Jamaica
Montserrat
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Suriname
Trinidad and Tobago

Associate Members (5)

Anguilla
Bermuda
BVI
Cayman Islands
Turks and Caicos

Also included (1)

Martinique

ABOUT THE PETNA FOUNDATION...

The PETNA Foundation was established by Nicholas and Janice Brathwaite to improve the lives of individuals and communities through education and community development. The Foundation is committed to extending a helping hand to talented young people who would otherwise be unable to pursue their education; to assisting families and communities who would otherwise suffer continuing hardship; and to doing so with a view to long-term self-sufficiency and lasting benefit. For more information, please refer to www.petna-foundation.org.

ABOUT McMASTER UNIVERSITY...

McMaster University was established in 1887 and is ranked as one of the world's Top 100 universities. Located in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, the University has approximately 37,000 students representing more than 120 countries, and offers a full range of programs in arts, sciences, engineering, and medicine. See www.mcmaster.ca.