



Fonds Gérard D. Levesque Bursary Guide

1. Presentation

The *Fonds Gérard D. Levesque* was created in 1993 with the objective of providing financial aid to Gaspesian and Magdalan students continuing their education in graduate and post-graduate studies. It was later decided to expand the program to include students in all post-secondary programs and facilitate access to post-secondary education for all young adults in the region.

The *Fonds Gérard D. Levesque* was created with the collaboration of the *Secrétariat à la jeunesse*, as part of its 2006-2009 Youth Action Strategy, the *Fondation communautaire Gaspésie-Les Îles*, the *Commission jeunesse Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine* and the *Fondation Gérard D. Levesque*. The *Fonds Gérard D. Levesque* is a permanent fund that annually distributes its investment returns by awarding bursaries to students in professional, college, undergraduate and graduate study programs. The objective of the *Fonds Gérard D. Levesque* is to honour this man who marked the political history of the Gaspé and the province of Quebec.

2. Objectives

- To make Gaspesian and Magdalan students aware of the importance of scholastic achievement and continued education;
- To encourage Gaspesian and Magdalan students to continue their studies in an activity sector likely to have a positive influence the development of the region;
- To provide financial aid to students who need it the most;
- To encourage youth to continue their studies in the region when programs are available;
- To encourage young adults to return to and remain in the region.

3. Bursaries

Doctorate and Master's degree:	An annual bursary of 5 000 \$
Bachelor's studies:	Up to five annual bursaries of 1 500 \$*
DEC (technical):	Up to five annual bursaries of 1 000 \$*
DEP:	Up to five annual bursaries of 500 \$*

**It is possible that the Fondation Gérard D. Levesque could award fewer than five bursaries in the Bachelor's, DEC and DEP categories, depending on the interest generated by the capital of the Fonds Gérard D. Levesque.*

If investment returns permit, the amounts of bursaries may be indexed in order to conserve actual values.

4. Eligibility criteria for all bursaries

- The candidate must be younger than 35 years of age and be originally from one of the five MRC's on the Gaspé Peninsula and the Magdalen Islands;
- Must be enrolled in a full-time educational program;
- Must not be receiving financial aid from *Emploi-Québec*;
- Must submit a bursary application before June 30th accompanied by all of the following documents:
 - A properly completed application form
 - A presentation letter of approximately 500 words justifying the application
 - A complete résumé
 - Two references (names and coordinates)
 - Report cards and diplomas from current and preceding educational levels
 - Proof of full-time enrolment for the upcoming semester
 - Two recent pictures

5. Selection criteria

When evaluating all bursary applications, the committee will consider the quality of scholastic results, perseverance and success, the student's contribution to his/her milieu, regional fallbacks in reference to the student's field of studies and/or research, the chances of establishment in the region and proof of financial need.

6. Specific conditions for each bursary category

Doctorate and Master's programs

The candidate must be registered in a full-time Doctorate or Master's program (proof of enrolment required). Scholastic achievement in bachelor, master's and doctorate programs, will be considered, when applicable.

Bachelor program

Have successfully completed at least the first year of a bachelor's degree program. Proof of enrolment in the second, third or fourth year of the program required. Scholastic results in a DEC and bachelor's program will be considered.

DEC (technical)

Have successfully completed at least the first year of a college level technical program. Proof of enrolment in the second or third year of the same program required. Secondary and college scholastic results will be considered. The Foundation will give priority to students enrolled in one of the four centres of the *Cégep de la Gaspésie et des Îles* by awarding them the majority of the bursaries.

DEP

Have successfully completed in the current year or in the process of completing a professional educational program (DEP). A copy of the diploma is required if the program has been completed or proof of enrolment if not yet completed, as well as marks obtained on the secondary level. The Foundation will give priority to students enrolled in a professional training centre of one of the five regional school boards (Îles, Monts-et-Marées, Chic-Chocs, René-Levesque or Eastern Shores) by awarding them the majority of the bursaries.

7. Selection Committees

Four selection committees will be set up and will be chaired by a member of the Board of Directors of the *Fondation Gérard D. Levesque* when possible:

- Selection Committee for Doctorate and Master's program recipients
- Selection Committee for Bachelor's program recipients
- Selection Committee for technical DEC program recipients
- Selection Committee for DEP program recipients

Each committee must include a representative of the Fondation communautaire Gaspésie–Les-Îles and a representative of the educational domain.

The bursary selection committees are chosen by the Fondation Gérard D. Levesque and their decisions are final and without appeal.

8. Remittance of bursaries

Each year, the recipients will be notified during the month of September (only retained candidates will be contacted) and bursaries will be distributed at the beginning of the month of October.

Note:

The Board of Directors of the Fondation Gérard D. Levesque reserves the right to modify the bursary program in order to respond to needs that become apparent.