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University Endorsement: Open Process

A student or recent graduate of your university is interested in applying for the McCall MacBain Scholarships at McGill. This document provides information on the criteria and endorsement process to the **head of a university (President, Principal, Vice-Chancellor, Rector, or Provost)**. If you do not occupy one of these roles, please ask the candidate to redirect the request to the appropriate individual.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

McCall MacBain Scholarship applicants must meet the degree and language requirements specified by McGill University for master's program admission. The requirements can be found at mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/how-apply.

APPLICANT TYPES

Different scholarships are available based on the applicant's citizenship or residency status.

Applicant Type	Definition	Scholarships Available
International Applicants	Hold any citizenship	10 McCall MacBain Scholarships (full funding, mentorship, coaching, leadership program) 20 Finalist Awards (\$20,000)
Canadian Applicants	Hold Canadian citizenship, permanent residency, or refugee status	20 McCall MacBain Scholarships (full funding, mentorship, coaching, leadership program) 30 Finalist Awards (\$10,000) 28 Regional Awards (\$5,000)

UNIVERSITY ENDORSEMENTS

All current university students and recent graduates (those who graduated in 2021 or later) must earn an endorsement from their institution. In this first year of global admissions, universities outside of our [current list of partners](#) are invited to endorse one applicant of any citizenship and up to two Canadian applicants.

What does the endorsement mean?

When you endorse an application, you tell us that you consider the applicant to be a suitable candidate for the McCall MacBain Scholarships at McGill. In our online endorsement portal, you will be able to select Yes / No and enter an optional comment (up to 50 words per applicant).

McCall MacBain Scholars will be selected for their exceptional character, track record of community engagement, leadership potential, entrepreneurial spirit, academic strength, and intellectual curiosity. The minimum threshold for endorsement is good standing in terms of academics and overall conduct.

It is important that the one applicant you endorse is an individual you would be proud to have represent your university. For questions, please contact Anja Zeljkovic, Director of Selections, at anja@mccallmacbainscholars.org.

How many endorsements can our university submit?

Your university is invited to endorse one candidate for our 10 international scholarships.

You may also endorse two candidates for our 20 Canadian scholarships. These candidates must have Canadian citizenship, permanent residency, or refugee status.

How do I endorse the applicant?

The endorsement request must be initiated by the applicant. After the applicant enters your name and email address into the system, you will receive an email from info@mccallmacbainscholars.org. This endorsement request email will include a link to the online endorsement form (yes/no with optional short comment).

The applicant must email you a draft copy of the application, so that you can review it. You will be asked to confirm that you have read the draft application.

When do I endorse the applicant?

You will be able to access the endorsement form as soon as the request is initiated by the applicant. You must submit your endorsement decisions by August 25th (international applicants) or September 21st (Canadian applicants).

Applicant Type	Definition	Maximum Number of Applicants to Endorse	Endorsement Deadline
International Applicants	Hold any citizenship	1	August 25, 2022
Canadian Applicants	Hold Canadian citizenship, permanent residency, or refugee status	2	September 21, 2022

If your university submits more endorsements than the number specified above, only the first endorsement(s) will be considered. For example, if we receive two endorsements of international applicants, only the first will be reviewed.

Do I have to provide an institutional letter of support for a candidate being endorsed?

No, an institutional letter of support is not required.

Will the applicant see my endorsement comment?

No.

If I have more than one applicant, will they be notified of my decisions?

No. We leave it to you to determine how you share your endorsement decisions with your applicant(s). Applicants invited to a regional interview will be notified by email at least two weeks before the relevant interview date.

How can I help my student put together a strong application?

While applicants may seek general advice, they will be asked to certify that what they are submitting is their own work in their own words, and that it has not been edited by anyone other than them. This does not preclude you from reading a draft application and having a conversation with the student about how they might improve it. It does, however, mean that you should not be editing/wordsmithing and that the prose should come from them.

Applicants are encouraged to consult our website (mccallmacbainscholars.org) and ask questions during online information sessions. They may also email our team at info@mccallmacbainscholars.org.