

# Application for the Nadene M Thomas Graduate Research Bursary

The Nadene M Thomas bursary in the amount of \$5,000 is offered annually to a member of the Alberta Teachers' Association in good standing who is enrolled in a graduate program in education at a recognized Canadian university. The area of research must focus on health issues affecting teachers and/or on teachers' working conditions.

## A. Information for Applicants

- Before applying for an award, check the criteria for eligibility below to ensure that you
  - hold a permanent Alberta teaching certificate and have completed at least five years of successful teaching in the K–12 public education system in Alberta;
  - at the time of application, are at the highest level of membership possible (*active*, if the applicant is eligible for active membership, or *associate*, if the applicant does not qualify for active membership) and have been at the highest possible level of membership for at least five years;
  - are registered as a graduate student in a specialty in education at a recognized Canadian university;
  - have an area of research that focuses on health issues affecting teachers and/or teachers' working conditions;
  - intend to continue a career in education in the K–12 public education system in Alberta;
  - have not received an Association Fellowship or a Nadene M Thomas Graduate Research Bursary in the past; and
  - are an Association member in good standing.
- Fill out the following form in full. Faxed or e-mailed applications will not be accepted.
- Obtain all required documentation as specified at the end of this form. Applications that are submitted without the required documentation will be rejected. **ONLY INFORMATION CONTAINED ON THIS FORM, TRANSCRIPTS, REFERENCE LETTERS AND PROOF OF REGISTRATION WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE SCHOLARSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE. DO NOT SUBMIT ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**
- Mail or deliver the completed form, along with all required documentation, to the following address: Scholarship Subcommittee, Attn Tracee McFeeters, Alberta Teachers' Association, 11010 142 Street NW, Edmonton AB T5N 2R1.

To be considered, applications must be received by 5:00 PM, **February 28, 2024**.

## B. Applicant's Personal Information

### Contact Information

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Given Names \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female  Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
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Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Residence Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Business E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Residence E-mail \_\_\_\_\_





**Institution of Attendance**

Name of Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Field of Studies/Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Period of Study from \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

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Anticipated work in education on completion

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Describe your contributions to professional activities (eg, presentations or workshops delivered, articles and books written, committee work, curriculum development undertaken). Explicitly describe your role in each item.

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Describe your involvement with the Association, including any committees or executive positions that you have held at the local or provincial level, and give the year(s) of your involvement in each case.

**Description of Your Research**

Briefly describe the major topic or focus of your program and how you feel it relates to and will possibly affect teachers' health and/or working conditions.

## D. Required Documentation

In addition to completing this form, applicants must submit the additional documentation specified below for this award. Applications submitted without the required documentation will be rejected.

- Official transcripts of all postsecondary academic and professional courses you have taken;
- Three letters of reference: one attesting to your excellence as a teacher, one to your contributions to the Association and to public education, and one to your postsecondary work. Letters from ATA staff officers and members of Provincial Executive Council are not acceptable;
- Written proof that you have been accepted into, or have already embarked upon, a graduate program in a specialty in education at a recognized Canadian university.

The Alberta Teachers' Association considers transcripts to be "official" only in the following instances.

1. The Association receives the transcript directly from the institution, whether hard copy or digital. Digital copies must be sent directly by the institution's registrar to pd@ata.ab.ca from an institutional email address.
2. The transcript is received from the institution through the applicant, in the original sealed envelope as provided to the applicant by the institution which bears the name and location of the institution.
  - The transcript must also bear the signature of the institution's registrar or another appropriate official.
  - It must be stamped with the institution's seal.

The following will be considered as unofficial

- A transcript in an open envelope
- A transcript that is a photocopy of the original
- A transcript that was not produced by the school/university
- A transcript that was translated by the student or a non-professional translation service
- A transcript in an envelope where the original seal of the University envelope is broken
- A transcript uploaded from WebAdvisor, Blackboard, eClass or equivalent educational online administration programs that students can access

## E. Declarations

- I certify that the information I have provided is accurate.
- I guarantee that I intend to continue a career in education in the K–12 public education system in Alberta.
- I have attached all required documentation and understand that my application will not be accepted if anything is missing.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**This application must be completed in full and received no later than 5:00 PM, February 28, 2024.**

Mail to  
Scholarship Subcommittee  
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Barnett House  
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Edmonton AB T5N 2R1

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