

## Undergraduate Scholarship Opportunity: The MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program at McGill University

McGill and The MasterCard Foundation have partnered to offer The MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program at McGill for academically talented, economically challenged young people from Sub-Saharan Africa. McGill is proud to be one of a select group of global MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program partners.



### What is the MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program?

The MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program is a global initiative to educate and develop next-generation leaders who will contribute to social and economic progress across Sub-Saharan Africa. At McGill, the holistic design of the program intends to **provide students with comprehensive support**, including:

- A full scholarship (school fees, living expenses, books, stipends, visas);
- Academic curricula relevant to growth sectors;
- Up to 1 year of English language instruction (if needed);
- Mentoring and counselling, including academic and social support;
- Service and experiential learning (volunteerism, internships); and
- Career counselling and connections to jobs in the scholars' country.

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- Faith Quinter, MasterCard Scholar at McGill,  
Economics & Political Science Major  
Nairobi, Kenya



### Why choose McGill?

Located in the downtown core of the **city of Montreal**, McGill is committed to challenging you with a world-class education in a dynamic environment, and supporting you in your intellectual and personal development. Consistently rated one of the **top 25 universities in the world** according to QS World University Rankings, and **one of the best universities in Canada**, McGill has:

- An **International campus** with students originating from over 150 countries;
- **Innovative academics**, that emphasize both creativity and experimental learning;
- A **reputation for excellence**, winning awards for quality in education;
- **Leading research** and;
- Hundreds of **innovative and interdisciplinary** programs.

## Know someone who should apply?

Here are some ways you can help:

- Refer students to our website;
- Send them a copy of this flyer;
- Download and print the required forms to share with students, and;
- Assist them in completing the application forms.

Many students have limited access to the internet or computers. Any assistance you can provide to ensure the student can scan, upload and submit documents online is extremely helpful.

## Am I eligible?

Are you a resident of Sub-Saharan Africa and a first-time applicant to university? Do you excel academically, but do not have the means to attend university? Are you involved in helping your community? Do you wish to be a future leader, creating meaningful change in your country? If so, you may be eligible for this scholarship. Please view our complete [Eligibility Criteria](#) and the [McGill Admission Requirements](#) online.

## What programs does McGill offer?

McGill offers over 300 undergraduate programs in a wide range of disciplines. All courses are taught in English; however, students have the option to submit their written assignments in French. For a complete list of available programs, please visit: [www.mcgill.ca/undergraduate-admissions/programs](http://www.mcgill.ca/undergraduate-admissions/programs).

**Note that certain programs are not eligible for funding through the MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program, including Dentistry, Medicine, Law, Theology and certain Music programs.**

## How do I apply?

1. Carefully read and save the **MCF Application Instructions** from our website. These instructions will explain the special application procedures you need to follow.
2. Make sure you have access to a valid email address, the internet and a computer so you can complete the online application.
3. Contact a school official, counsellor or teacher for assistance in completing the Application and Financial Verification forms, and;
4. Ask a different school official, teacher or a community leader to act as a reference and complete the Recommendation Form.

All required forms are available in French and English. The application process is comprehensive; please give yourself ample time to complete all of the requirements. Once you've submitted your online application, make sure to check your online Minerva account regularly for updates.

**The deadline to apply for September 2017 is  
December 10, 2016.**

## Do you work with high school students?

Join our mailing list! It will keep you:

- Up-to-date with the latest documents, application changes, and deadlines, and;
- Informed about online information sessions about McGill and the scholarship.

Send us an email with all of your contact information so we can include you in future updates. Also, please share our website or this flyer with your friends and co-workers!

QUESTIONS? Please email us at [mcf-scholars@mcgill.ca](mailto:mcf-scholars@mcgill.ca)

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