Nova Scotia student aid: Get Ready and deposit timeline

One page for Nova Scotia Student Assistance: what to do 12, 6 and 3 months before classes, and the steps before your funding is deposited.

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DATE

When	What the official page says to do	Done	Date
12 months before		☐	
6 months before		☐	
3 months before		☐	
After assessment		☐	
Before deposit		☐	
Deposit		☐	

PROGRAM AND SCHOOL

STUDY START DATE

APPLICATION SUBMITTED ON

NOTES

SOURCES (CHECKED 2026-11-27)

Under “Applying in 12 months,” the Get Ready page lists: research career and program options; check high school course prerequisites; if you plan to apply as a student with a disability, start gathering documentation; get a Social Insurance Number if you do not have one; make sure applicable income tax returns will be submitted on time (yours and, if you are a dependent student, your parents’ and step-parents’, or yours and your spouse’s if you are independent); and look at financing options to pay for school. https://novascotia.ca/studentassistance/Apply/New/GettingReady.asp (checked 2026-11-27)

Under “Applying in 6 months,” the page asks whether your selected program of study in Canada is designated for student assistance funding, notes that you may need extra steps if you are studying out of province or country, and says to finalize your program choice. https://novascotia.ca/studentassistance/Apply/New/GettingReady.asp (checked 2026-11-27)

Under “Applying in 3 months,” the page says to make sure you have a bank account in your own name, and to start gathering documents you may be asked for. The list includes bank account information (transit number, account number, a void cheque), information about investments or RESPs in your name, custody or court records if they apply, disability documents if they apply, last year’s tax-return information for you and for parents, step-parents or a spouse as applicable, school-program hours or credits, scholarship amounts if you know them, an estimate of pre-study and study-period earnings, and documents for other funding you will receive while studying. https://novascotia.ca/studentassistance/Apply/New/GettingReady.asp (checked 2026-11-27)

The same to-do list says to check MyPATH often and complete any action items, including submitting your Master Student Financial Assistance Agreement (MSFAA) if it applies, and to keep your address and contact information up to date. If your program, number of courses, bursary, scholarship or other funding changes, you must tell Student Assistance, because you cannot receive funding until the school’s record matches theirs. It also says to make sure your bank account information is updated, if necessary, at Resolve and at the National Student Loan Service Centre. https://novascotia.ca/studentassistance/Apply/New/GetMoney.asp (checked 2026-11-27)

If you have not received your funding within 10 business days of your release date, the page says to call the National Student Loan Service Centre at 1-888-815-4514 (toll-free in North America). https://novascotia.ca/studentassistance/Apply/New/GetMoney.asp (checked 2026-11-27)