## Bursaries

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<td>Dr Richard (Ric) Laplante Bursary in Doctoral Studies</td>
<td>1 at $750</td>
<td>Doctor of Ministry</td>
<td>In addition to standard criteria, eligibility is based on: leadership and enhancement of life to the wider community.</td>
<td>Additional documentation to submit with application: a short 300-500 word statement describing how their leadership and gifts, placed in service of others, enhances the life of the wider community in the spirit of Ric Laplante (see Terms of Reference).</td>
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<td>Monsignor William Irwin Bursary in Ecumenical Studies</td>
<td>2 at $700</td>
<td>Any</td>
<td>In addition to standard criteria, eligibility is based on: involvement in the St Stephen's College community and/or the wider Christian ecumenical community; qualities of leadership; and academic achievement.</td>
<td>Additional documentation to submit with application: a short (500 word maximum) statement of how their studies and/or vocational goals are in harmony with the aims and goals of the Order of St Lazarus as described in the Terms of Reference of the bursary.</td>
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<td>St Stephen's College Bursary</td>
<td>2 at $500</td>
<td>Any</td>
<td>Eligibility is based on standard criteria.</td>
<td>Additional documentation to submit with application: a short 300-500 word statement describing how their studies at the College have transformed their personal and/or professional life.</td>
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### Dr Richard (Ric) Laplante

Dr Ric Laplante (St Stephen's College DMin 1986) dedicated his life to bringing others to a fuller life through education. He was a volunteer member of the Doctor of Ministry Program Committee, and subsequently Coordinator (now ‘Chair’) of the Program from 1997 until his untimely death in 2003. During that time, he mentored many faculty and students on their journey of ministry. His example continues to animate the College’s conviction and practice that gifts placed in the service of others contribute to the memory and life of the larger community. The Dr Ric Laplante Bursary was established by his family and friends to honour the memory and work of Ric Laplante, and the awards are intended to assist students in the Doctor of Ministry Program, from which he himself graduated and to which he dedicated many years of his professional life.

Contributions to this fund will be invested according to the investment policy of the College that states that all income generated by such a fund is to be reinvested in the fund, with 5% of the total value of the fund to be expended for bursaries on an annual basis. Bursaries from this fund will be awarded to students enrolled in the Doctor of Ministry Program of St Stephen's College on the basis of financial need. The amount of each bursary will be dependent on the total value of the fund and will normally be determined by the College’s Board of Governors. Applications for the Dr Ric Laplante Bursary will be administered by the Student Aid Committee.

### The Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem

“Monsignor William Irwin Bursary in Ecumenical Studies”

Since its founding in the early 1100’s, The Order of St Lazarus has had two major aims: the alleviation of suffering, especially those afflicted with disease; and the promotion of ecumenism and unity within the Christian faith. The Order in Canada is a bilingual, multi-denominational Christian, charitable organisation whose goals are to: support and expand palliative care; alleviate the suffering of persons with leprosy; provide care for the aged, sick and needy; support medical research; promote ecumenism; advance national unity and the qualities of good citizenship. The Edmonton Commandery of the Order has extended its understanding of the medical mandate to include support of persons who have HIV/AIDS, and those who care for them. Information about the Order may be found on its website: [http://www.stlazarus.ca/](http://www.stlazarus.ca/).

This bursary at St Stephen’s College is named in honour of Monsignor William Irwin, the founder of Catholic Social Services in Edmonton and tireless advocate for the marginalised. Monsignor Irwin was awarded the St Stephen’s College Doctor of Divinity (Honoris Causa) degree in 1995. He was also a long-time member of the Order of St Lazarus.

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<td>Archbishop Joseph N MacNeil Scholarship MacNeil Family</td>
<td>1 at $900</td>
<td>Any</td>
<td>In addition to standard criteria, eligibility is based on: involvement in the ecumenical and/or interfaith community; qualities of leadership; and financial need.</td>
<td>Additional documentation to submit with application: a short 300-500 word statement that describes how they provide leadership in and beyond the College community in the spirit of Archbishop MacNeil.</td>
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<td>The Revd JJ Towers Scholarship Towers Family</td>
<td>1 at $500</td>
<td>Any</td>
<td>In addition to standard criteria, eligibility is based on: leadership in the Christian Church, locally or broadly; and financial need.</td>
<td>Additional documentation to submit with application: a short 300-500 word statement describing how they provide leadership in the Christian community in the spirit of Revd J J Towers.</td>
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<td>St Stephen's College Entrance Scholarship Various</td>
<td>1 at $775</td>
<td>Any</td>
<td>Students must be entering their first year of studies in their degree, diploma or certificate program to be eligible. The award will be made to the applicant each year who has attained the highest GPA in their previous degree, as determined by the Registrar on the basis of their official transcripts.</td>
<td>Students who accept their offer of admissions will be automatically added to the candidates for this award, as such no Application is required.</td>
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<td>Faculty Council Scholarship for Doctor of Ministry Students in Ecumenical or Interfaith Studies</td>
<td>1 at $500</td>
<td>Doctor of Ministry</td>
<td>Standard criteria, open only to students in the Doctor of Ministry program.</td>
<td>Additional documentation to submit with application: a short 300-500 word statement that describes their academic work (projects/PD/major papers) and how it contributes to ecumenical/interfaith scholarship; and a reference letter from an instructor who is familiar with the student's work and able to comment on its quality.</td>
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<td>Faculty Council Scholarship for Master of Theological Studies Students in Ecumenical or Interfaith Studies</td>
<td>1 at $500</td>
<td>Master of Theological Studies</td>
<td>Standard criteria, open only to students in the Master of Theological Studies program.</td>
<td>Additional documentation to submit with application: a short 300-500 word statement that describes their academic work (projects/PD/major papers) and how it contributes to ecumenical/interfaith scholarship; and a reference letter from an instructor who is familiar with the student's work and able to comment on its quality.</td>
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<td>Faculty Council Scholarship for Master of Psychotherapy and Spirituality Students</td>
<td>1 at $500</td>
<td>Master of Psychotherapy and Spirituality</td>
<td>Standard criteria, open only to students in the Master of Psychotherapy and Spirituality program, student member of CCPA; and registered for and attending the annual CCPA Conference in the current academic year.</td>
<td>Additional documentation to submit with application: a letter to the Department Chair which states the educational and/or professional goals they seek to accomplish by attending the conference and photocopy of CCPA Student Membership document.</td>
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<td>Faculty Council Scholarship for Master of Psychotherapy and Spirituality (Art Therapy Specialization) and Post-Master's Art Therapy Certificate program Students</td>
<td>1 at $500</td>
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<td>Standard criteria, open only to students in the Master of Psychotherapy and Spirituality (Art Therapy Specialization) and Post-Master’s Art Therapy Certificate programs, student member of CATA; and registered for and attending the annual CATA Conference in the current academic year.</td>
<td>Additional documentation to submit with application: a letter to the Department Chair which states the educational and/or professional goals they seek to accomplish by attending the conference and photocopy of CATA Student Membership document.</td>
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Archbishop Joseph MacNeil Scholarship

Father Joseph MacNeil was ordained bishop 24 June 1969 and worked in St John, New Brunswick until he was appointed Roman Catholic Archbishop of Edmonton in July 1973. Under his leadership the Archdiocese of Edmonton was structured to make it more responsive to the needs of the day through the establishment of various councils and commissions, including: social justice; parish renewal; a council of women religious; the “Sign of Hope” annual campaign in support of social services; Canada's first urban Aboriginal parish; and the Alberta Catholic Health Corporation. Archbishop MacNeil was awarded the degree of Doctor of Divinity (Honoris Causa) by the College in 1999 for his many contributions to church and society.

Contributions to this fund, established by Archbishop MacNeil’s family and friends, will be invested according to the investment policy of the College that states that all income generated by such a fund is to be reinvested in the fund, with 5% of the total value of the fund to be expended for bursaries on an annual basis. Scholarships from this fund will be awarded to students enrolled in any formal program of St Stephen’s College on the basis of academic merit and financial need. The amount of each scholarship will be dependent on the total value of the fund and will normally be determined by the College Board of Governors. Applications for the Archbishop Joseph MacNeil Scholarship will be administered by the Student Aid Committee.

The Revd J J (Jack) Towers Scholarship

This scholarship fund was established by the family of The Revd Dr Jack Towers in memory of their husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Subsequent contributions to the fund have been made by Jack’s many friends.

Jack was a graduate of St Stephen's (Testamur 1951, BD Honours 1973, DD 1997) and firmly believed in the value of education. An ordained minister of The United Church of Canada, Jack served in various capacities, including ministry to congregations in Alberta and Saskatchewan, leadership with the national “Ventures in Mission” capital campaign, and on the United Church’s mission boat, the “Thomas Crosby IV” along the west coast of British Columbia. In addition to the many other ways in which he supported the College, he was instrumental in fundraising for the stained glass “Legacy Window” surrounding the north entrance doors of the College building.

Contributions to this fund will be invested according to the investment policy of the College that states that all income generated by such a fund is to be reinvested in the fund. By direction of the donors, one scholarship of $500 will be awarded from the fund annually until and if the principal amount is depleted. Applications for the Revd J J Towers Scholarship will be administered by the Student Aid Committee.

St Stephen’s College Entrance Scholarship

In keeping with the College’s commitment to academic excellence, the Entrance Scholarship was established in 2016 to recognise exemplary academic work carried out prior to applying to a St Stephen’s College course of studies. The scholarship is awarded automatically to the applicant to a College degree, diploma or certificate program who has the highest Grade Point Average (GPA) in their immediately preceding degree—whether undergraduate or graduate. Applicants must have accepted admission to be eligible. This Scholarship is supported by the general bursary and scholarship investments of the College, and is awarded by the Student Aid Committee on the advice of the Registrar. In the event of a tie, the award will be distributed equally between recipients.