

SGPS Free Referendum

**Queen's International Student Society Bursary Program**

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**Part A – Contact Information**

1. Name of Group as it should appear on the Ballot: Queen's International Student Society Bursary Program
  
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**Part B – Group Description**

The Student Awards Office administers all need-based financial aid for all Queen's graduate and undergraduate students. In addition, the Student Awards Office administers merit-based scholarships and prizes. Need-based financial aid includes: Bursaries, Government Student Loans and Grants, RBC/Queen's Student Line of Credit and the Work-Study Program.

### Part C - Budgetary Breakdown

Amount of Fee: \$0.71

1 May 2017 to 30 April 2018

Description	Withdrawals	Deposits	Balance
Balance as at May 1, 2017			\$2,039
Gift Received - Nov 2, 2017		\$50	
Gift Received - Dec 12, 2017		\$1,000	
Bursary Dispersed	-\$2,000		
Gift Received - Jan 31, 2018		\$100	
SGPS Contribution - Apr 10, 2018		\$2,339	
Total Withdrawals and Deposits	-\$2,000	\$3,489	
Balance as at April 30, 2018			\$3,528

Bursaries for the 2018-19 academic year have been processed. \$3,500 was granted in mid-December 2018.

### Part D – Student Fee Questionnaire

#### 1. Why is your group seeking a fee?

In 1993 Queen's students voted to create the Queen's International Student's Society Bursary. This bursary was established at a time when the government of Ontario implemented a number of programs to restrict and direct student financial assistance to residents of Ontario. It has been recognized by the student population that international students may experience financial challenges while studying at Queen's. The funding provided by the Queen's International Student Society Bursary contributes towards the overall financial assistance the University is able to direct towards the support of international students who experience financial difficulty.

#### 2. What direct benefit will SGPS members derive from granting your group a fee?

Bursaries administered by Queen's are funded by two primary sources of funds: a) the generosity of donors – such as the SGPS (39.5%) and b) Queen's operating funds (40.5%). Of the bursaries granted to international students, approximately 62% of the funds are granted to international graduate students.

#### 3. How is the dollar value of the fee related to the benefit you are proposing to provide?

There are a limited number of donor-specific funding directed to international students and therefore this fund represents an important and sustainable source of funds. Depending on the amount of funds available each year, the fund provides bursary assistance to 2-4 international students each year.

#### 4. When was your group established?

The Queen's International Student's Society Bursary was established in 1993.

#### 5. If you have collected a fee in the past, what initiatives and/or opportunities have you provided the Queen's Community with the collected funds?

In the past ten years approximately \$50,000 of bursary assistance has been provided to international students for this particular fund.