

Queen's International Student Society Bursary Program

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

Previous Fiscal Year - 1 May 2020 to 30 April 2021

Description	Withdrawals	Deposits	Balance
Balance as at May 1, 2020			\$2,438
Initial SGPS Contribution - Nov 30, 2020		\$2,368	
Bursary Disbursed to Students – Dec 16, 2020	\$4,805		
Donor Gift Received – Mar 30, 2021		\$325	
Final SGPS Contribution – Mar 31, 2021		\$915	
Total Withdrawals and Deposits	\$4,805	\$3,608	
Balance as at April 30, 2021			\$1,241

The funding collected is disbursed as a need-based bursary directly to students in mid-December.

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 several 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 can 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 and b) Queen's operating funds. Of all the bursaries granted to international students by the Student Awards Office, approximately 71% of the funds were granted to international graduate students in the 2020-21 fiscal year.

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

There is a limited amount 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 student 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 via the Queen's International Student's Society Bursary.