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Sable Island Scholarship 2026

Friends of Sable Island Society is offering up to \$2,000 in scholarships to educate, inspire, and foster stewardship for Sable Island National Park Reserve, while generating content that can be shared through our website and social media channels to broaden public awareness. Our scholarship is open to Nova Scotia students completing Grade 12 in 2026 and pursuing post-secondary education in the fall.

Sable Island National Park Reserve

Sable Island National Park Reserve is a 40-kilometre stretch of sand located approximately 290 kilometres southeast of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. It is home to many species of animals, sea life, birds, and plants, including approximately 500 wild horses, which were introduced sometime shortly after 1738. Many birds, including small numbers of the threatened Roseate Tern, live on the island. It is also the only known breeding ground of the rare Ipswich Sparrow. Sable Island is the largest congregation of breeding Grey Seals and home to a small population of Harbour Seals. More recent discoveries include the endemic Sable Island Sweat Bee.

There has been a continuous human presence on Sable Island since 1801 when the colonial government founded a lifesaving establishment to reduce the loss of life and cargo from the frequent shipwrecks on and near Sable's shores. In spite of having earned the title "Graveyard of the Atlantic", the island has been an inspiration to artists of all disciplines – from those who have been fortunate to visit in person to those who feel connected to it from afar.

Scholarship Theme: Sable Island Through Art

Details

- \$1500 CAD scholarship for the winning entry is open to any grade 12 student in the Nova Scotia school system. \$500 CAD may be awarded for second place.
- Monies must be applied to a post-secondary educational institution in 2026. Funds will be paid to the post-secondary institution on the student's behalf.
- The winning submission(s) will be featured on our website and used in our education programs. All submissions remain the intellectual property of the students.

Form of submission

- Students are invited to interpret Sable Island through visual or creative art.
- Submissions will consist of an original piece of artwork such as a painting, drawing, sculpture, mixed media, textile or fiber art. We wish to encourage broad participation and creativity; however, we will not be accepting photographs or digital art.
- Submissions will also include an artist statement explaining their connection to Sable Island, what the piece represents, and why protecting Sable Island matters to them.

Application Information

- High-resolution image(s) of the submission artwork and the artist statement must be sent by e-mail to scholarships@sableislandfriends.ca by 11:59pm on Wednesday April 30, 2026. The Review Committee may request to view the original piece in May.
- Submissions are to be accompanied by a completed application form and a reflective statement of 250 words or less introducing the student, what Sable Island means to them and why they have applied for this scholarship.
- The following supporting documentation can be either scanned and e-mailed to scholarships@sableislandfriends.ca, or mailed to "Friends of Sable Island Society, PO Box 622, Halifax CRO, Halifax, NS B3J 2R7":
 - current resume, and
 - transcript from the most recent reporting period indicating a grade point average of 75+.

Judging

- Submissions will be judged on originality/creativity, research/accuracy, emotional impact, and interpretation/content.
- Review of the submissions will occur by May 31, 2026.
- The decision of the Review Committee is final.



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Application Form

Name _____

School _____

Title of Submission _____

Submission Checklist:

- Submission (high-resolution image(s) of the artwork with an artist statement)
- Application form
- 250-word reflective statement
- Current resume
- Most recent high school transcript

I agree that my submission entitled _____
can be posted on the Friends of Sable Island Society Website and social media channels, and used for
educational purposes. I also agree to have my photograph and first and last name posted on the
Friends of Sable Island Society Website and social media channels for publicity purposes.

Signature

Date

Parent's signature if student is under 18

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Questions may be directed to scholarships@sableislandfriends.ca