

## Nelson Mandela Scholarship

On February 11, 2016, just eight months after the National Assembly of Québec unanimously adopted Law 493 declaring February 11 as **Nelson Mandela Day in Québec**, Union United Church—together with a community group initiative—held a commemorative service to honour his legacy.

At this memorable event and inspired by the profound impact Nelson Mandela has had on the world, a special collection was taken to create a **perpetual scholarship** in his name. This scholarship ensures that his commitment to justice, education, and community upliftment continues to live on in Montréal, Québec.

The **Nelson Mandela Scholarship** is awarded annually at Union United Church in February, on the Sunday closest to Nelson Mandela Day.

A **scholarship** will be awarded to a student who has demonstrated hard work, commitment, and dedication. Through this scholarship, we aim to recognize students for their efforts and encourage them to continue their education while contributing to their communities.

## Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- Be considered a Québec resident
- Be registered full-time in a Canadian college or university
- Be between the ages of **18 and 29**
- Be in good academic standing (**80% average or above**)

## How to Apply

Submit the completed application and all required documents to the Selection Committee at [NelsonMandelaScholarshipUUCMtl@gmail.com](mailto:NelsonMandelaScholarshipUUCMtl@gmail.com) no later than **January 25, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.** Applications received after the deadline will be considered **inadmissible**.

### **Required Documents:**

1. Completed application form
2. Proof of school registration
3. Official transcript from the most recent academic term
4. A **letter of intent** (maximum 500 words) explaining how you exemplify—or have the potential to exemplify—the characteristics and areas of impact associated with Nelson Mandela, including:
  - Unity & reconciliation
  - Democracy, freedom & human rights
  - Leadership
  - Children's participation in society & education
  - Children's health
  - Entrepreneurship
5. One reference letter from someone from within the last 3 years who can speak to how you embody or show potential in these qualities

### **Notification of Decision**

The scholarship will be presented at the **Annual Nelson Mandela Service** at Union United Church, **3007 Delisle Street, Montréal, Québec**, on **February 15, 2026**.

The recipient is required to attend the service to accept the award.

The selected applicant will be notified by telephone, followed by an email, **at least one week** before the scholarship presentation.

### **Further Information**

For questions or additional information, please contact the Nelson Mandela Scholarship Selection Committee at: [NelsonMandelaScholarshipUUCMtl@gmail.com](mailto:NelsonMandelaScholarshipUUCMtl@gmail.com) or call (514) 233-3589.