

2026 VHA Head Start Scholarship – Application Guide

Please carefully review the application guide before completing the online application form.

Eligibility

Applicants must meet **all** the following criteria to be considered for a scholarship:

1. Their parent or legal guardian has been employed/contracted with for VHA Home HealthCare, VHA Rehab Solutions or Champlain Rehab Solutions for one (1) year or more and are actively working.
2. They are continuing their post-secondary studies in either a full-time or part-time program at an accredited Canadian college, university or trade school in this upcoming Fall semester.
3. They will be residing in Canada during their studies during this upcoming academic year.
4. Complete online Head Start Scholarship application form by 11:59:59 pm EDT on July 31, 2026.
5. Email most recent academic transcripts to hssp@vha.ca by 11:59:59 pm EDT on July 31, 2026. Please continue reading below for transcript submission information.

Previous years' applicants and scholarship recipients are welcome to apply for the 2026 Head Start Scholarship as long as applicants meet the above requirements.

Applications are reviewed by a Selection Committee and assessed based on their:

- Academic achievement
- Financial need
- Community involvement/volunteer activities

Transcript Information

After the online Head Start Scholarship application has been completed and submitted, applicants must email their most recent transcripts to hssp@vha.ca by 11:59:59 pm EST on July 31, 2026.

If the applicant is **a student who has taken post-secondary studies for at least one (1) year**, please email a copy of the most recent unofficial/official transcript to hssp@vha.ca. The transcript must clearly show the applicant's name and most recent cumulative GPA.

If the applicant is **a graduating high school student**, please email to hssp@vha.ca either:

- The final report card for the first semester AND most recent second semester report card **OR**
- The final report cards for your first, second and third semesters AND your most recent fourth semester report card if your secondary school is following a quadmester schedule **OR**
- The most recent report card if the applicant is attending a non-semestered secondary school

Sample Application Form

Please be advised that the online application form does not allow applicants to "save and continue later". Therefore, applicants are strongly advised to review the sample form to use in preparation for completing the online application at:

<https://form.jotform.com/vhahssp/sample-2026-hssp-application>

When you are ready to complete the application, please press on **Head Start Scholarship Online Application** at <https://www.vha.ca/head-start-scholarship-program/>.