

# 2025-26 Summary of Grants & Opportunities for NSTU Members

\*\*\*This is a snapshot summary of each opportunity as of June 2025. ALWAYS look for updated guidelines and deadlines when applying. \*\*\* The majority of these grants and opportunities are for Active Members (those who hold permanent, probationary or term contracts only).

## LOCAL GRANTS ([WWW.HALIFAXCOUNTYLOCAL.COM](http://WWW.HALIFAXCOUNTYLOCAL.COM))\*\*



**Halifax County Local Conference Fund** Amount: Up to \$800 CDNMembers can use to attend a conference, workshop, seminar, clinic, symposium, institute or other approved PD opportunity after applying to Article 60. Can receive once every 2 years.

**Eligibility:** Must be a permanent, probationary or term teachers of the Halifax County Local only. Please note: NSTU Professional Development Day (October Conference) and credit courses are not funded by this grant. For such funding, go to HRCE Internal Sharepoint for more information.

**Deadline:** Last Friday of each month – August to June

**Halifax County Local Reserve Conference Funding** Amount: Up to \$200

For substitute teachers who must be an Active Reserve Member through provincial NSTU. Members can use to attend a conference, workshop, seminar, clinic, symposium, institute or other approved PD opportunity including October conference. Once every 2 fiscal years.

**Deadline:** Last Friday of each month – August to June

**Halifax County Local C.D.A.F. (Curriculum Development Assistance Fund) Amount:** 10 projects up to \$750

This fund was initiated to financially support Halifax County teachers to develop long term project ideas that align with grade/teaching assignment. These projects must be self-sustaining and contain non-consumables. As a result of this support, students benefit from enhanced learning experiences. Once per year.

**Eligibility:** Must be a permanent, probationary or term teachers of the Halifax County Local only.

**Deadline:** Opens Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 4pm and closes October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm

**Halifax County Local Cash for Classrooms** Amount: 500 applicants up to \$100

For Halifax County members to purchase items to improve some aspect of their teaching their profession, once per year as long as the budget has the funds.

**Eligibility:** Must be a permanent, probationary or term teachers of the Halifax County Local only. Cannot have received the CDAF in the same school year. **MUST be pre-approved.**

**Deadline:** Opens Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> and closes when the limit of 500 applications is reached

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## PROVINCIAL NSTU GRANTS ([NSTU.CA](http://NSTU.CA))\*\*



**NSTU - Education Research Award** Amount: maximum of \$500

For: Active members - Educational Research Awards are provided to support, encourage, and recognize Members who engage in professional inquiry and research focused on educational inquiry. Can receive once every 3 years.

**Deadline:** Applications must be received at NSTU Central Office by 4:00pm on the first Wednesday in December.

**NSTU Full Time Study Grants** Amount: \$2,000 each

For: Full-Time Study Grants are provided to support Active members that are following a full-time program of study for the purpose of professional learning because they would not qualify for Course Grants. Can receive once every 3 years.

**Deadline:** Applications must be received at NSTU Central Office by 4:00pm on the second Wednesday in April.

**NSTU Conference Grants** Amount: maximum of \$600

For: Conference Grants (excluding October Conference) are provided to support members wishing to attend conferences for the purpose of professional learning. Can receive once every 2 years.

**Deadline:** Applications must be received at NSTU Central Office by 4:00pm on the first Wednesday in October and May

**NSTU Travel Fellowship (Sponsored by Belair Direct Insurance)** Amount: Fund total is \$3,000 and applicants can receive a maximum of \$500

For: members attending seminars, workshops or conferences during July or August. Can receive once every 3 years.

**Deadline: Applications must be received at NSTU Central Office by 4:00pm on the first Wednesday in May**

**NSTU PDAF (Program Development Assistance Fund)** Amount: Fund total is \$200,000 and up to \$5,000/project PDAF is intended to encourage innovative ideas at the local school level which significantly and directly enhance the delivery of programs and services to students. Innovation may include, but is not limited to, taking an established curriculum practice or program and using this in a new and unique way. Applicants must be active NSTU members and teaching in the current school year. Teachers are eligible to submit one PDAF application per school year.

**Deadline: Applications must be received at NSTU Central Office by 4:00pm on the first day of February, April, June, August, October and December**

**NSTU John Huntley Internship** Amount: 2 substitute days

*A few days in the life of your Union.* This internship enables 18 teachers per year to spend two days at the provincial office connecting with executive and professional services staff to learn more about programs, services, structure, benefits, responsibilities of the NSTU.

Selection: Interns are chosen by region, depending on applications.

**Deadline: Applications must be received at NSTU Central Office by 4:00pm October 1, February 1, April 1**

**NSTU Sheonorail Foundation** Amount: \$2000

Grants may be awarded to anti-violence programs that have a direct and immediate impact on classrooms, students, teachers, staff and community.

**Deadline: Applications must be received at NSTU Central Office by 4:00pm on the 2nd Friday of November and April**

**Teaching Together (formally Project Overseas):** Amount: Travel and basic living expenses are covered

The NSTU sponsors two active members to collaborate with colleagues in developing countries to improve teaching and learning. This is done in an economically emerging country where the member co-plans and co-delivers professional learning for local teachers.

**Deadline: The last Friday in November**

## **NSTU Group Insurance (nstuinsurance.ca)\*\***

**EDU Wellness Grant** Amount: maximum \$1500/grant for a total of 10 grants

The NSTU Group Insurance Trustees will fund projects that support the mental health and well-being of plan members. EDUWellness grants have been established to support initiatives that promote the well-being of our plan members in an effort to

recognize the tremendous work and efforts put in by members every day. Must be a permanent, probationary or term teacher and can receive every 3 years. **\*Aussi disponible en français.**

**Deadline: January 15**



**Student Mental Health & Wellness Grant** Amount \$600/grant

The Student Mental Health and Wellness Grant is to support initiatives that promote the mental health and well-being of students and programs in classrooms, schools or communities. Must be a permanent, probationary or term teacher and can receive every 2 years.

**Deadline: October 15**

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## **ARTICLE 60- HRCE REGIONAL GRANTS (SHAREPOINT)\*\***

FYI: "Article 60" refers to an article in the Regional Agreement where the funds are looked after by a team of 8 members: 4 from HRCE and 4 from the Regional NSTU.



**Halifax**

Regional Centre for Education

**Article 60 NSTU Professional Association Conference Day Grant** Amount: depends on number of applicants

This grant will reimburse a portion of the registration fee for October Conference Day. Once a year.

**Deadline: Electronically to HRCE by November 14, 4:00 pm**

**Article 60 Conference Grant** Amount: Up to 6 substitute days every year (only 3 per conference)  
Up to \$1,800 every 2nd fiscal year (April 1 - March 31)

To allow members the opportunity to attend conferences and other PD opportunities including workshops, seminars, modules, clinics, symposia and institutes.

Deadline: Apply **prior** to conference (must have pre-approval), conference must be a minimum of 10 days after committee meeting date (first Wednesday of each month). **Deadlines for applications are 4:00 pm on Sept 3, Sept 24, Oct 29, Nov 26, Jan 7, Jan 28, Feb 25, Mar 25, April 29\*, May 27, 2026\*** (\*Applications for conferences ending April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027 will be accepted beginning in January 2026)

**Article 60 PD (Course) Grants** Amount: depends on # of applicants. Eligible up to \$1,200 for half credit courses, \$2,000 for full or non-credit courses

Eligibility: Courses must be related to current or reasonably anticipated teaching assignment

Applicants are encouraged to seek pre-approval, but it is not mandatory.

\*\*There are several steps to this - ensure step is completed to be eligible

\*\*The member has to be actively working for the entire duration of the course - ineligible if on education leave, deferred salary or similar for any portion of the course.

**Deadlines:**

<b>Course Completed During the Following Dates</b>	<b>Deadline Date</b> <b>No later than 4pm</b>
April 1 2025 – June 30, 2025	July 31, 2025
July 1, 2025 – September 30, 2025	October 31, 2025
October 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025	January 30, 2026
January 1, 2026 – March 31, 2026	April 30, 2026
April 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026	July 31, 2026

**Article 60 Full Year Education Leave** Amount: 1 year's salary / 195 substitute days

Eligibility: Minimum 5 years of service with HRCE, hold a permanent contract, must take full course load (5 courses (Sept.-Dec.), 5 courses (Jan.-Apr.) and 2 courses (May-June)), from September 1 - June 30 (Not end of April or End of May - this is "Less Than One Year").

**Deadline: 4pm February 13, 2026.** Double check guidelines on HRCE Sharepoint.

**Article 60 Education Leave - Less Than One Year** Amount: Salary / substitute days while on leave

Eligibility: Minimum 3 years of service with HRCE, hold a permanent contract, must be on full course load during the time of leave. For example, 5 courses from Sept.-Dec., or 5 courses from Jan.-Apr. or 2 courses from May-June, and more. See guidelines.

Deadline: October 3, 2025 4pm for leaves beginning in January through May 2026  
May 1, 2026 4pm for leaves beginning in September through December 2026

**Teacher or School Initiated Inservice Promotion Grant** Amount: 1 substitute day + Inservice/speaker expenses

School- or teacher-initiated Inservice education, including professional learning and mentoring. Basically, teachers organizing their own conference and who will attend. Once a year. Must take place a minimum of 30 days after the committee meeting dates (first Wednesday of each month)

**Deadline 4:00pm on Sept 3, Sept 24, Oct 29, Nov 26, Jan 7, Jan 28, Feb 25, Mar 25, April 29, May 27, 2026**

**\*\*These dates are a guide only. Members are responsible to reconfirm deadlines on the various websites. Halifax County Local is not responsible for incorrect/missed deadlines.**