

2026-27 Summary of Grants & Opportunities for NSTU Members

***This is a snapshot summary of each opportunity as of June 2026. 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)** HALIFAXCOUNTYPD@NSTU.CA



Halifax County Local Conference Fund Amount: Up to \$900 CDN

Members can use to attend a conference, workshop, seminar, clinic, symposium, institute or other approved PD opportunity. Can receive once every 2 years.

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

Deadline: Opens Monday, September 14th at 4pm and closes Friday, October 2nd 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 teacher of the Halifax County Local only. Cannot have received the CDAF in the same school year. **MUST be pre-approved.**

Deadline: Opens Friday, October 16th and closes when the limit of 500 applications is reached

PROVINCIAL NSTU GRANTS (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.

NEW

French Language Professional Development Grant Amount: \$3,500 each

A new grant to support attendance at French language conferences by Francophone members and members who teach in the French language. The NSTU shall support Members who work in French to attend the annual meeting of the Association canadienne d'éducation de langue française (ACELF) or similar professional development conference primarily delivered in the French-language. Funding shall be available up to three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500).

Applications must be received at the NSTU Central Office by 4:00pm early in May 2027

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

Provides support to Members engaged in educational travel 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 Sheonoroil Foundation

Amount: TBD

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

Deadline: The Sheonoroil Foundation is being reenvisioned and are no longer accepting grant applications at this time. Please check NSTU website for latest updates.

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. Travel is during the summer months.

Deadline: The last Friday in November

NSTU Group Insurance (nstuinsurance.ca)**

EDU Wellness Grant Amount: maximum \$1,500/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

****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.**

ARTICLE 60- HRCE GRANTS (SHAREPOINT)**



Halifax
Regional Centre for Education

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

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 13th, 4:00 pm

Article 60 Conference Grant Amount: Up to 6 substitute days every year (only 3 per conference)
Up to \$1,900 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 2, Sept 30, Oct 28, Nov 25, Jan 6, Jan 27, Feb 24, Mar 31, April 28*, May 26, 2027*** (*Applications for conferences ending April 1, 2027 – March 31, 2028 will be accepted beginning in January 2027)

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 each 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:

Course Completed During the Following Dates	Deadline Date No later than 4pm
April 1, 2026- June 30, 2026	July 31, 2026
July 1, 2026 – Sept 30, 2026	October 31, 2026
October 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026	January 31, 2027
January 1, 2027 – March 31, 2027	April 30, 2027

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 12, 2027. 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 2, 2026 4pm for leaves beginning in January through May 2027

April 30, 2027 4pm for leaves beginning in September through December 2027

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. Teachers organize 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 2, Sept 30, Oct 28, Nov 25, Jan 6, Jan 27, Feb 24, Mar 31, April 28, May 26, 2027