



Kawartha Lake Stewards Association

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KLSA Graduate Scholarship

Background

An important part of the Kawartha Lake Stewards Association's mission is support of research on the Kawartha Lakes. To support this, an annual scholarship of \$3,000 was established by the KLSA Board in August 2025.

Application Procedure

Applications are welcome from graduate students fulfilling the criteria for application (see below) between 15 October 2025 and 31 January 2026.

1. Criteria for application

- Students enrolled in a Masters or Doctoral, thesis-based graduate program
- Students able to receive income in Canada
- Research in the graduate program is primarily focused on lakes, streams, and wetlands in the Kawartha Lakes region

2. Application submission – the following documents (all in pdf format) must be submitted to klsa@klsa.info on or before 31 January 2026:

- A covering letter from the applicant to the "KLSA Scholarship Committee"
- introducing the applicant to the committee and explaining why they feel they deserve the KLSA Scholarship
- A current cv which documents all relevant academic and work experience as well as awards, publications, and presentations
- Official transcripts from all post-secondary programs documenting either completed programs or programs in progress
- Two letters of reference on institutional letterhead, one of which is from the student's current thesis supervisor, sent directly from the referee to klsa@klsa.info

3. Award decision - All applicants, including the award winner, will be notified of the results by 30 April 2026. The scholarship winner will be announced publicly at the KLSA Spring Meeting in May 2026.

4. Report of the award winner to KLSA - The scholarship holder will give a brief report on their work at the KLSA Fall Public Meeting in September 2026 and an article for the 2026 KLSA Annual Water Quality Report (due February 2027).