

The **MDS Canada Service Scholarship** was established to encourage post-secondary students to serve with MDS, while also offering financial support for their education.

A total of up to eight scholarships are available each year to students enrolled at the following schools: Canadian Mennonite University (CMU), Columbia Bible College (CBC), Conrad Grebel University College, Steinbach Bible College (SBC).

Scholarship amounts – CMU, CBC, SBC students - tuition only (no extra fees) for four three-credit hour courses. Conrad Grebel students - \$4500 flat rate per scholarship.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Students must meet the MDS criteria for long-term volunteers. This includes being at least 19 years old, a Christian, willing to abide by MDS Core Values and affirm the Mennonite World Conference Statement of Shared Convictions while serving with MDS.
- Must be a full-time student in a degree program.
- Must be in good academic standing with their school.
- Must be eligible to volunteer at both Canadian and US projects. (MDS does not provide assistance with visas.)

Evaluation Criteria:

- MDS is looking for students who are service-oriented, self-motivated, flexible, willing to work with a team, willing to do hard physical work, and are aligned with MDS values.

Application process:

- Submit MDS Service Scholarship application by **January 31** to the contact listed on your school's website. For Conrad Grebel students, submit application to Rose Klassen (Volunteer Manager) at rklassen@mds.org
- Selected applicants will be invited for interviews (via zoom or in-person) and may be asked for two references (including one from a professor or staff person at their school).
- Scholarships will be offered by March 15. Applicants who are wait-listed or are not offered scholarships will also be notified by March 15.
- Placement dates/location will be arranged as soon as possible after offers are accepted.

Requirements if accepted:

- Complete at least four weeks of service with MDS.
- Submit a 500-word reflection on the experience of serving with MDS.

MDS provides:

- Travel to and from the project (plane ticket, or gas and hotel reimbursement if travelling by vehicle; food is not covered during travel).
- Accommodation and meals while on project.
- Tools and safety equipment while on project.

Note – Volunteers are responsible for their own medical/travel insurance.

MDS Canada Mission & Vision

Vision: *We strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those affected by disasters.*

Mission: *We respond to disasters, rebuild homes, and restore hope by organizing and empowering volunteers in the U.S. and Canada.*

Core Values

Faith in Action – we believe in and practice a life of service and proclamation founded on the Bible and modeled after the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

Caring Relationships – we engage all disaster survivors, volunteers and partners with mutual respect, humility, and accountability.

Working Together – we intentionally work with one another inside MDS and with partner organizations.

Shared Convictions

MDS Canada grows out of an Anabaptist/Mennonite perspective of peace, justice, and service. We believe in following Christ daily in life through service to others. We accept and support the Mennonite World Conference Statement of [Shared Convictions](#).