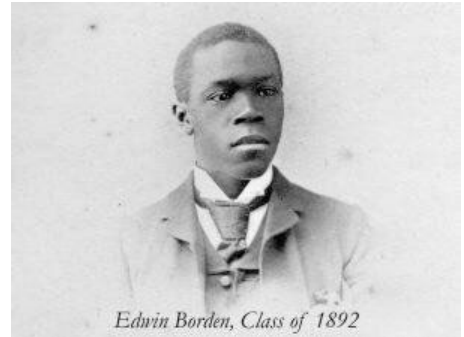


THE EDWIN BORDEN AWARDS
APPLICATION FORM

THE EDWIN BORDEN AWARDS are awarded to (an) entering Black Nova Scotian student(s) in recognition of an exceptional engagement within the community, excellent leadership among Black Nova Scotian students. Awards will be made based on applications to be reviewed by committee.



Two awards are available in the 2025-2026 academic year and renewable for a total of four years.

Valued: \$3500 annually

STUDENT NAME: _____

ACADIA APPLICANT NUMBER: _____

Edwin Borden Awards. Named in honour of Edwin Borden, an Acadia alumnus who was one of the first Black individuals in Canada to be granted a Bachelor's degree (1892) and a Master's degree (1896), these awards will recognize community engagement and leadership among Black Acadia students. Borden was from Truro NS, and went on to earn a Ph.D. and to a distinguished career as a church leader and college president in the United States.

Please include:

1. This completed form.
2. A descriptive essay or make a creative piece/ video. These are the prompts to choose from:
 - Tell about a time in your life where you faced an obstacle. Describe how you overcame this struggle. What have you learned about yourself based on the experience? What new skills have you learned? What would you improve with more time?
 - Create a meaningful art piece (painting, poem, drawing, sewing piece etc.). In an essay or video describe and explain the meaning and significance of the piece

and the impact it has had on your life. Please be sure to include photos or a video of the piece.

- In an essay or video, provide two examples of your meaningful work in the community/ church /school. Please describe the initiatives, and how they were impactful in the community. What skills did you learn from these opportunities? How do you think these skills align with the values of Acadia University?

Video Requirements

- 4 – 6 minutes in length.
- Ensure good video and audio.
- Have a professional background with no noisy or disruptive background.
- Creativity is strongly encouraged.
- Post the video as unlisted on YouTube.

3. A curriculum vitae | Resume

4. Two references (at least one of which must be academic)

Please be sure that you have included these four items:

- **This completed form.**
- **A descriptive essay or a creative piece/video.**
- **A curriculum vitae/Resume**
- **Two references (at least one of which must be academic).**

Completed application packages are due on March 1, 2025 to:

financial.aid@acadiau.ca