



# WANDA ROBSON SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is named in honour of Wanda Robson, a worthy African Nova Scotian elder. Born in Halifax, Ms. Robson was a single mother who worked hard to raise her family. In 2004, at the age of 76, she graduated from Cape Breton University with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Ms. Robson has become known as the younger sister of Viola Desmond, a woman who challenged the practice of racial segregation in a New Glasgow, Nova Scotia movie theatre in 1946. The struggle Viola fought was a tough one, and like her sister, Ms. Robson has faced similar struggles for racial equality in Canada. But, she like so many others, has overcome the hardships associated with racial discrimination and has achieved much success in her life, doing so with pride and enthusiasm.

One thing that can be said about Ms. Robson is that she is determined. It is that determination and grit that led her to initiate public awareness about her sister's arrest in 1946. This effort resulted in the Nova Scotia Legislature enacting an unprecedented Mercy Free Pardon for Viola Desmond in 2010. That same year, the town of New Glasgow installed a commemorative plaque in honour of Viola.

Ms. Robson is a true inspiration and an example of making the most of life's circumstances and turning them around into something positive and meaningful. She has become an active spokesperson for the African Nova Scotia community, giving dozens of talks at schools and community events throughout the province and on CBC Radio. Ms. Robson also launched a book in 2010, *Sister to Courage*, which recounts her own life. She holds an honorary doctorate of Letters from Cape Breton University.

Deadline for applications: **July 31, 2021**  
Email applications to [awards@cbu.ca](mailto:awards@cbu.ca).



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Value: **\$3,000**

### **Applicants must:**

- Identify as African Nova Scotian.
- Be a Canadian citizen, or permanent resident of Canada whose parent(s) is/are of African descent, reside in Nova Scotia, and attended high school in Nova Scotia.
- Enroll part-time or full-time in an undergraduate or postgraduate program.
- Have and maintain a minimum average of 70% in the most recent evaluations.

### **To apply, submit:**

- A completed Wanda Robson Scholarship application form (see next page).
- A 500-word essay outlining leadership qualities through community involvement, student activities, or athletics. Also outline your professional goals and indicate how this scholarship can support your efforts to advance your personal and academic development.
- A copy of your resume.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

CBU ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you identify as an African Nova Scotian Student:  Yes  No

Please make sure you:

- Submit the completed application form
- Identifying as African Nova Scotian.
- Submit a copy of your 500-word essay
- Submit a copy of your resume.

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