Applicants for the Gates Cambridge Scholarship must first apply directly to a specific graduate program at the University of Cambridge. Graduate programs review applicants, and send forward their top candidates to the Gates Cambridge Foundation.

A completed application to the University of Cambridge includes:

- Application form
- 2 academic letters of reference
- Transcripts
- Any additional materials required by the specific graduate program to which you are applying

In addition, applicants must submit the following materials through the same application system:

- 1 personal reference
- Gates Cambridge Personal Statement

**Recommended Application Timeline: U.S. Students**

1. Schedule a consultation with a NS&FP advisor  
   Spring 2017
2. Begin drafting Personal Statement  
   Summer 2017
3. Register and begin online application  
   Early September 2017
4. Request letters of reference  
   Early September 2017
5. Request transcripts  
   Early September 2017
6. Revise Personal Statement  
   Summer to Mid-October 2017
7. Follow up with recommenders  
   Early October 2017
8. Application deadline  
   October 11, 2017
9. Supporting documents and references deadline  
   14 days after submitting application

**Next steps:** Finalists are notified in late December. Interviews are conducted in late January. Scholarship offers are made in early February.

**Recommended Application Timeline: International Students**

1. Schedule a consultation with a NS&FP advisor  
   Spring 2017
2. Begin drafting Personal Statement  
   Summer 2017
3. Application available  
   Early September 2017
4. Request letters of reference  
   Early September 2017
5. Request transcripts  
   Early September 2017
6. Revise Personal Statement  
   Summer to November 2017
7. Follow up with recommenders  
   November 2017
8. Application deadline  
   December 2017 or January 2018  
   (depends on course – see web site)
9. Supporting documents and references deadline  
   14 days after submitting application

**Next steps:** Finalists are notified in early March. Interviews are conducted in late March. Scholarship offers are made in late March/ early April.

Contact the National Scholarships & Fellowships Program Office:  
Dr. Megan Friddle, Director  
http://nationalawards.college.emory.edu/