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 2016
2. Begin drafting Personal Statement  
   Summer 2016
3. Register and begin online application  
   Early September 2016
4. Request letters of reference  
   Early September 2016
5. Request transcripts  
   Early September 2016
6. Revise Personal Statement  
   Summer to Mid-October 2016
7. Follow up with recommenders  
   Early October 2016
8. Application deadline  
   October 12, 2016
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 2016
2. Begin drafting Personal Statement  
   Summer 2016
3. Application available  
   Early September 2016
4. Request letters of reference  
   Early September 2016
5. Request transcripts  
   Early September 2016
6. Revise Personal Statement  
   Summer to November 2016
7. Follow up with recommenders  
   November 2016
8. Application deadline  
   December 7, 2016
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.

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