

## Objective

To encourage Canadian students with permanent disabilities to pursue university studies with the ultimate objective of obtaining a first undergraduate degree. Member institutions may only submit one nomination. A list of member universities is available [here](#).

## Number, Value and Duration of Scholarships

Up to four (4) scholarships at the bachelor level, distributed as follows:

- 1 in the category of *Physical Disability*;
- 1 in the category of *Sensory Disability*;
- 2 in any of the following categories: *Physical Disability*, *Sensory Disability*, *Mental Health Disability* and *Learning Disability*

These scholarships are valued at \$2,000 CAD, tenable for one academic year.

Please refer to the following definitions of each disability listed above.

**Physical Disability:** There are many types and degrees of physical disabilities, and while people who use mobility aids like wheelchairs, scooters, crutches or canes are most recognizable, it is important to consider that not all people with physical disabilities require a mobility device. People who have arthritis, heart or lung conditions or amputations may also have difficulty with stamina, moving, standing, sitting or the ability to reach or grasp.

**Sensory Disability:** These include vision loss, deafness and hearing loss, and speech disabilities.

**Mental Health Disability:** A disability which refers to a number of mental health disorders, such as major depressive disorder, generalized anxiety disorder, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia. The impact of a disorder in the academic setting will be, for the most part, unique to the individual. Mental illness is a disturbance in thoughts

can take many forms, just as physical illness does. Mental illnesses include schizophrenia, mood disorders (such as depression and bipolar disorder), anxiety disorders, personality disorders, and eating disorders.

**Learning Disability:** A neurologically-based, specific impairment in information processing in the presence of *at least* average cognitive ability, which results in unexpected academic under-achievement, or academic achievement that is maintained only by unusually high levels of effort and support. It affects the acquisition, organization, retention, understanding or use of verbal or non-verbal information, which in turn affects

## Eligibility

Eligible applicants must:

- Be Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada;
  - Be diagnosed with a permanent disability which is documented and is the primary disability for which they are applying\*;
  - Be in full time studies;
  - Have second or third year standing in a first bachelor degree program in September 2018;
  - Have a minimum cumulative average of 80% (or equivalent) over the last 3 terms of available marks\*\*.
- Non-academic courses such as career or personal development related courses will not be considered.

\*A permanent disability is a permanent functional limitation resulting from physical, sensory or mental health impairment or a learning disability which affects the ability of the student to perform the activities necessary to participate fully in postsecondary learning. Please refer to the definitions above of each disability.

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college admissions and financial aid officers from across the country. There is enormous diversity amongst the applicants for this scholarship program. The applicants come from different geographical regions and have reached various levels of studies



## Application Process

It is important that the individual who completes and submits the application (the applicant) is the individual who, if successful, will be the student receiving the scholarship. The applicant is considered as the owner of the

