

*The right to learn, the power to achieve!
Le droit d'apprendre, la possibilité de réussir!*

THE CAROL THOMSON MEMORIAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

- PURPOSE:** To encourage students with learning disabilities to pursue a program of study at a Canadian public college, private college or undergraduate university program.
- FIELDS OF STUDY:** In any program of study at a Canadian public college, private college or undergraduate university program.
- ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS:** Any Canadian public college, private college or undergraduate university program.
- VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP:** The scholarship is valued at \$1,000.00.
- NUMBER:** One scholarship will be awarded annually.
- DEADLINE:** Completed applications as well as all supporting documents must be received by the Learning Disabilities Association of Canada **postmarked no later than May 15**.
- DURATION:** One academic year (September to September) on a full-time or part-time basis as defined by the educational institution, in the year of the application. The recipient of the scholarship will not be eligible to re-apply for three years.
- CRITERIA:** Candidates **must be diagnosed with a documented learning disability which is the primary disability**. A letter from a doctor, teacher, principal or service provider, must be one of the three letters of reference, confirming the diagnosis and information about the learning disability, date of diagnosis and services received for the learning disability.
- Note:** LDAC does not recognize ADHD as a learning disability. Candidates must provide a letter from a teacher/principal, doctor or psychologist confirming the diagnosis of a learning disability based on LDAC's official definition of LD found on its website (www.ldac-acta.ca)
- Candidates must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents who have lived in Canada for at least two years as permanent residents.

Please do not send confidential copies of your private psychological assessment or IEP. They will not be read and will be shredded.

Two other letters of reference are required from people who have known the applicant for a minimum of one year. Letters of reference from relatives will not be admissible. The three letters of reference must be received no later than May 15.

In addition, the applicant must complete the original form and submit it along with a 200 word outline (alternative format accepted) of:

1. a description of his/her learning disability;
2. how it impacts on his/her daily life;
3. an outline of coping skills and strategies used at school and at home to compensate for the learning disability;
4. any extracurricular activities, and/or community involvement as a volunteer and/or employment experience;
5. his/her future goals.

**PROGRAM
ADMINISTRATION:**

The scholarship program is administered by the Learning Disabilities Association of Canada (LDAC). The Selection Committee is made up of members from the LDAC Board of Directors, donors and the founder of the scholarship.

OBLIGATION OF WINNERS:

The scholarship winner, notified by August 31, must submit confirmation of registration to the educational institution to LDAC.

The recipient must provide LDAC with his/her Social Insurance Number in order to be issued a T4A slip.

The scholarship winner must provide a picture and a brief biography and consent to having both appear in the LDAC newsletter '*National*' as well as on its websites.

PAYMENT OF AWARD

Upon receipt of all required documentation, LDAC will forward the cheque directly to the recipient. As scholarships are considered income, LDAC will issue the relevant T4A slip for income tax declaration purposes.

**APPLICATION FORMS AND
FURTHER INFORMATION**

Application forms may be obtained at:
Learning Disabilities Association of Canada
Email: info@ldac-acta.ca www.ldac-acta.ca
Toll free: 1-877-238-5332 Telephone: (613) 238-5721

Application Forms are also available in French