

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

THE DONALD CUMMINGS APPRENTICESHIP AND INDUSTRY TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

- PURPOSE:** To encourage Canadians with learning disabilities to pursue an apprenticeship or occupational training programs for a career in the trades area. The Donald Cummings Apprenticeship and Industry Training Scholarship for Students with Learning Disabilities is designed to recognize trainees with a learning disability in a trade, or in a designated occupation.
- FIELDS OF STUDY:** A desire for a career in trades and technical training, open to students registered full-time as an apprentice in a program of 6 months or longer.
- VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP:** The scholarship is valued at \$500.00.
- NUMBER:** One scholarship will be awarded annually.
- SELECTON PROCEDURE:** Selection of the scholarship recipient is made by a committee established by the Learning Disabilities Association of Canada (LDAC). Selection is based on employer recommendations, general attitude and commitment to the industry demonstrated through written description of career interests and goals, and meeting the conditions of the eligibility criteria.
- CRITERIA:**
1. A completed application form must be filled out with all the necessary information.
 2. Candidates must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents who have lived in Canada for at least two years. Proof of residency documents must be included.
 3. Candidates must be registered as an apprentice in a trade in their province/territory.
 4. Candidates must have at least one or more periods of technical training remaining in their program.
 5. Candidates **must be diagnosed with a documented learning disability which is the primary disability**. A reference 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.

6. The Employer Recommendation Form **must be completed** and attached to the application or mailed separately postmarked no later than May 15.
7. Candidates must provide a 200 word outline (alternative format accepted) of:
 - their career interest and goals
 - a description of his/her learning disability;
 - how it impacts on his/her daily life;
 - an outline of coping skills and strategies used in their trade training to compensate for the learning disability.

Note: ADD/ADHD alone is not considered a learning disability. Eligible candidates with ADD/ADHD must also provide a letter from a teacher/principal, doctor or psychologist confirming the diagnosis of a specific learning disability. Please do not send confidential copies of your private psychological assessment or IEP. They will not be read and will be shredded.

OBLIGATION OF WINNERS: The scholarship money will be available to the recipient when their attendance at the next period of technical training is confirmed.

The recipient must provide LDAC with their Social Insurance Number in order to be issued their T4A slip for income tax declaration purposes.

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

**APPLICATION FORMS AND
FURTHER INFORMATION**

Application forms may be obtained from the:
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