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Learning Disabilities Association of Canada

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

## THE JOANNA TOWNSEND APPLIED ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

- PURPOSE:** Awarded to a student with learning disabilities who demonstrates an interest in pursuing a Canadian education and/or career in any of the various applied arts programs including the performance of music (instrumental or vocal), drama, dance and the creativity of visual art such as fine art (sculpture, painting), illustrations, including animation, film and graphic design.
- FIELDS OF STUDY:** In any applied art program of study, at a Canadian public/private college or undergraduate program at a university.
- ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS:** Any Canadian private/public college, or Canadian university.
- 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**.
- 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 learning disabilities found on its website. ([www.ldac-acta.ca](http://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.

Candidates must arrange to have the following documents sent to the above address:

1. 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;
2. a second letter of reference is required from a teacher outlining the student's talents in the art area;
3. a third letter of reference is required from a person who has known the applicant from a minimum of one year;
4. 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:

- a) a description of his/her learning disability;
- b) how his/her creative art has been influenced by his/her learning disability
- c) his/her involvement as a volunteer and/or employment experience in the art world;
- d) his/her career goals as it pertains to his/her art program.

**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  
INFORMATION**

Application forms may be obtained at:

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**Application forms are also available in French.**