Helping Kids with Physical Disabilities Succeed

TD Scholarship for Easter Seals Youth

History:

The TD Scholarship for Easter Seals Youth Fund was established with the TD Bank Group in 2013.

Purpose & Objectives:

The purpose of the TD Scholarship for Easter Seals Youth is to assist young adults with **physical disabilities** in Ontario with the cost of post-secondary education or vocational training, including special needs such as attendant care, adaptive equipment, and accessible transportation.

This purpose was achieved by establishing a scholarship fund in 2013. The fund will award scholarships up to $5,000 or be divided to award a lower amount for several students with physical disabilities at a post-secondary educational facility, i.e. university or community college. Successful applicants who remain in good academic standing will be eligible to re-apply annually.

Application Process:

Scholarship candidates will be reviewed, qualified and the successful candidate(s) will be selected by the Scholarship Selection Committee of Easter Seals Ontario. Candidates will be given consideration based on the following criteria:

- Be an Ontario resident
- Have a physical disability which restricts their physical activities;
- Registered for post-secondary education;
- Demonstrate consistent level of scholastic achievement throughout their secondary school or post secondary curriculum. Applicant must have achieved a minimum grade point average of 75% or equivalent for consideration;
- Participation in extra curricular activities;
- Served as a model and inspiration to fellow students;
- Have applied for alternate financial assistance and still require assistance.

Supporting Documentation:

The following documentation must be submitted with your completed application form:

- A typed, one page letter from you in which you have outlined your qualifications for the award, including area of study, scholastic achievement, extra curricular involvement, leadership, and initiative.
- A copy of your secondary and if applicable, post-secondary transcripts;
- Any interim marks that are available before the deadline date. To be considered valid, interim marks must be submitted on school letterhead and authorized by a school official; and,
- Proof of application to applicable alternate sources of financial assistance.
- If not a registered client or previously registered client of Easter Seals Ontario, please include a current letter from a medical physician outlining your physical disability.

In addition, **AT A MINIMUM**, you must ensure that the following references are also submitted by the deadline date:

- An academic reference from your secondary school principal or a current post-secondary institution professor; and
- A current personal reference from an individual who is familiar with your current extra-curricular activities and outstanding characteristics. The letter can not be written by a family member.

Please note: all reference letters must be signed, dated and where appropriate provided on official letterhead.

A Social Insurance number (SIN) is requested for Easter Seals Ontario to issue a T4A statement for income tax purposes.

The successful recipient will be expected to thank the benefactors. Funds will not be paid to the successful recipient until the thank you letter and confirmation of enrollment are received. Letters must be received within 2 months of being notified they are the successful recipients.

Funding is awarded for the upcoming school year commencing in September 2017.

If you are applying for more than one scholarship, an application for each scholarship must be completed but only one set of supporting documentation is required.

The application form and all supporting documentation must be received by **May 5, 2017** to:

TD Scholarship Selection Committee
c/o Tina Shier
Director, Provincial Services
Easter Seals Ontario
One Concorde Gate
Suite 700
Toronto, ON M3C 3N6

Please remember to review the application form to ensure all information and supporting letters/documentation are provided. **If any information is missing, the application will not be reviewed.** Ensure you keep a copy of the completed form for your files.

If you have any questions, please call Tina Shier at Easter Seals Ontario (416) 421-8778 Ext. 355 or toll free 1-800-668-6252 or e-mail: scholarships@easterseals.org.

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Application for the TD Scholarship for Easter Seals Youth

Surname: _____ **Given Name:** _____

Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address:_____

City: _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Telephone: (___)_____ **Your Email:** _____

Registered with Easter Seals Ontario: **Yes:** ____ **No:** ____

Previous Recipient of Easter Seals Scholarship: No: ___ **Yes:** ___

Name of Scholarship & year awarded: _____

Social Insurance Number: _____

Name of Secondary School	**Month/Year Attended**	**Graduated?**
	_____	***Yes*** __ ***No***__

Proposed Education/Training Program (if in secondary school):

Program/Course Name and Brief Description:

_____

_____

_____

Name of College/University/Institution:

_____

Length of program/course: _____ Years to Graduation:_____

Have you been accepted: Yes: ____ No: _____

Course Commences (dd/mm/yy): _____/ _____/ _____

If attending University or College:

Name of University or College: _____

Qualification/Degree on successful completion: _____

What year will you be entering in Fall 2017: _____

Years to Graduation: _____

Have you applied to other organizations for funding? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, what organization(s) _____

Amount requested: $ _____ Confirmed? Yes ☐ No ☐

Have you or will you be applying for OSAP? Yes ☐ No ☐

Personal funds you intend to contribute: $ _____

Costs to be incurred

Item	Estimated Costs
Tuition Fees	
Books	
Transportation	
Accommodation(if required)	
Student Activity Fees	
Other(Please specify)	
TOTAL COST	

Amount of assistance requested from Easter Seals Ontario

Item	Amount
Tuition Fees	
Books	
Transportation	
Accommodation(if required)	
Student Activity Fees	
Other(Please specify)	
TOTAL COST	

I certify that the information provided in the application is true, correct, and complete to the best of my ability.

_____ _____

Signature of Applicant Date

If you are a successful scholarship recipient, do you give permission for Easter Seals Ontario to share your application letter with the scholarship donor. Yes:____ No: ____

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