

## PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The Mattinson Endowment Fund is pleased to offer scholarships to encourage Canadian students with permanent disabilities to pursue university studies with the ultimate objective of obtaining a first undergraduate degree.

**Here's what you need to know.**

### **NUMBER, VALUE, AND DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

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Four scholarships, valued at \$2000 Canadian for one year, are available to eligible students living with permanent disabilities. Scholarships are available for bachelor's degree programs and awarded as follows:

- One scholarship in the category of Physical Disability.
- One scholarship in the category of Sensory Disability.
- One scholarship in the category of Mental Health Disability.
- One scholarship in the category of Learning Disability.

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

**Persons with disabilities** include those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual, or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others. (UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities).

**Physical Disability:** A physical disability is a limitation on a person's physical functioning, mobility, dexterity, or stamina. Other physical disabilities include impairments which limit other facets of daily living. Persons with physical impairment disabilities often use assistive devices or mobility aids such as crutches, canes, wheelchairs, and artificial limbs to obtain mobility.

**Sensory Disability:** A sensory disability involves the disability related to vision, hearing and speech that limits access to visual or auditory content and affects the learning process.

**Mental Health Disability:** A mental health disability includes alterations in thinking, mood or behavior (or some combination thereof) associated with significant distress and impaired functioning over an extended period of time. Mental illness is a disturbance in thoughts and emotions that may decrease a person's capacity to cope with the challenges of everyday life. Mental illnesses include schizophrenia, mood disorders (such as depression and bipolar disorder), anxiety disorders, personality disorders, and eating disorders.

**Learning Disability:** A learning disability is 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 performance in reading, writing or math, and in some cases, social and organizational skills.

## ELIGIBILITY

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You are eligible if you:

- Are a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada.
- Have been diagnosed with a permanent disability which is documented and is the primary disability for which you are applying.
- Are continuing full-time studies in your first bachelor's degree program.
  - Students with a permanent disability who are on a reduced course load are considered as full-time students for the purpose of this scholarship application, so long as the student is considered full time by their institution.
- Are enrolled in your second or third standing year of studies during the 2024-2025 academic year.
- Have a minimum cumulative average of 70% or equivalent over the last three terms of available marks (Non-academic courses, such as career or personal development related courses, will not be considered.)

## ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS

You can study at Canadian educational institutions that have recognized degree granting powers or their affiliates (e.g., universities).

## FIELDS OF STUDY/PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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Your program of study can be in any field or discipline, lasting at least three years. University preparatory programs such as CEGEP pre-university diplomas are not eligible. Depending on the curriculum, an applied bachelor program may be considered either as a university level program or a college level program.

## CONDITIONS/RESTRICTIONS

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- If you start post-secondary studies in January, you are eligible for the summer competition of the same year.
- If you previously held a Mattinson Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities, you are eligible to apply if you meet the above criteria.
- The Mattinson Endowment Fund retains the right to change or end the sponsorship of the scholarship plan without notice.

## HOW TO APPLY?

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To apply for the scholarship, please submit an online application no later than **June 5, 2024, at 1:00 PM EST**, by visiting <https://portal.scholarshippartners.ca>.

Remember, the application must be completed and submitted by you and not by your parent or guardian. If you have questions, please contact SPC at

[https://portal.scholarshippartners.ca/ex/ex\\_Apppage.jsp?token=Hw8lTR0GYV1QShNR&lang=1](https://portal.scholarshippartners.ca/ex/ex_Apppage.jsp?token=Hw8lTR0GYV1QShNR&lang=1).

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- Endorsement form completed by a representative of your university's disabilities' center.
- Both an academic and an extracurricular reference form completed by someone not related to you.
- Transcripts of the last three terms of available marks. Home school grades will only be accepted if they have been validated through a recognized independent evaluation process.
- And, an essay describing your volunteer/community involvement and/or extracurricular activities over the past three years.

Detailed instructions can be found in the application. Remember, your application must be complete to be evaluated, and deadline extensions will not be granted.

## **EVALUATION CRITERIA**

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Applications are assessed on academic performance; volunteer/community involvement and/or extracurricular activities; and content and relevance of reference forms.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

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A committee of Canadian university representatives, chosen by Scholarship Partners Canada (SPC) select scholarship recipients. The sponsor has no influence in the decision. The selection committee's decision is final.

All applicants will receive results of the selection process by email.

## **SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS**

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You will receive scholarship confirmation in August. When you receive your confirmation, complete the online acceptance process and submit any necessary documentation, which includes proof of registration from your educational institution.

## **SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENT**

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Payment will be made after the acceptance process and document review. It can take 6 to 8 weeks to receive payment. Funds will be sent to your bank account. The bank account must be in your name and not in your parent or guardian's name. The payment will be processed via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Only Canadian bank accounts can receive an EFT payment. Payments will be made in two installments, one for each regular academic semester.

Please make sure to pay your tuition fees within the defined time frame, regardless of the timing of scholarship payment.

You will receive a T4A receipt from SPC showing the full amount of the award paid to you during a calendar year.

We will communicate with you through your student portal account. Be sure to keep contact information up to date and to notify us of any changes.

The Mattinson Endowment Fund entrusted SPC, a division of Universities Canada, with the administration of the scholarship program. We administer over 140 scholarship programs for corporations, government agencies, and private foundations in North America and are affiliated with top companies in almost every sector of the economy. For more details, please visit [www.univcan.ca](http://www.univcan.ca).

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