



THE ME & LAU FAMILY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the ME & Lau Family Foundation (“ME” hereafter) Scholarship is to encourage and promote the attainment of higher education goals for individuals with a proven financial need in York Region. Consideration will be given to students who have demonstrated a high level of academic achievement, who have made a positive contribution to people with intellectual disabilities through involvement in extracurricular activities, and who have made significant contributions of time and energy to community services programs.

DESCRIPTION

The Scholarship will be \$1,200 (in Canadian Dollars) *to a student pursuing education in a postsecondary institution* who is selected by ME & Lau Family Foundation’s Awards/Scholarships Committee. The funder reserves the right to interview each candidate prior to making a final decision. The Scholarship is aimed to be used towards post-secondary education expenses such as tuition, books, supplies, and other related expenses. The Scholarship is awarded only in the student’s first year at a post-secondary institution and as such applications are limited to one per candidate.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

Residency

- Be a student currently in their final year of high school within York Region, and will be attending a postsecondary institution in the fall to pursue a minimum of 2 years of full-time study leading to a degree or diploma, in a public college or university within Canada.
- Successfully obtain and provide a copy of their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) within York Region.

or

- A post-secondary student studying at any post-secondary institution, that ordinarily has ties with York Region. Ties may include familial ties, or other personal ties such as a history of living within York Region.

Income

- Provide supporting documentation of family income threshold of \$135,000 or below. In the case where no parental support is provided to the student a copy of the Family Breakdown application submitted to OSAP.

Extra-curricular Involvements

- Have made a positive contribution to people with intellectual disabilities.
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SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the candidate's academic abilities, the Awards/Scholarships Committee will evaluate the candidate's positive contribution to people with intellectual disabilities in the community. Contributions to the community may be demonstrated by involvement in local clubs, activities, and organizations such as Community Living York South, Community Living Ontario, DD Community Connector, ME & Lau Family Foundation etc. Based on the statistical analysis¹, candidate with household income of \$135,000 or below in York Region may be benefited from some financial assistance in form of scholarship.

FUNDING AND PAYMENTS

All payments will be made directly to the Scholarship recipient. The recipient must provide satisfactory proof of enrollment and official timetable. Funds will be released after the withdrawal date of the recipient's postsecondary institution. Under the direction of the Awards/Scholarships Committee, Community Living York South will provide a cheque to the recipient. The donor will provide the \$1,200 annual scholarship fund to Community Living York South by April 1 of each year until this scholarship ceases to operate.

2. Financial Information

We require certain information to fully understand your financial situation. Please complete the following information as accurately as you can

Income			
			Total For Year
Personal Savings			
Expected Employment Income			
Family Contributions			
Scholarships / Bursaries (expected & received not including this Scholarship)			
Student Lona / Grant			
Other (specify any other income)			
Total (B)			

Information from Parents or Legal Guardians: If you are living with your natural parents, your father and/or mother (parent 1 and/or parent 2) must fill out this section and sign the declaration at the end of the application. If you are living with only one of your natural parents, this natural parent and his or her spouse, if any, must fill out this section and sign the declaration at the end of the application. “Father” refers to father, stepfather, legal guardian, or official sponsor. “Mother” refers to mother, stepmother, legal guardian, or official sponsor.

Enter the annual income for each parent, as reported on his or her current Canadian individual income tax return.

Father’s (parent 1) total income as indicated on line 150 of his current income tax return?	Mother’s (parent 2) total income as indicated on line 150 of her current income tax return?

If the main source of income entered above is provincial social assistance, indicate the type of assistance received:	If the main source of income entered above is provincial social assistance, indicate the type of assistance received:
Ontario Disability Support Program	Ontario Disability Support Program
Family Benefits	Family Benefits
Ontario Works	Ontario Works
Other (Specify)	Other (Specify)
Father's (parent 1) net income as indicated on line 236 of his current income tax return?	Mother's (parent 1) net income as indicated on line 236 of his current income tax return?
If father (parent 1) did not file a Canadian Income Tax Return and / or if father has any other income not reported on his return, enter the total value of all other income (e.g., non-taxable income, foreign income, lottery winnings, insurance payouts, and child support payments, etc.)	If mother (parent 2) did not file a Canadian Income Tax Return and / or if father has any other income not reported on his return, enter the total value of all other income (e.g., non-taxable income, foreign income, lottery winnings, insurance payouts, and child support payments, etc.)
What is father's (parent 1) Canada Pension Plan contribution as indicated on lines 308 and 310 of his income tax return?	What is mother's (parent 1) Canada Pension Plan contribution as indicated on lines 308 and 310 of his income tax return?
What is father's (parent 1) Employment Insurance Premiums as indicated on lines 312 of his income tax return?	What is mother's (parent 1) Employment Insurance Premiums as indicated on lines 312 of his income tax return?
What is father's (parent 1) total tax payable as indicated on line 435 of his income tax return?	What is mother's (parent 1) total tax payable as indicated on line 435 of his income tax return?

Is father (parent 1) self-employed?	Is mother (parent 2) self-employed?
What is father's (parent 1) total tax payable as indicated on line 435 of his income tax return?	What is mother's (parent 1) total tax payable as indicated on line 435 of his income tax return?

3. School Awards & Achievements (list information since Grade 9 only):

Please complete this chart, starting with this current year at the top. You may expand on any of these in your letter. (See point 8 for details)

School Year	Name of Award	Award Description

4. Non-School Awards & Achievements (list information since Grade 9 only):

School Year	Name of Award and Name of Awarding Organization	Award Description

5. Extra-Curricular Involvement (list information since Grade 9 only):

Extra-curricular commitments (in person or virtual) can include Athletics (team, recreational sports), Art, Music, Drama, Debate, Leadership Roles, Clubs, Organizations and Part-Time Employment.

School Year	Name of Activity and Your Position or Title (if any) in the Activity. (i.e., school yearbook, editor, basketball team, team captain, band conductor)	Description of Activity / Club / Association, etc., Including Time Commitment Involved.

6. Outside of School Environment (list information from Grade 9 only): The involvements can be virtual or in-person.

Date	Organization	Description of Involvement and Length of Time Involved.

7. Community Service Involvement (list information since Grade 9 only): The involvements can be virtual or in-person.

(a) Detail school related community service organized by your school in which you participate, such as volunteer work for a charitable organization / foundation, hospital, nursing home, church, religious organizations, etc.

Date	Organization	Description of Involvement and Length of Time Involved.

(b) Detail non-school related community service which you have undertaken of your own accord, such as, volunteer work for a charitable organization / foundation, hospital, nursing home, church, religious organization etc.

Date	Organization	Description of Involvement and Length of Time Involved.

8. Personal Essay OR Video

Along with this application, please include EITHER a 500 word personal essay OR a 2 minute video answering the following questions:

How will you use your post-secondary education to make a positive difference to Canadian society and to the people with intellectual disabilities?

Why are you the most suitable candidate for this Scholarship?

9. Letters of Recommendation

Applicants must provide two written letters of recommendation. These must not be written by family or friends, and it is preferable if at least one is from a current or previous teacher. In the instance where a letter of recommendation is not possible, applicants must provide two references that can be contacted for recommendation. These references cannot be family or friends and it is preferable that at least one reference is a current or previous teacher.

