



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 \$1000 (in Canadian Dollars) *to a student commencing their first year 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:

- Be a student currently in their final year of high school within York Region
 - 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
 - Have made a positive contribution to people with intellectual disabilities
 - Provide supporting documentation of family income threshold of \$110,000 or below
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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. The scholarship committee will assess the personal essay/video and letters of recommendation.

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.

APPENDIX B - APPLICATION FORM

General Information

First Name:

Initial:

Last Name:

Permanent Address:

City:

Province

Postal Code

Telephone:

Date of Birth:

Are you a Canadian Citizen: Yes or No

If not, what is your status in Canada?

What program are you enrolled in / applying for?

Where is the course / program offered? (Name of Institution & Location)

Start date of course / program: (Month & Year)

Expected Completion Date: (Month & Year)

What is the level of study?

- Diploma
 - Certificate
 - Bachelor's degree
 - Other
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2. Financial Information

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

Income	
(e.g. Personal Savings, Expected Employment Income, Family Contributions, Scholarships / Bursaries, Student Loan / Grant, or any other income.)	Total For Year
Total (B)	

Information from Parents or Legal Guardians: If you are living with your natural parents, your 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.

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

Parent 1 total income as indicated on line 15000 of his current income tax return	Parent 2 total income as indicated on line 15000 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)
Parent 1 net income as indicated on line 23600 of his current income tax return?	Parent 2 net income as indicated on line 23600 of his current income tax return?
If 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 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.)
Is parent 1 self-employed?	Is parent 2 self-employed?
What is parent 1's total tax payable as indicated on line 435 of his income tax return?	What is parent 2's total tax payable as indicated on line 435 of his income tax return?
Please include a copy of the most recent notice of assessment.	

3. School Awards & Achievements (list information for high school years 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 for high school years only):

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

5. Extra-Curricular Involvement (list information for high school years only):

Extra-curricular commitments 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 high school years only):

Date	Organization	Description of Involvement and Length of Time Involved.

7. Community Service Involvement (list information for high school years only):

(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.

DECLARATION & CONSENT

Applicants (or applicants' parents or legal guardians(s) if applicants are under the age of 18) warrant by their signature that they have read and understood the following declaration and releases:

I, _____ (applicant's name if 18 or older) or _____ (parent / legal guardian's name)

Declare the following:

- (1) That I have read and understood the rules and regulations laid out in this application.
- (2) That I have honestly and accurately completed all aspects of this application.
- (3) That the above information in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

(Applicant name)

(signature)

(date)

(Father or Parent 1's name)

(signature)

(date)

(Mother or Parent 1's name)

(signature)

(date)

The following must be completed or enclosed and submitted to Community Living York South (instructions below) no later than **September 30th, 2021** in order for this application to be considered:

- All sections of the application form; and
- Most recent transcript showing academic performance; and
- Letter of acceptance into post-secondary program (where available); and
- Copy of parents / guardians T4 slips; and
- Copy of parents / guardians CRA's Notice of Assessment; and
- Applicant's personal essay or video (usb, thumbdrive, or digital copy acceptable); and
- 2 letters of recommendation

Please email your application and accompanying documentation to Maria Evans via email at mevans@communitylivingyorksouth.ca

ⁱ See Volunteer Statistics.doc
