



Jeanette Holden Post-Secondary Education Entrance Scholarship for Siblings of Individuals with ASD - 2010

Autism Ontario is pleased to offer the Jeanette Holden Post-Secondary Entrance Scholarship to Siblings of Individuals with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). This award is named after Dr. Jeanette Holden, a sibling of an individual with ASD, in recognition of her dedication to ASD research, and her contributions to unraveling the mystery of ASD.

This annual award will be given in recognition of the role and contributions of siblings to the welfare of individuals with ASD. Each award consists of \$1000 towards the first year tuition fee. To qualify, a student must currently live in Ontario and be accepted in any level of a post-secondary institution (e.g. college, university, or post-graduate) in Canada. (If the program is outside of Canada, please explain your choice.) The successful candidate(s) will receive their award after proof of registration in first year at a post-secondary institution has been received by Autism Ontario (**NOTE:** Individuals may apply as often as they wish, but can only be a recipient once).

To apply for this scholarship, the candidate must submit by **April 30, 2010**, the following documentation to Autism Ontario, 1179A King Street West, Suite 004, Toronto, ON M6K 3C5.

1. A covering letter with;
 - a. applicant's full contact information including name, address, phone number and email address.
 - b. information on the course of study for the ensuing university/college year, and
 - c. career pathways related directly or indirectly to ASD.
(Any course of study will be considered, however some weight will be given to educational and career interests that relate to ASD.)
2. An essay (750 words maximum), from the applicant indicating:
 - a. why they should be considered for this scholarship,
 - b. description of volunteer activities (over & above the Secondary School requirements) at school and in the community,
 - c. the relationship to their sibling with ASD with evidence of commitment to supporting their sibling and others in the community,
 - d. special interests and accomplishments, etc.
3. Academic transcripts covering the last two years of study.
4. A letter of recommendation from a non-family member (e.g., friend, neighbour, teacher, minister, therapist) familiar with the applicant. Please state the relationship to the applicant. The letter should include information about applicant's personal qualities, and how they have contributed to the welfare of the sibling with ASD.
5. A copy of the letter of acceptance from a post-secondary institution.
6. A letter from a medical/psychological professional indicating the sibling's diagnosis.

Autism Ontario is committed to offering a minimum of one scholarship per annum. If Autism Ontario receives more applications than available funding, the Scholarship Committee will rate each applicant based on the following:

Criteria & Weighting:

Essay 50%

Marks/Grades 20%,

Recommendation 10%,

Academic Fields related to ASD, (directly or indirectly) 20%

Your application must be received by April 30, 2010. Applications received later than this date will not be accepted. Post Secondary registration confirmation may be submitted past the deadline if a date is included with the original application on when we could expect documentation.

For additional information - email us: mail@autismontario.com.