

## **Jeanette Holden Post-Secondary Education Scholarship for Siblings of Individuals with ASD – 2017**

Autism Ontario is pleased to offer the Jeanette Holden Post-Secondary 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 is in recognition of the role and contributions of siblings to the life of individuals with ASD. Each award consists of \$500. To qualify, a student must currently live in Ontario and be accepted in first year in any level of a post-secondary institution (e.g. college program including apprenticeships, university, post-graduate) in Canada. The successful candidate will receive their award after Autism Ontario receives proof of registration in first year of a post-secondary institution.

**NOTE: Students may apply as often as they wish as long as they are entering the first year of a post-secondary program and you can only be an Autism Ontario scholarship recipient once.**

To apply for this scholarship, the candidate must submit by **May 6, 2017**, the following documentation by mail or email.

**Mail:** Autism Ontario, 1179 King Street West, Suite 004, Toronto, ON M6K 3C5  
*Attention:* Jeanette Holden Post-Secondary Education Scholarship Committee

**Email:** [scholarships@autismontario.com](mailto:scholarships@autismontario.com)

1. A cover letter should provide:
  - a. information about future goals, career pathways related directly or indirectly to ASD
  - b. description of post-secondary course (any course of study will be considered, however some weight will be given to educational and career interests that relate to ASD)
  - c. full contact information (name, address, phone number, email address)
  - d. social security number will be required if you are awarded a scholarship (will be contacted)
2. An essay (500 words maximum) from the candidate which:
  - a. describes the relationship with their sibling with ASD with evidence of commitment to supporting their sibling and others in the community
  - b. describes volunteer activities at school and in the community over and above the Secondary School requirement
3. Academic transcripts covering the last two years of study.
4. A copy of the sibling's diagnosis from a medical/psychological professional.

5. A copy of the letter of admission/proof of enrollment (such as an early acceptance letter) from a post-secondary institution.

Autism Ontario is committed to offer three (3) scholarships this year. If Autism Ontario receives more applications than we have funding to support, the Scholarship Committee will rate each candidate based on the following:

Criteria and Weighting:

- Essay 60%
- Marks/Grades 20%
- Academic Fields related to ASD (directly or indirectly) 10%
- Special consideration 10%

Your application must be received by **May 6, 2017**. 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: [scholarships@autismontario.com](mailto:scholarships@autismontario.com)