

MacDonald Family Post-Secondary Education Scholarship for Students with a Parent with ASD – 2016



Autism Ontario is pleased to offer the MacDonald Family Post-Secondary Scholarship to students with a parent who has an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). This award is named after Carole Ann MacDonald and her family. Ms. MacDonald is the first member of the Board of Directors of Autism Ontario who has a diagnosis of ASD. She is also the mother of a child who does not have autism. This award is in recognition of students with a parent(s) with ASD to acknowledge their unique challenges within the family unit.

This annual award is in recognition of the achievements of students with a parent with ASD, regardless of whether the student has an ASD diagnosis themselves or not and whether they were raised by their parent with ASD or in the care of someone else.

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 programs including apprenticeships, university, post-graduate) in Canada. The successful candidate will receive their award after Autism Ontario receives proof of registration in first year at a post-secondary institution. **NOTE: Individuals 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, 2016**, the following documentation by mail or email.

Mail: Autism Ontario, 1179 King Street West, Suite 004, Toronto, ON M6K 3C5

Attention: *MacDonald Family Post-Secondary Education Scholarship Committee*

Email: scholarships@autismontario.com

1. A covering letter from the applicant should include:
 - a. information about future goals
 - b. description of post-secondary course
 - c. full contact information (name, address, phone number, email address)
2. A copy of your parent diagnosis of ASD from a medical/psychological professional.
3. 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 offering one scholarship this year. If Autism Ontario receives more applications than we have funding to support, a lottery will be conducted. This is in consideration and respect for these individuals who all rightly deserve support for future learning.

Your application must be received by May 6, 2016. 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