



Hollylynn Towie Scholarship Fund

Autism Ontario Durham Chapter is pleased to offer the Hollylynn Towie Scholarship Fund to students with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Hollylynn Kathleen Towie was born on January 2, 1995. Hollylynn was diagnosed with mild autism and a developmental delay. As a child, Hollylynn struggled with peers in school and in her social life. Hollylynn was never discouraged from going to school or trying to make friends. Holly's dream was to attend College after she graduated from High school. Holly's dream would never be a reality as her life came to a tragic end during a house fire on the night of April 29, 2012. Hollylynn, always saw the potential in everyone and in dedicating the Hollylynn Towie Scholarship Fund in Hollylynn's memory, her dreams will live on.

This annual award is in recognition of the achievements of students with ASD who are enrolling in a post-secondary education program, (e.g., college, university) in Canada. (If the program is outside of Canada, please explain your choice.) Each award consists up to a maximum of \$1000 towards the tuition fee. To qualify, a student with Autism must currently live within the Durham Region of Ontario. (North Durham, Pickering, Ajax, Whitby, Oshawa, Bowmanville, Clarington, Newcastle) and be accepted in a two year minimum program at a post-secondary institution in Canada. The successful candidate(s) will receive their award after proof of registration at a post-secondary institution has been received by Autism Ontario.

To apply for this scholarship, the candidate must submit the application package by **April 30, 2017**. The following documentation must be mailed to Autism Ontario C/O Hollylynn Towie Scholarship Fund 1179 King Street West, Suite 004, Toronto, ON, M6K 3C5.

1. Hollylynn Towie Application page
2. Questionnaire
3. A copy of the individual's diagnosis from a medical/psychological professional.
4. A copy of the letter of admission/proof of enrollment (such as an early acceptance letter) from a post-secondary institution.

Autism Ontario Durham Chapter is committed to offering a minimum of one scholarship per annum. If Autism Ontario Durham Chapter receives more applications than we have funding to support, a lottery will be conducted. This is in consideration and respect for those individuals who all rightly deserve support for future learning.



4) What do you hope will be different in your life if you receive these funds?

5) What are your plans after you graduate from your program?

Please mail this application along with the application package to: Autism Ontario Hollylynn Towie Scholarship Fund, 1179 King Street, West, Suite 004, Toronto, ON, M6K 3C5. A confirmation email will be sent to the email address indicated on the application once your application has been received.

**Hollylynn Towie Scholarship Fund
Fund Application ~ 2017 (submission deadline April 30, 2017)**

Required Information

Name of Applicant: _____
(First, Last)

DOB: _____

Application by: (check which applies) Individual _____ or Legal Guardian _____

Social Insurance Number: _____

Home Address (must be a Durham Region resident):

Street: _____

City/Town: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Other Cell: _____

Email address: _____

- I have enclosed a copy of proof of diagnosis for the applicant of an Autism Spectrum Disorder by a qualified diagnostician.

I understand that:

- In applying for this fund, that an Autism Ontario Committee will be reviewing this information and selecting candidates from among other eligible applicants, and that I may or may not be chosen to receive the funds available for 2017.
- The decision regarding the successful candidate is final.
- I may not apply if I do not live in Durham region.
- If I am the successful candidate, my full name will be published in Autism Ontario communications (such as social media and Autism Matters magazine).
- If I am the successful candidate, once Autism Ontario has received original receipts of paid tuition for the current year in which you applied for the scholarship you will receive a cheque in the scholarship amount.
- A T4A for scholarships greater than \$500.00 will need to be completed upon receiving the scholarship cheque.

Memorandum of Understanding
Autism Society Ontario
and
Mr. Hugh Towie

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets for the terms and understanding between the Autism Society Ontario Durham Chapter and Mr. Hugh Towie regarding the Hollylynn Towie Scholarship Fund.

Background

Hollylynn Kathleen Towie was born on January 2, 1995. Hollylynn was diagnosed with mild autism and a developmental delay. As a child, she struggled with peers in school and in her social life. Hollylynn was never discouraged from going to school or trying to make friends. Holly's dream was to attend College after she graduated from High school. Holly's dream would never be a reality as her life came to a tragic end during a house fire on the night of April 29, 2012. Hollylynn, always saw the potential in everyone and in dedicating the Hollylynn Towie Scholarship Fund in Hollylynn's memory, her dreams will live on. This annual award is in recognition of the achievements of students with ASD who are enrolling in a post-secondary education program, (e.g., college, university) in Canada

Purpose

To use funding raised by Mr. Towie and the Liverpool supporters club to:

- To distribute funds to adults who live in the Durham region
- A minimum of one scholarship will be given per annum
- Scholarships will be in the amount of \$500 - \$1,000 per year up to an amount of \$5,000.00 per year
- Scholarships will be given to individuals with ASD
- Scholarships will be given to an individual entering post secondary
- Autism Ontario will invest the additional funds into a high interest account
- Cheques will be sent to the successful individual(s)

Reporting

The Scholarship Committee will provide an annual report on successful candidates at their annual chapter meeting. Provincial Office will send an annual update of funds in the account by January 31st of every year.



Duration

This MOU is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from Autism Ontario and Mr. Hugh Towie. This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from Autism Ontario and Mr. Towie and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any one of the partners by mutual consent or until all funds are depleted.

Contact Information

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Partner representative: Margaret Spolestra

Position: Executive Director

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Partner name: Mr. Hugh Towie

Position: Father of Hollylynn Towie

Address:

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Fax

E-mail: nancyandhugh@rogers.com

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