



The Eleanor Ritchie Scholarship is awarded to autistic students. The Eleanor Ritchie Scholarship is named after Eleanor Ritchie, a longstanding member of Autism Ontario, in recognition of her dedication and support for autistic people.

Each award consists of \$500.

Who can apply:

To qualify, the candidate 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 can apply as often as they wish, provided they are in their first year of a post-secondary program. You can only receive an Autism Ontario scholarship once.

What you need to apply:

To apply for this scholarship, the candidate must submit by the following documentation online only (note that each upload may not exceed 2GB file size):

1. A cover letter, which should provide:
 - a. Information about the applicant including future goals, interests, and/ or career pathways
 - b. Description of post-secondary course and why this course was chosen.
 - c. Full contact information (name, address, phone number, and email address). Social insurance number will be required **only if** you are awarded a scholarship (you will be contacted).
2. A copy of the applicant's diagnosis 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.



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Application deadline:

Your application must be received by **April 30, 2026** to qualify for consideration.

Applications received later than this date will not be accepted. Post-secondary registration confirmation may be submitted past the deadline if a date by which Autism Ontario can expect documentation is noted in the original application.