



The Jeanette Holden Scholarship is for students who are siblings of an autistic person entering the first year of a post-secondary program. The Jeanette Holden Scholarship is named after Dr. Jeanette Holden, a sibling of an autistic person, in recognition of her dedication and contributions to autism research.

**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):

- A cover letter, which should provide:
  - Information about future goals and/ or career pathways, related directly or indirectly to autism.
  - 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 autism).
  - 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)



### What you need to apply (continued):

- Write an essay (up to 500 words) that will be judged on these three things:
  - Your area of study: Explain why you chose this area of study.
  - Your experiences: Describe how your life experiences and interests led you to this choice.
  - Your future plans: Explain how you plan to use the knowledge and skills gained from your post-secondary education in the future.
- Academic transcripts covering the last two years of study. Transcript must include the student's full name and academic institution name in addition to transcript information.
- A copy of the sibling's diagnosis from a medical/psychological professional.
- A copy of the letter of admission/proof of enrollment (such as an early acceptance letter) from a post-secondary institution.

### 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.*