



The MacDonald Family Scholarship is for students with an autistic parent who are entering their first year of a post-secondary program. The MacDonald Family scholarship is named after Carole Anne MacDonald and her family. Ms. MacDonald was the first member of the Board of Directors of Autism Ontario who has an autism diagnosis.

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):

- 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 parent's diagnosis from a medical/ psychological professional.
- A copy of the letter of admission/proof of enrolment (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.