

# Abilities Scholarship Award – Spring 2023

Presented by the Learning Disabilities Association Durham Region in partnership with the Durham District School Board

## Scholarship Award Overview

The Learning Disabilities Association of Durham Region and the Durham District School Board partner to provide an annual \$1000.00 Abilities Scholarship Award. This scholarship recognizes a DDSB high school student who has a diagnosed Learning Disability and who is continuing studies (Apprenticeship, College or University) in the upcoming academic year. Candidates must be full time high school students during the 2022-2023 school year and be entering first year of apprenticeship, college or university in 2023-2024.

All applicants are to provide:

*\*Only one submission per student*

- A completed Abilities Scholarship Award Applicant Information Form and
- A submission (format of applicant's selection- please see below) which conveys what it was like to have a learning disability at school:
  - How did it feel?
  - Who & what helped?
  - If you could go back in time, what advice would you give yourself in grade 9?

Provide content in a format that is most applicable for applicant, but accessible to all. Submission may be in the following formats:

- Essay (150 word max)
- Video (2 minutes max)
- Song
- Poem / Spoken Word (150 max)
- Dance – Video with narrated interpretation
- Photo of a Drawing, Painting, Sculpture with short description (80 word max) that relates to your experience

## Scholarship Award Selection Process

Abilities Scholarship Award applicants are to submit the information above to Principal by April 21, 2023.

School teams will:

- verify student's diagnosis of a Learning Disability and application to postsecondary, then
- forward to the scholarship selection committee (via [Jennifer.Durning@ddsb.ca](mailto:Jennifer.Durning@ddsb.ca)) no later than April 28, 2023.

The Scholarship Award Selection Committee (comprised of representation from LDADR, SEAC and DDSB Inclusive Student Services team) will make the selection of the 2023 recipient.

Recipient will be recognized at the DDSB Board Meeting on June 19, 2023 (presented by an LDADR representative and SEAC Trustee Representatives) as well as be recognized in the Commencement ceremony at their school.

If any questions, please contact Michelle Crawford-Eade, System Lead Inclusive Student Services, D.D.S.B. ([Michelle.CrawfordEade@ddsb.ca](mailto:Michelle.CrawfordEade@ddsb.ca)).

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## Applicant Information

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Student/Applicant's Name

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Home Address

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Email Address

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Phone Number

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Preferred Language of Correspondence

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Post Secondary Plans:

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Apprenticeship, College or University

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Program Type/name

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Parent/Guardian Name(s)

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Phone Number(s)

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Email(s)

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Parent/Guardian Name(s)

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Phone Number(s)

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Email(s)

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Name of Current School

Confirmation that student has **diagnosis** of a Learning Disability.

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Submission Format (reference: Abilities Scholarship Overview)

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School Contact Information – Name of Key Contact and School Phone Number

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Vice-Principal or Principal Signature

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Student/Applicant' Signature\*

\*Certifies that all information is correct and gives consent for submission to be shared by LDADR and the DDSB through social media.