

# Abilities Scholarship Award – Spring 2024

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 (LDADR) and the Durham District School Board (DDSB) 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 2023-2024 school year and be entering first year of apprenticeship, college, or university in 2024-2025.

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, either written or audio recording) that relates to your experience.

## Scholarship Award Selection Process

Abilities Scholarship Award applicants are to submit the information above to their school Principal by April 5, 2024.

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 12, 2024.

The Scholarship Award Selection Committee (comprised of representation from LDADR, SEAC and DDSB Inclusive Student Services team) will make the selection of the 2024 recipient.

The recipient will be recognized at the DDSB Board Meeting on June 17, 2024 (presented by an LDADR representative and SEAC Trustee Representatives) as well as be recognized in the Commencement ceremony at their school.

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



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## Applicant Information

Student/Applicant's Name

Home Address

Email Address

Phone Number

Preferred Language of Correspondence

Post Secondary Plans:

Apprenticeship, College or University

Program Type/name

Parent/Caregiver Name(s)

Phone Number(s)

Email(s)

Parent/Caregiver Name(s)

Phone Number(s)

Email(s)

Name of Current School

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

Submission Format (reference: Abilities Scholarship Overview)

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

Vice-Principal or Principal Signature

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.