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## Scholarships for Students with Disabilities

**Purpose:** To assist Nova Scotians with disabilities in their pursuit of post-secondary education and training.

### Supported by:

Scotiabank

CIBC

RBC Financial Group

Casino Nova Scotia

Casino Sydney

TD Canada Trust

### Administered by:

Partnership for Access Awareness Nova Scotia (PAANS)

*(A committee of the Nova Scotia League for Equal Opportunities)*

**Awards:** **Eight** scholarships in the amount of **\$1,500.00**, **five** in the amount of **\$2,000.00**, **two** in the amount of **\$1000.00** are anticipated to be available for the academic year beginning September 2018.

**Conditions:** To be considered, scholarship applicants must:

- Be a person with a permanent disability. 'Permanent Disability' means a limitation that restricts the ability of a person to perform the activities necessary to participate in educational activities or in the labour force within the range considered normal. This limitation is expected to remain with the person for life;
- Be a permanent resident of Nova Scotia;
- Be entering or continuing studies, at the **undergraduate** level, in a Canadian post-secondary institution that is recognized by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada; and
- Not be involved in the selection process or be a close family member of any scholarship selection committee member.

## Criteria:

The applications of candidates meeting the above considerations will be forwarded to the selection committee. Applications are evaluated on a number of factors including:

- Community involvement
- Extra-curricular activities
- Approach to overcoming barriers
- Academic performance
- Educational goals and direction

## To Apply:

All parts of the scholarship application form must be completed in full and all supporting documentation must be included. All required documentation must be received by **MAIL, or EMAIL** to the *Partnership for Access Awareness - NS* (for address, see below) **no later than 4:30 pm on Friday, April 6, 2018.**

Submission of an application signifies an applicant's agreement to comply with all stated conditions of the award program. This includes permission to include recipient's name and/or image in press releases and promotional material, as well as permission to release contact information to reputable members of the press.

**Applications** Application forms are available through the Nova Scotia League for Equal Opportunities website: [www.nsleo.com](http://www.nsleo.com) or through your guidance counselor.

### **Applications can be emailed or mailed to:**

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*We thank all applicants for your interest in the PAANS Scholarships, but only successful applicants will be notified of the selection results.*



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**Scholarships for Students with Disabilities  
Application Form**

**Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Postal Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check the scholarships you are interested in being considered for.**

Though individuals can be considered for any number of awards, recipients cannot receive more than one scholarship under this program. **Previous years' winners will not be considered. All winners must be able to attend the presentation luncheon on June 1<sup>st</sup> in Halifax 12:00-2:00pm (Cape Breton applicants in Sydney)**

1. Sponsor: Casino Nova Scotia

Who is eligible? Students entering any year of undergraduate study at a post-secondary institution

\_\_\_\_\_ Province-wide (one award)

2. Supporter: Casino Sydney

Who is eligible? Students entering any year of undergraduate study at a post-secondary institution

\_\_\_\_\_ Residents of Cape Breton (one award)

3. Sponsor: Scotiabank

Who is eligible? Students entering any year of undergraduate study at a post-secondary institution

- \_\_\_\_\_ Province-wide (four awards)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Residents of Cape Breton (one award)

4. Supporter: RBC Foundation

Who is eligible? Students entering any year of undergraduate study at a post-secondary institution

- \_\_\_\_\_ Residents of Cape Breton (one award)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Residents of Central region (mainland north of HRM, one award)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Residents of HRM (one award)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Residents of the South West region (one award)

5. Supporter: TD Canada Trust

Who is eligible? Students entering any year of undergraduate study at a post-secondary institution

- \_\_\_\_\_ Province-wide (two awards)

6. Supporter: CIBC

Who is eligible? Students entering any year of undergraduate study at a post-secondary institution

- \_\_\_\_\_ Province-wide (two awards)

**Please answer the following questions. If needed, please attach additional sheets for your answers.**

1. Please describe the nature of your disability. (Information provided in answering this question will not be used as a selection criterion.)
2. Describe your involvement in community and extra-curricular activities.
3. What barriers have you encountered when becoming involved in community or extra-curricular activities? How did you approach and deal with these obstacles?
4. What barriers have you encountered while working toward your academic goals? How did you overcome these obstacles?
5. Describe your education and career goals. Please highlight why you are interested in pursuing this career path and what strengths you bring to your chosen path.

6. Educational institution you are currently attending (if any):

**School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Postal Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current grade or year of study:** \_\_\_\_\_

7. Post-secondary institution you plan to attend during the 2017 academic year:

**Name of Institution:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Postal Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Degree, Certificate or Diploma you wish to obtain:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Starting Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Requirements:**

- Please include **two** letters of reference with this application. Ideally, the reference letters will touch on the obstacles the applicant has overcome:
  - One from a past or current teacher, guidance counselor or professor (if out of school for more than three years, a letter from an employer or case worker will be accepted)
  - One from an individual, other than a family member, who has known you for more than one year

- Please have official transcripts for the last two years of study forwarded to the application address by the submission deadline. (If you have not attended school in the past three years, please attach a resume.)

**Please forward one copy of this application to:**

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**Deadline: 4:30 pm on Friday, April 6, 2018**

Falsification of any information in this application will result in disqualification of the application and/or requirement of repayment of any monies awarded. With the exception of names, images, current school attending, anticipated education program, institution of the award recipients, the information contained in this application will be held in confidence.

I certify that all information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to comply with all requirements and criteria of this scholarship program. This includes permission to include my name and/or image in press releases and promotional material, as well as permission to release contact information to reputable members of the press if my application is successful.

I grant Partnership for Access Awareness Nova Scotia permission to contact me in future years to follow up on my progress. YES / NO

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_