



Phone: 902.455.6942
Email: programs@nsleo.com

Scholarships for Students with Disabilities

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

Supported by:

Scotiabank

Smith Family

Alex Peeler Honorarium

Casino Nova Scotia - Sydney

Administered by:

Partnership for Access Awareness Nova Scotia (PAANS)

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

Awards:

One scholarship in the amount of **\$1,000.00**; **two** scholarships in the amount of **\$1,500.00**, and **six** in the amount of **\$2,000.00**, are anticipated to be available for the academic year beginning September 2024.

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;

*Note: We do not need any medical documents to determine disability. **Please do not send medical documents regarding your disability.** If you identify as having a permanent disability under the definition, you are welcome to apply for the scholarship program.*

- 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 [Universities Canada](#) and [Colleges and Institutes 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 as **one document**. **Deadline for application is April 5th, 2024 at 4:30 PM.**

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.

Scholarship Application

Application forms are available through the Nova Scotia League for Equal Opportunities website: www.nsleo.com/initiatives/scholarships/ or through your guidance counselor.

Applications can be submitted through an online form or emailed with this application form and all supporting documentation as one document to programs@nsleo.com.

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

Applicant's Name:

Address:

Postal Code

Telephone:

Email:

Where are you from?

Need further understanding of how the regions are divided? Go to www.liveinnovascotia.com/regions/

- Bay of Fundy and Annapolis Valley
- Cape Breton
- Eastern Shore
- Halifax Metro
- Northumberland Shore
- South Shore
- Yarmouth & Acadian Shores

Individuals can be considered for any number of awards. However, recipients cannot receive more than one scholarship under this program. *Previous years' winners will not be considered.* **Successful applicants must be able to participate either in the Scholarship Luncheon in Halifax or the Cape Breton event during Access Awareness Week Nova Scotia, May 26th to June 1st. Dates will be announced in 2024.**

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.

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 2023/24 academic year:

Name of Institution:

Address:

Postal Code

Degree, Certificate or Diploma you wish to obtain:

Starting Date:

Please include the following with the application as one document:

- **Two** letters of reference. 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
- 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.)
- Suitable picture of applicant (preferably graduation) in digital, high-quality format or jpeg or png.

Please forward one copy of this application, including the signature page, to programs@nsleo.com.

Deadline: 4:30 pm on Friday, April 5th, 2024

Signature Page

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:

(month/day/year)