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FINANCIAL AID GUIDE

FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

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FOREWORD

This financial aid guide has been prepared for Wilfrid Laurier University's Accessible Learning Centre. It has been created with the intention of assisting students with disabilities in finding sources of funding (awards, bursaries, scholarships) while at university. This guide is a resource only and is by no means exhaustive; students are encouraged to do their own searching. Students are also advised to research each financial assistance program before committing themselves. The ALC cannot accept responsibility for any errors, omissions, obsolete hyperlinks, or misrepresentations in part or in whole.

ONTARIO STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (OSAP)

OSAP LOANS

OSAP is a program run by the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, and funded by the provincial and federal governments. This program provides need-based financial assistance to Ontario residents who are Canadian citizens or permanent residents. Students can apply for loans which must be paid back, but the program also offers non-repayable assistance in the form of bursaries, grants and scholarships (see below). There is also a loan-forgiveness program in place for students who incur large debts.

OSAP applications are available starting in May from the OSAP website (<http://osap.gov.on.ca>) or from Laurier's Student Awards office (<http://info.wlu.ca/~wwwsa/>).

Students from other Canadian provinces/territories should apply through their home province. The Student Awards Office can provide addresses and, in many situations, application forms.

It is recommended that returning students apply for government financial aid by May 31 and new students by June 30 to ensure that the funds will be available when classes begin in September.

Canada-Ontario Integrated Student Loans (Full-time)

Full-time Ontario students in course loads of 60 percent or greater are considered for both federal and provincial student loans to assist with educational and living expenses. **Students with a permanent disability are eligible to apply for OSAP with a course load of 40 percent or greater.** For full-time student loans, the government pays the loan interest charges while the students are in school. Interest does not start to accrue on your loan until you finish your program (or leave school).

Part-time Canada Student Loans

Part-time students in course loads of 20 to 59 percent may be eligible for the Part-time Canada Student Loan. This is a single loan (not integrated) that is issued through the National Student Loans Service Centre and is funded by the Government of Canada (federal funding only). Unlike full-time loans, students do have to make interest payments on part-time loans while they are in school. If a student's income is below a certain level while he/she is in school, payments can be suspended if the student qualifies for interest relief (visit the OSAP website for more information).

BURSARY FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (BSWD)

The federal and provincial governments jointly fund the Bursary for Students with Disabilities (BSWD). The purpose of the BSWD is to assist students in meeting disability-related costs at the post-secondary level. A maximum of \$10,000 per school year may be available for students registered with the Centre (\$8,000 federal funding; \$2,000 provincial funding). **Note:** Application to this bursary is supervised, approved and recommended at the discretion of the Accessible Learning Centre.

To be eligible for funding through the BSWD, you must apply and qualify for OSAP and be enrolled in a minimum 40% course load in the current academic term. The amount of OSAP funding you receive has no effect on the amount of BSWD funding available per year (however, if you are only eligible to receive either federal or provincial funding, not both, you will only be able to receive the federal or provincial portion of the BSWD). Items considered eligible are disability-related costs not covered by OSAP assistance (e.g., tutors, need for psycho-educational assessment or assistive devices such as computers or tape recorders). **To access this bursary, you must be registered with the Accessible Learning Centre.** Unlike OSAP, the BSWD is a bursary and does not have to be repaid. However, students are required to submit receipts for any purchases made to ensure the bursary is being used for approved, academic-related expenses.

We strongly encourage all students to apply for OSAP (to determine eligibility for the BSWD) even if they believe they have sufficient funds available to cover their costs while at university.

BURSARIES/GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS (NO SEPARATE APPLICATION REQUIRED)

Full-time students who apply for an OSAP loan will automatically be considered for the following bursaries, grants and scholarships based on the information provided on their OSAP application.

Canada Access Grant for Students from Low-Income Families

This grant is worth up to \$3,000. It assists first-time, first-year students from low-income families with tuition costs.

Website: http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/learning/canada_student_loan/grant1.shtml

Canada Access Grant for Students with Permanent Disabilities

This grant is worth up to \$2,000 per year. It assists students with permanent disabilities (who have indicated this on their OSAP application) to meet educational living costs.

Website: http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/learning/canada_student_loan/grant2.shtml

Canada Study Grant for Students with Dependants

This grant assists students with dependents who have high financial need. The value of the bursary is dependent on the number of weeks of study and the number of dependants.

Website: http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/learning/canada_student_loan/dependant.shtml

Ontario Access Grant

This grant is worth up to \$3,000. It assists second-year students from low-income and moderate income families with tuition costs.

Website: http://osap.gov.on.ca/eng/not_secure/Plan_Grants_full_newapp_OAG_12345.htm

Ontario Student Opportunity Grant (Loan Forgiveness)

This grant is available to students to help reduce their annual Canada-Ontario integrated student loan debt by limiting an eligible student's repayable debt to \$7,000 for a two-term academic year and \$10,500 for a three-term academic year.

Website: https://osap.gov.on.ca/eng/not_secure/Plan_Grants_full_newapp_osog_12345.htm

Millennium Bursary

This bursary is valued at \$3,000. It assists full-time undergraduate students who have high financial need.

Website: <http://www.millenniumscholarships.ca/en/programs/Bursary.asp>

Millennium-Ontario Access Grant

This grant assists first-time, first-year students from low income and moderate income families with tuition costs.

Website: http://osap.gov.on.ca/eng/not_secure/Plan_Grants_full_newapp_Mill_OAG_12345.htm

Queen Elizabeth II Aiming for the Top Scholarship

This scholarship is worth up to a maximum of \$3,500 per year for up to four years. It is awarded to students who have achieved the best marks at Ontario high schools.

BURSARIES/GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS (SEPARATE APPLICATION REQUIRED)

Full-time students with disabilities, who wish to be considered for this funding, need to provide a separate application form along with their OSAP loan application. Application forms can be found on the OSAP website.

Aird Scholarship

This scholarship is worth \$2,500. It is intended to help **students with physical disabilities** to study full-time at an Ontario post-secondary institution.

Website: http://osap.gov.on.ca/eng/not_secure/Plan_Grants_full_sepapp_aird_12345.htm

Application: <http://osap.gov.on.ca/eng/Pdf/0809/34-2454.pdf>

BURSARIES/SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS FOR PART-TIME STUDENTS WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR OSAP (NO SEPARATE APPLICATION REQUIRED)

Part-time students who apply for an OSAP loan will automatically be considered for the following bursaries, grants and scholarships based on the information provided on their OSAP application.

Canada Access Grant for Students with Permanent Disabilities

This grant is worth up to \$2,000 per year. It assists students with permanent disabilities to meet their educational and living costs.

Website: http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/learning/canada_student_loan/grant2.shtml

Canada Study Grant for High-Need Part-time Students

This grant is worth up to a maximum of \$1,200 per year for part-time student with high financial need. To be eligible for this grant you must be eligible for OSAP and be studying for one of the following reasons: you are a single parent with children aged 11 years or younger; you are responsible for the primary physical and financial care of an elderly dependent(s); you were admitted to a provincially-assisted university or college of applied arts and technology as a mature student and were restricted to conditional studies by your post-secondary institution; you are a student with a permanent disability and that disability prohibits you from taking at least 60 percent of a full course load.

Website: http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/en/goc/high_need_part_time.shtml

BURSARIES/GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIP FOR PART-TIME STUDENTS WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR OSAP (SEPARATE APPLICATION IS REQUIRED)

Students who wish to be considered for this funding are required to provide a separate application form along with their OSAP loan application. Application forms can be found on the OSAP website.

Ontario Special Bursary Plan

This bursary plan is worth a maximum of \$2,500 per academic year. It assists low-income students who are pursuing their first degree, diploma, or certificate at an Ontario public university or college and are studying part-time (less than 1.5 credits per term) for personal or family reasons. This grant assists with direct educational expenses such as tuition, books, transportation, and babysitting. Most students receiving funding from this program are also receiving Ontario Disability Support Benefits.

Application: <http://osap.gov.on.ca/eng/PDF/0304/34-1992.pdf>

ONTARIO WORK/STUDY PROGRAM (OWSP)

Students who are experiencing financial difficulties and who wish to work on a part-time basis on campus may be eligible for assistance under the Ontario Work/Study Program (OWSP). Students must be registered full-time at Wilfrid Laurier University, and must show financial need to apply for this program. Applications are available at the Student Awards Office (202 Regina, 2nd floor) during the fall semester, and will be reviewed until funding is exhausted.

Website: <http://info.wlu.ca/~wwsa/gov/owsp.html>

ORGANIZATIONS AND SCHOLARSHIP DATABASES

There are a number of organizations and databases that can be of assistance to students looking for financial assistance in the form of awards, bursaries and scholarships. The information provided below is meant to be used as a starting point; students are encouraged to research other organizations and databases on their own.

ORGANIZATIONS

Alliance for the Equality of Blind Canadians (AEBC)

The AEBC is an organization dedicated to providing individuals who are blind, deaf-blind, and partially sighted with the opportunities they need to compete on an equal basis with other members of Canadian society. Through public education and advocacy, their organization work to improve the lives of these Canadians by providing a forum for mentorship, discussion and action on issues of common concern.

Main website: <http://www.blindcanadians.ca>

Scholarship info: <http://www.blindcanadians.ca/programs/scholarship.php>

Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC)

The AUCC is the voice of Canada's universities. They represent 92 Canadian public and private not-for-profit universities and university-degree level colleges. The AUCC provides service to member universities in three main areas: public policy and advocacy; communications, research and information-sharing; scholarships and international programs.

Main website: <http://www.aucc.ca>

Scholarship info: <https://juno.aucc.ca/wes/hes.aspx?pg=834&oth=&lg=1>

Canadian Hard of Hearing Association (CHHA)

The CHHA is a consumer-based organization formed by and for hard of hearing Canadians. CHHA works cooperatively with professionals, service providers and government bodies, and provides information about hard of hearing issues and solutions. It is Canada's only nation-wide non-profit consumer organization run by and for hard of hearing people. The CHHA offers scholarships to assist hard of hearing Canadian students pursue higher education.

Main website: <http://www.chha.ca>

Scholarship info: <http://www.chha.ca/chha/scholarships-index.php>

Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA)

The CMHA is a nation-wide, charitable organization that promotes the mental health of all and supports the resilience and recovery of people experiencing mental illness. The CMHA accomplishes this mission through advocacy, education, research and service.

Main website: www.cmha.ca

Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB)

CNIB is a nationwide, community-based, registered charity committed to research, public education and vision health for all Canadians. CNIB provides the services and support necessary for people to enjoy a good quality of life while living with vision loss. They provide vital programs and services, innovative consumer products, research, peer support and one of the world's largest libraries for people with print disabilities.

Main website: <http://www.cnib.ca>

Scholarship info: <http://www.cnib.ca/en/about/awards/scholarships/Default.aspx>

Canadian Paraplegic Association (CPA)

The CPA's mission is to assist persons with spinal cord injuries and other physical disabilities to achieve independence, self reliance and full community participation. The CPA offers several scholarships for students with disabilities who are seeking post-secondary education.

Main website: <http://www.canparaplegic.org>

Scholarship info: http://www.canparaplegic.org/en/Employment_and_Education_24.html

Human Resources and Social Development Canada (HRSDC)

HRSDC is a department of the Government of Canada. Their mission is to build a stronger and more competitive Canada, to support Canadians in making choices that help them live productive and rewarding lives, and to improve Canadians' quality of life. One of the offices of the HRSDC is the Office for Disability Issues (ODI). The ODI offers some funding assistance for persons with disabilities who are seeking post-secondary education.

Main website: <http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca>

ODI website: http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/disability_issues/index.shtml

Learning Disabilities Association of Canada (LDAC)

The LDAC is a national, non-profit voluntary organization which was founded in 1963. The organization's mission is to be the national voice for persons with learning disabilities and those who support them. LDAC is dedicated to a level playing field for individuals with learning disabilities to enable them to function as citizens with equitable opportunities and to develop to their chosen potential. LDAC accomplishes these goals through public awareness about the nature and impact of learning disabilities, advocacy, research, health, education and collaborative efforts.

Main website: <http://www.ldac-taac.ca>

Scholarship info: <http://www.ldac-taac.ca/Scholarships/scholarships-e.asp>

Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario (LDAO)

The LDAO is the provincial equivalent of the LDAC (there are also regional chapters within Ontario). It offers many resources, services, information, venues and products designed to help people with LDs and ADHD, as well as parents, teachers, and other professionals.

Main website: <http://www.ldao.ca>

Scholarship info: can be found in the NEADS financial aid directory (see below).

Mood Disorders Association of Ontario (MDAO)

The MDAO is dedicated to providing education and information for people with mood disorders and to fostering self-help within a peer support model. The MDAO is also dedicated to eliminating discrimination and stigma and to advocating on behalf of people with mood disorders and their families.

Main website: www.mooddisorders.ca

National Educational Association of Disabled Students (NEADS)

NEADS is a consumer organization, with a mandate to encourage the self-empowerment of post-secondary students with disabilities. NEADS advocates for increased accessibility at all levels so that disabled students may gain equal access to college or university education, which is their right. The Association provides information on services and programs for students with disabilities nationwide, publishes a regular newsletter, and conducts research on issues of importance to its members. The NEADS website has an extensive financial aid directory to assist students who are looking for regional and national bursaries, scholarships and grants.

Main website: <http://www.neads.ca>

Financial aid directory: <http://www.neads.ca/en/norc/funding>

Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Canada (SBHAC)

Since its inception in 1981, the SBHAC has been working on behalf of people with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus and their families.

Website: <http://sbhac.ca>

Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario (SBHAO)

The SBHAO exists to increase awareness and drive education, research, support, care and advocacy to help find a cure while always continuing to improve the quality of life of all individuals with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus.

Website: <http://www.sbhao.on.ca/index.asp>

Scholarship info: <http://www.sbhao.on.ca/scholarships.asp>

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP DATABASES

Can Learn

CanLearn Interactive is supported by Human Resources Development Canada and is intended to “provide an Internet-based one-stop resource for learning information, products and services that support decision-making by Individual Canadians in pursuit of their learning and career goals.” This is a site that allows the search for funding to be uniquely tailored to one’s specific needs. The website is built around a scholarship database and it matches scholarships to the particular need of the person based on information provided in the personalized six-step registration process. In addition to the scholarships, there is an accessibility guide of particular interest to persons with disabilities and other general information designed to make planning for the future easier.

Website: www.canlearn.ca

Graduate Aid

GraduateAid.com is for students pursuing their Masters or PhDs and is one of Canada’s largest free scholarship databases containing over 9,000 scholarships, worth over \$57 million dollars.

Website: www.graduateaid.com

International Scholarships

The International Scholarship Search is the premier financial aid, college and university scholarship, and international scholarship resource for students wishing to study abroad. At this site, you will find the most comprehensive listing of grants, scholarships, loan programs, and other information to assist college and university students in their pursuit to study abroad.

Website: www.internationalscholarships.com

Scholarships Canada

This is a new site that is just beginning to build a database of scholarships available in Canada. It is worth checking out.

Website: www.scholarshipscanada.com

Scholarships.com

The Scholarships.com database utilizes a search engine that allows students to create personal profiles to identify and match the scholarships that are most relevant to them.

Website: www.scholarships.com

Student Awards.com

This is similar to the CanLearn site. The site offers opportunities to get help in making applications for academic scholarships.

Website: www.studentawards.com

INTERNAL AWARDS/BURSARIES/SCHOLARSHIPS (WLU)

STUDENT AWARDS OFFICE

The Student Awards Office is responsible for the administration of financial assistance and award programs for all Laurier students. Laurier offers numerous scholarships, awards and bursaries. These can be found on the Student Awards website at: www.wlu.ca/studentawards. You can also visit their office at 202 Regina, 2nd floor. Please note: the deadline for most WLU awards is the end of September, so start your search early. The Student Awards site also has information regarding the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP), the Bursary for Students with Disabilities (BSWD), and the Ontario Work Study Program (OWSP).

Anne Tretheway Memorial Award

Eligible Applicants: Undergraduate students in Year 2, Year 3 or Year 4 who have a recognized learning disability and are registered with the Accessible Learning Centre; minimum registration in a 40% course load (2 half-credit courses per term); satisfactory academic achievement (minimum cumulative GPA of 4.0 [C-]); proven financial need.

Description: Endowed award; candidates will be judged on both their degree of financial need and their ability to manage the challenges presented by university education.

Main website: www.wlu.ca/studentawards

Award info: http://www.wlu.ca/student_awards_search/story.php?id=1475

The Gina Award

Eligible Applicants: Undergraduate students in Year 2, Year 3 or Year 4 who are registered with the Accessible Learning Office and are enrolled in a minimum 40% course load; satisfactory academic achievement (minimum cumulative GPA of 4.0 [C-]); Canadian citizen, Permanent Resident (landed immigrant) or Protected Person; long-term resident of Ontario; proven financial need

Description: Endowed award; established by Ms Christine Pletch (elected the first female student council president of Laurier in 1961) to honour her fond memories of her time at Laurier and the memory of her friend, Ms Gina Del Bianco; Ms Del Bianco was a roommate, close friend and served on the student council executive with Ms Pletch; she exemplified the strength and commitment of students with special needs and was very successful in her life at Laurier and beyond; applicants should possess a love of learning and a commitment to academics (demonstrated through intellectual curiosity), a generosity of spirit (demonstrated through participation in academic or extra-curricular activities), and a commitment to initiative and

advocacy; supporting letters of reference from faculty are recommended

Main website: www.wlu.ca/studentawards

Award info: http://www.wlu.ca/student_awards_search/story.php?id=1386

The Laurier Brantford Faculty and Staff Award

This is an annual award, worth up to \$1,100, funded through donations from Laurier Brantford faculty and staff. Preference will be given to applicants who are registered with the Accessible Learning Centre at Laurier. To be eligible, applicants must be full-time undergraduate students in year 2, 3 or 4 at Laurier Brantford. For applicants registered with the Accessible Learning Centre, full-time is defined as a minimum of 3 half-credit courses perm terms. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 8.0 (B), have demonstrated leadership in an activity that has contributed to the life of the campus, and must be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident (landed immigrant) or protected person as well as a long-term resident of Ontario. Applicants must also have proven financial need. An application is required.

Main website: www.wlu.ca/studentawards

Award info: http://www.wlu.ca/student_awards_search/story.php?id=1532

The Mark Shackelton Memorial Fund

This scholarship, worth up to \$500.00, was established in memory of Mark Shackleton ('85) by friends. It is awarded to undergraduate students living with cystic fibrosis (medical documentation required); preference will be given to students entering first year who are registered in a minimum 5.0 credits over three academic terms (fall, winter, spring). In the absence of applicants with cystic fibrosis, applicants with other life threatening conditions may be considered. All applicants will be judged by the Accessible Learning Centre; the successful recipient will be one who best exemplifies the spirit that Mark Shackelton showed during his time at Laurier. This scholarship is granted at the discretion of the university; no application is required.

Main website: www.wlu.ca/studentawards

Scholarship info: http://www.wlu.ca/student_awards_search/story.php?id=1467

The Ross and Doris Dixon Awards for Students Registered with the ALC

Two awards will be granted annually to undergraduate students in second, third, or fourth year who are registered with the Accessible Learning Centre. Eligible applicants must be registered in a minimum course load which has been deemed full time (as determined on an individual basis by staff of the Accessible Learning Centre). Applicants must demonstrate involvement in the Laurier or external community through their extracurricular and/or volunteer involvement. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 10.0 (A-), be a Canadian citizen, Permanent

Resident (landed immigrant) or Protected Person; be a long term resident of Ontario, demonstrate financial need. One award will be granted to an individual with a physical disability (with preference given to those applicants who are visually impaired), the other to an individual with a non-physical disability. Applicants who have more than one disability will be considered based on their primary disability.

Description: Will serve to recognize and encourage Laurier's students with disabilities who have demonstrated strong academic performance and involvement in the community.

Main website: www.wlu.ca/studentawards

Award info: http://www.wlu.ca/student_awards_search/story.php?id=1384

EXTERNAL AWARDS/BURSARIES/SCHOLARSHIPS

FOR STUDENTS WITH PERMANENT DISABILITIES

AUCC Scholarship for Students with Disabilities

The purpose of this scholarship program is to encourage Canadian students with disabilities to pursue university studies with the ultimate objective of obtaining a first university degree. Candidates must be Canadian citizens, or those who have lived in Canada for at least two years as legal permanent residents. The award is valued at \$5,000 for each student who is chosen as a recipient. The deadline for application for each academic year is June 1st, preceding the year for which the scholarship is requested. A minimum of ten awards are offered per year. Applicants must be entering or currently enrolled in a first undergraduate degree program. Good for one academic year. Recipients may re-apply. This scholarship is only valid at Canadian post-secondary institutions.

Main website: <http://www.aucc.ca>

Scholarship info: <https://juno.aucc.ca/wes/hes.aspx?pg=934&oth=0002722008>

Email: awards@aucc.ca

Centennial Flame Research Award for Students with Disabilities

The Subcommittee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills Development, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities, invites consumers with disabilities across Canada to apply for the Centennial Flame Research Award. An amount is awarded annually to a Canadian citizen with a disability for a research project aimed at publicizing the achievements of Canadians with disabilities. The value of the award is \$3,000. Anyone wishing to apply for the award should submit an outline of his or her proposed research project to the Clerk of the Sub Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities. The submission deadline is released annually in December.

Website: <http://www.parl.gc.ca>

Award info: <http://cmte.parl.gc.ca/cmte/committeepublication.aspx?sourceid=98005>

June Opie Fellowship (Graduate)

This fellowship, with an approximate value of \$12,000 (NZD), is available to citizens and permanent residents of Australia, Canada and New Zealand, is designed as an incentive for students of high academic achievement who have a severe disability. It is intended for those who plan to undertake graduate studies with a view to preparing themselves for a role in the professions, in politics, or more particularly, in university teaching and research and who have

disability issues as a continuing interest. The award is made to enable the recipient to secure such assistance, by travel, by the preparation of computer software, or by other means as will facilitate effective study and preparation for the future. This is the first Fellowship of its kind in the world and its principal purpose is the pursuit of excellence. New Zealand, Australia and Canada were selected as the countries on which to focus initially in search of recipients.

Website: <http://www.auckland.ac.nz/scholarships>

Scholarship info:

http://www.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/for/currentstudents/money/scholarships_awards.cfm?form=details&detailCode=800519

Email: scholarships@auckland.ac.nz

Mattison Endowment Fund Scholarships for Disabled Students

This scholarship is offered through the AUCC (Association of Universities and Colleges). The purpose of this program is to encourage Canadian disabled students to pursue university studies with the ultimate objective of obtaining a first university degree. Candidates must be Canadian citizens, or those who have lived in Canada for at least two years as legal, permanent residents. The award is valued at \$2,500 for each student who is chosen as a recipient. The number of awards depends on funds available. Must be entering or currently enrolled in a first undergraduate degree program. Good for one academic year. Recipients may re-apply. Awards are only valid at Canadian post-secondary institutions.

Main website: www.aucc.ca

Scholarship info: <https://juno.aucc.ca/wes/hes.aspx?pg=934&oth=0001442008>

Email: awards@aucc.ca

Much More Music Accessibility Scholarship (Internship)

This scholarship (and internship) is part of MuchMoreMusic's commitment to encouraging participation by persons with disabilities in Canadian Broadcasting. The \$5,000 scholarship is awarded in partnership with the National Educational Association of Disabled Students (NEADS) to the individual who best demonstrates skill, talent, excellence and enthusiasm in pursuing a future in the broadcast industry. The scholarship is meant to go towards tuition, payable directly to the post-secondary educational institution of the student's choice. Candidates must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada, have a permanent disability, and currently be enrolled in, or have been accepted to and will be attending, full-time studies at an accredited Canadian post-secondary institution in the field of broadcasting.

Email: scholarship@muchmoremusic.com

National Bank of Canada Bursary and Summer Employment Program

The National Bank of Canada annually offers a bursary and summer employment program for university students with **physical and/or sensory disabilities** to help them pursue their studies and gain work experience in a field related to their studies. Under the program, the Bank awards two \$2,000 bursaries together with a paid 12-week summer job for university students. Both full-time and part-time students are eligible to apply. Application deadline is generally late January to early February.

Bursary info: www.nbc.ca/bursary

Terry Fox Humanitarian Award Program

Awarded to graduating secondary level students or those currently studying towards a first degree or diploma in a Canadian university, who have demonstrated the highest ideals and qualities of citizenship and humanitarian service while in pursuit of excellence in their academic, amateur sport, fitness, health, community service and related endeavors, particularly in the face of obstacles. "Obstacles" may be with reference to physical disability, personal problems, social setting or any factors which call for courage, unselfishness and fortitude. The value of each award is \$7,000 annually, for a maximum of 4 years or until a first degree is obtained. For students attending institutions where no tuition fee is applicable, the value of the award is \$3,500 annually. The deadline for application is February 1st of each year.

Website: www.terryfox.org

Toronto Rehab Scholarship in Rehabilitation-related Research (Graduate)

This scholarship, established by the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute and TD Bank Financial Group, supports the education and training of masters and doctoral students with disabilities who are studying in a rehabilitation-related field and intend on contributing to rehabilitation science as researchers. Recipients receive an award of \$20,000 for a one year period (Sept. – Aug.) which may be renewed based on satisfactory performance, if funds are available. This scholarship also provides an individual supplement to help meet special disability-related costs of attending graduate school. Applicants must have a disability and plan to be enrolled in a rehabilitation-related graduate program leading to a masters or doctoral degree at one of the eligible universities: McMaster University, Ryerson University, University of Toronto, University of Waterloo, Wilfrid Laurier University, and York University. Fields of study must relate to rehabilitation but are not limited to any particular discipline (for more information, please visit the website).

Website: <http://www.torontorehab.com/research/disabilityscholarship.htm>

Email: ward.lois@torontorehab.on.ca

Phone: 416-597-3031

FOR STUDENTS WITH CANCER

Childhood Cancer Foundation Candlelighters Canada Bursary

This bursary is for students between the ages of 17-25 years who have been treated for some for of childhood cancer or who are still on treatment. The bursaries, whose amounts may vary from year to year, are awarded in August. Applicant must write a 300-500 work letter describing their future academic goals, highlighting why they are applying for the bursary (the letter is a very important part of the application). Applicants must be Canadian citizens or landed immigrants, must provide a copy of the letter of acceptance to a post-secondary educational program, and must also provide a statement from a medical professional verifying that they have had some form of childhood cancer.

Website: <http://www.candlelighters.ca/index.html>

Bursary Info: http://www.candlelighters.ca/prog_serv/scholarshp_fnd/index.html

Email: staff@candlelighters.ca

FOR STUDENTS WITH CROHN'S DISEASE

UCBeyond Crohn's Disease Scholarship Program

UCB Pharma Canada, a division of UCB Inc., is dedicated to creating unique programs and tools to aid Crohn's disease (CD) patients in reaching above and beyond the boundaries of their disease and fulfilling their educational ambitions. Several one-time scholarships valued at up to \$5,000 are awarded each year. Applicants must be legal and permanent residents of Canada and must be enrolled in, or awaiting acceptance from, a Canadian-based institution of higher education. Applications are generally due the end of June, to be awarded the following fall.

Website: www.chromecommunications.ca

Application: <http://www.chromecommunications.ca/?resourceID=41>

Email: info@chromecommunications.ca

Phone: 905-567-1406

FOR STUDENTS WITH EPILEPSY

Parke-Davis Epilepsy Scholarship Program

The Parke-Davis Scholarship Program administers 16 scholarships annually for students with epilepsy. Each scholarship is worth \$3,000. Applicants must be currently under a physician's care for treatment of epilepsy and must be taking anti-epileptic medication. The program is open to

high school seniors who have applied to a university or college program and students currently in post-secondary studies. To apply, applicants must obtain application materials and submit a completed form with a 250- word essay. Applicants will need one letter of recommendation from their physician and one letter of recommendation from a teacher, principal, or employer. Applicants will have to provide proof of registration and attach relevant high school or college transcripts. The selection of successful candidates is based on academic merit and extracurricular activities.

Website: <http://www.neads.ca/en/norc/funding/page38.php?m=PF&id=>

Email: info@epilepsy-scholarship.org

UCBeyond Epilepsy Scholarship Program

UCB Pharma Canada, a division of UCB Inc., is dedicated to creating unique programs and tools to aid patients with epilepsy in reaching above and beyond the boundaries of their disorder and fulfilling their educational ambitions. Several one-time scholarships valued at up to \$5,000 are awarded each year. Applicants must be legal and permanent residents of Canada and must be enrolled in, or awaiting acceptance from, a Canadian-based institution of higher education. Applications are generally due the end of June, to be awarded the following fall.

Website: www.chromecommunications.ca

Application: <http://www.chromecommunications.ca/?resourceID=41>

Email: info@chromecommunications.ca

Phone: 905-567-1406

FOR STUDENTS WITH HEARING IMPAIRMENTS

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf Scholarship Awards

The Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf administers a number of scholarships varying in amounts from \$500 to \$1000. These scholarships are open to qualified students who were born with a profound or severe hearing impairment, or those who have lost their hearing before acquiring language skills and have been accepted into a regular full-time college or university program. These awards are available to students in any field of study who attend any accredited educational institution. To make application to this program you must request an application in writing before December 1st of the previous year. Telephone requests for application packages will not be accepted. Completed applications must be in by April 1st. For more information, contact the Financial Aid Coordinator, Alexander G. Bell Association for the Deaf, 3417, Volta Place, NW, Washington, DC 20007.

Website: <http://www.agbell.org>

Email: agbell2@aol.com

Phone (Voice/TTY): 202-337-5220

Canadian Hard of Hearing Association Scholarship Program

The purpose of the Scholarship Program is to offer financial assistance and recognition to hard of hearing and deafened students registered in a full-time program at a recognized Canadian post-secondary institution, in any area of study, and with the ultimate goal of obtaining a diploma or degree. One or more awards of \$1,000 are offered each year. Applications are generally due at the end of January.

Website: <http://www.chha.ca>

Scholarship info: <http://www.chha.ca/chha/scholarships-index.php>

Email: scholarship@chha.ca

FOR STUDENTS WITH HEMOPHILIA/BLOOD DISORDERS

Canadian Hemophilia Society Scholarship and Bursary Program

The Canadian Hemophilia Society (CHS) offers one scholarship, one bursary and one mature student bursary each year in the amount of \$4,000, tenable at any recognized post-secondary educational institution. The program is open to persons with hemophilia (Factor V111 or 1X) or another inherited bleeding disorder such as von Willebrand Disease, carriers, and those who contracted HIV through a blood transfusion (HIV-T). Spouses and children of the above mentioned persons may also apply. Those who have received a CHS Scholarship or Bursary in the past are not eligible to reapply for continued support. All applicants will be reviewed by a committee of academics and lay persons. Information and application forms can be obtained from the CHS National Office, chapters, clinics and website.

Website: www.hemophilia.ca

Soozie Couter 'Sharing a Brighter Tomorrow' Hemophilia Scholarship Program

This scholarship program is for students with hemophilia A or B who present the best combination of a creative and persuasive essay, excellent recommendations and superior academic standing. The program is funded by Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, who awards up to \$100,000 in scholarships each year to students pursuing post-secondary educations (including those at the graduate level).

Website: www.hemophiliavillage.com

Scholarship info: http://www.hemophiliavillage.com/programs_scholar.asp

FOR STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

Carol Thomson Memorial Fund Scholarship

The scholarship is offered through the Learning Disabilities Association of Canada (LDAC) and is presented annually to one individual with a diagnosed learning disability (where the LD is the primary disability) attending a Canadian college or university or a private vocational school on a full- or part-time basis. The student may be enrolled in any field of study. The amount of the award will be \$1,000. The deadline for receipt of applications is May 15th of each year.

Main website: www.ldac-taac.ca

Scholarship info: http://www.ldac-taac.ca/Scholarships/thomson_criteria-e.asp

Email: information@ldac-taac.ca

Doreen Kronick Scholarships (Graduate)

This scholarship is administered by the Learning Disabilities Association of Canada (LDAC) and its' purpose is to encourage graduate students, whose programs of study will lead them to a field that will assist persons with learning disabilities. The scholarship is valued at \$500. Candidates must have completed an undergraduate degree whose courses are recognized by a Canadian university, and must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents who have lived in Canada for at least two years. The deadline for receipt of applications is May 15th of each year.

Website: www.ldac-taac.ca

Scholarship info: http://www.ldac-taac.ca/Scholarships/kronick_criteria-e.asp

Email: information@ldac-taac.ca

Gloria Landis Memorial Bursary

This bursary is through the Learning Disability Association of Ontario (LDAO). The purpose of the bursary is to honour the memory of Gloria Landis, who made significant and sustained contributions on behalf of individuals with learning disabilities. The bursary provides financial assistance to a mature individual (at least 25 years of age) with learning disabilities who is in a post-secondary program, and who has been absent from full-time education for a period of three years or more. The bursary is valued at \$1,000 annually. Candidates must be residents of Ontario. Applications are due by June 15 each year, and candidates are notified by August 31.

Website: www.ldao.ca

Bursary info: http://www.ldao.ca/aboutLDAO/gloria_landis.php

John Townsend Applied Arts Scholarship

This scholarship is offered through the Learning Disabilities Association of Canada (LDAC). One scholarship valued at \$1,000.00 will be awarded annually to a Canadian student with a learning disability who demonstrates an interest in pursuing an education and/or career in any of the various applied arts programs including the performance of music (instrumental or vocal), drama, dance and the creativity of visual art such as fine art (sculpture, painting), illustrations, including animation, film and graphic design. The deadline for receipt of applications is May 15th of each year.

Website: www.ldac-taac.ca

Scholarship info: http://www.ldac-taac.ca/Scholarships/townsend_criteria-e.asp

Email: information@ldac-taac.ca

Justin Eves Foundation 'Minds in Motion' Scholarships

The primary goal of the Justin Eves Foundation for Students with Learning Disabilities is to assist post-secondary students with their education through scholarship. Students may apply for assistance for up to two years of their course study. There are no specific set amounts to these scholarships. To be eligible, applicants must be residents of Ontario and have graduated from an Ontario secondary school. They must also be applying to, or enrolled in, their first university or college degree. Deadline for applying is usually in April.

Main website: <http://www.justinevesfoundation.com>

Scholarship info: <http://www.justinevesfoundation.com/default.asp?id=2&mnu=2>

Email: info@justinevesfoundation.com

FOR STUDENTS WITH MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS

Lilly-MDAO 'Moving Lives Forward' Scholarship

This scholarship, offered by Eli Lilly Canada and the Mood Disorder Association of Ontario (MDAO), offers financial assistance to help people with mood disorders (such as anxiety, bi-polar, and depression) to acquire the educational and vocational skills necessary to secure jobs and regain their lives. There are approximately 6 scholarships of \$2,500 available each year. Applications are usually posted each February on the MDAO website, and are due the end of April.

Website: www.mooddisorders.on.ca

Email: info@mooddisorders.on.ca

Phone: 416-486-8046; 1-888-486-8236

FOR STUDENTS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES/MOBILITY IMPAIRMENTS

Albert C. Strickler, M.D. Scholarship Fund

This scholarship fund was established by Albert C. Strickler, M.D. to provide recognition and financial assistance for students who achieve scholarship in the face of personal physical adversity. The award(s) is approximately \$2,000 per person per year (depending on the returns on investments and the number of recipients). To be eligible, students must have a visible physical impairment* and must also be one of the following: full-time students enrolled in the Doctorate of Medicine program in a Canadian medical school; graduates of Etobicoke Collegiate Institute, Toronto, who proceed to any degree granting program in an Ontario university immediately following graduation from highschool; persons known to have Charcot Marie Tooth Disease, particularly CMT 1A, who proceed to any degree granting program in an Ontario university immediately following graduation from highschool. All applicants must satisfactorily complete the first year of a program, and be enrolled in the second year. Application deadline is June 30th of the school year about to be completed.

*Visible physical impairment (V.P.I.) refers to one or more of the following: some major anatomical loss or deformity or dysfunction – congenital or acquired – which has declared itself before adulthood has been reached and which is readily apparent to others on a day-to-day basis; various neuro-musculoskeletal conditions such as Charcot Marie Tooth Disease; severe abnormalities of speech, hearing or vision. The impairment must represent a burden, as it were, borne by the student with courage and perseverance day after day. The likelihood of future correction or remission will not affect eligibility. (V.P.I. exclusions: minor anatomical variations and isolated imaging anomalies will not qualify; simply the presence of disease; most cosmetic appearances and skin conditions, as well as extremes of nutrition).

Scholarship info: <http://www.neads.ca/en/norc/funding/page100.php>

CMT International Sophie Abarbanel Educational Assistance Award

Each year, this award, in the amount of \$1,000 or more, is given to one (or divided between several) person having Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease who wishes to attend an institution of higher learning for an undergraduate or graduate level post-secondary education. To be eligible, applicants must be a member in good standing of CMT International (this does not necessarily mean that you have made a donation, but that you have asked to be kept on the mailing list of the association). Persons applying for this award will also be considered for the \$150 Charlie Christie Book Award (no separate application required). Applications and accompanying documentation are due by May 15 of the year in which the student is requesting assistance.

For further information contact: CMT International, 1 Springbank Drive, St. Catherines, Ontario, L2S 2K1, or by phone at: 416-687-3630.

Copnick/Hilliard Scholarship Fund

The Canadian Paraplegic Association (CPA) administers the Copnick/Hilliard Scholarship – a \$500.00 - \$1,000 award provided annually to a post-secondary Canadian student with a severe mobility impairment. Deadline for applications for the scholarship is August 31st of each calendar year. For more information, or for an application, contact: The Canadian Paraplegic Association – National Office, 1101 Prince of Wales Dr., Suite 320, Ottawa, Ontario, K2C 3Z0, or phone: 613-723-1033.

Main website: <http://canparaplegic.org>

Scholarship info:

http://canparaplegic.org/en/Employment_and_Education_24/SCHOLARSHIPS_7/3.html

Global Television Scholarship-Internship Award

This annual Scholarship-Internship award is offered to a Canadian student with a mobility impairment, and provides educational assistance as well as a challenging opportunity to work in private television, in pursuit of a career in broadcasting. The award, valued at about \$15,000, covers all tuition fees and textbooks (determined by the specific university or college course outline) for one full scholastic year of a radio and television arts program or journalism program at a recognized Canadian university or college, commencing in the fall. The award also includes a three- or four-month internship at any one of our global television stations for the summer, and moving expenses associated with the internship. In addition, the award covers transportation, hotel and attendance expenses at the Canadian Association of Broadcasters annual convention, date to be determined, where the Award will be presented.

Website: <http://www.canada.com/globaltv/awards/index.html>

Scholarship Information: <http://www.canada.com/globaltv/awards/pdf/app08-disability.pdf>

The Joubin/Selig Award at the Toronto Community Foundation

The Joubin/Selig Fund has established a scholarship award to provide financial assistance to post-secondary students in Ontario, with permanent physical disabilities, who wish to pursue an education in their chosen field of study. The award(s) will be derived from the annual income of the Fund, and the total amount may vary in amount from year to year. Each scholarship award is set at a maximum of \$5,000.00. To be eligible, applicants must be full-time students enrolled in a recognized post-secondary institution in the province of Ontario and must be Canadian citizens or landed immigrants. Applicants must also have a permanent physical disability and demonstrated academic achievement. For more information, please contact Mini Alakkatusery, Program Officer Toronto Community Foundation.

Email: malakkatusery@tcf.ca

Phone: 416-921-2035 ext. 205

FOR STUDENTS WITH RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

UCBeyond Rheumatoid Arthritis Scholarship Program

UCB Pharma Canada, a division of UCB Inc., is dedicated to creating unique programs and tools to aid patients with rheumatoid arthritis in reaching above and beyond the boundaries of their disease and fulfilling their educational ambitions. Several one-time scholarships valued at up to \$5,000 are awarded each year. Applicants must be legal and permanent residents of Canada and must be enrolled in, or awaiting acceptance from, a Canadian-based institution of higher education. Applications are generally due the end of June, to be awarded the following fall.

Website: www.chromecommunications.ca

Application: <http://www.chromecommunications.ca/?resourceID=41>

Email: info@chromecommunications.ca

Phone: 905-567-1406

FOR STUDENTS WITH SPINAL CORD INJURIES, SPINA BIFIDA AND/OR HYDROCEPHALUS

Bell Canada Peer Scholarships

The Canadian Paraplegic Association annually awards two \$2,500 scholarships to individuals with spinal cord injuries who have clearly defined career goals in the field of management, social sciences, communications and information technology. The scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic standing, and financial need. Recipients must be accepted into a recognized post-secondary institution in Quebec, Ontario, Alberta or British Columbia, and must be Peer Volunteers or participants in the Canadian Paraplegic Association's Peer Program. Applicants will be expected to demonstrate how the Bell Canada Peer Scholarship will make a significant difference in the attainment of their career goals.

Website: www.canparaplegic.org

Scholarship info:

http://canparaplegic.org/en/Employment_and_Education_24/SCHOLARSHIPS_7/15.html

Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Canada Bursary Program

Two or more bursaries with values up to \$1,000 are available to Canadian students with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus to continue their education in their chosen field of study. Applicants must be accepted for studies at university or other recognized programs at any post-secondary facility, and must be members of the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Canada or one of its member associations. Applications can be downloaded from the website.

Website: www.sbhac.ca

FOR STUDENTS WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS

Christian Record Services Scholarship

Christian Record Services oversees approximately ten scholarships of \$500 each year. The scholarships, renewable annually upon reapplication, are open to legally blind students in any field of study at any accredited four year college or university who are planning to secure training that will further independence and self-support. Those interested in applying should write to Christian Record Services for an application, enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope. For more information contact: Christian Record Services, P.O. Box 6097, Lincoln, NE, 68506, or call 402-488-0981.

Website: <http://services.christianrecord.org/>

Scholarship Info:

<http://services.christianrecord.org/scholarships/index.php?fmt=GR&sid=c4b009ef653c4546169384ed2ce1d403>

F. J. L. Woodcock/Sir Arthur Pearson Association of War Blinded Scholarship

This scholarship is for students who have not more than 20/70 vision after corrections and who are entering either vocational or academic education at the post-secondary level. Students should have a high degree of motivation, a reasonable level of achievement and find the scholarship of assistance. Application forms are available on the C.N.I.B. website where students can apply directly. Applications are due by April 30 each year. The Selection Committee will review the applications in May of each year and successful candidates will be announced in early June. The President and Secretary-Treasurer of the Foundation will personally review all special requests with a view to ensuring that as many eligible students as possible benefit.

Website: www.cnib.ca

Scholarship info: <http://www.cnib.ca/en/about/awards/scholarships/sapa/Default.aspx>

Email: awards@cnib.ca

Judge Brian Stevenson Scholarship Fund

The Judge Brian Stevenson Scholarship Fund will award scholarships from \$300 to \$500 to legally blind Canadians pursuing post-secondary studies with strong career aspirations. Because a limited number of awards are available, it is desired to have an even distribution of awards across the country whether by province or region. As well, grants will be made based on the following criteria: financial need, academic achievement, and career goals. Application forms are available from the C.N.I.B. Divisional Offices or the W. Ross Macdonald School in Brantford.

Website: <http://www.neads.ca/en/>

Scholarship info: <http://www.neads.ca/en/norc/funding/page23.php>

Rixon Rafter Scholarship Fund

The Rixon Rafter Scholarship Fund is for students who are legally blind Canadians pursuing post-secondary studies with strong career aspirations. Because a limited number of awards are available each year, grants will be made based on the following criteria: financial need, academic achievement, and career goals. Application forms are available from C.N.I.B. Divisional Offices or the W. Ross Macdonald School in Brantford.

Website: <http://www.neads.ca/en/>

Scholarship info: <http://www.neads.ca/en/norc/funding/page23.php>

Ross C. Purse Doctoral Fellowship (Doctoral)

The Board of Directors of The Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) is pleased to offer the Ross C. Purse Doctoral Fellowship to encourage and support theoretical and practical research and studies in the fields of blindness and visual impairment, other than those already covered by its C.N.I.B. Baker grants for medical research and training. Applications will be considered from persons studying at a Canadian university or college, or at a foreign university where a commitment to work in the field of blindness in Canada can be demonstrated. One fellowship valued at up to \$12,500 is awarded annually, based upon acceptance of a qualified application. Preference will be given to graduates of a Canadian university or college. Applicants will be expected to have achieved a high academic standing and to have exhibited superior intellectual ability and judgment. Applications are due by April 2 each year.

Website: www.cnib.ca

Fellowship info: <http://www.cnib.ca/en/research/funding/ross-purse/>

Email: awards@cnib.ca

Walter and Wayne Gretzky Scholarship

The Walter and Wayne Gretzky Scholarship Foundation presents scholarships on an annual basis to eligible students who are studying, or planning to study, at the post-secondary level. All applicants must be blind or severely visually impaired and must be Canadian citizens or have held landed immigrant status for one year prior to the date of application. The scholarships generally range between \$3,000 and \$5,000 and are awarded on the basis of academic excellence, service to the community, and financial need. Applicant will be expected to have achieved a high academic standing and to have exhibited superior intellectual ability and judgment. The applicant's essay and answers to the questions on the application form will play an important role in the panel's selection of the winners of the scholarships. The selection committee will endeavor to select winners from the various regions of Canada. Applications should be received by May 31st. Transcript deadline is July 31st. For more information contact: Walter and Wayne Gretzky

Scholarship Foundation, 955256 Canning Road, R. R. 2, Paris, Ontario, N3L 3E2, phone: 519-458-8665.

Website: www.cnib.ca

Scholarship info: <http://www.cnib.ca/en/about/awards/scholarships/wgs/Default.aspx>

Email: Kim.Kholer@cnib.ca or awards@cnib.ca