

AUTISM FOR LIFE FOUNDATION

AWARDS, BURSARIES, & SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Autism for Life Foundation (AFLF) strives to ensure that individuals on the autistic spectrum and/or experiencing neurodiversity are supported within the community to ensure acceptance equality, equity, and integration. We are pleased to be able to recognize and award the academic accomplishments and accolades of our beneficiaries who are enrolling in and/or are going to be enrolled in: college post-secondary, technical, trades, and/or vocational programs within Alberta.

FOR ALL AWARDS, BURSARIES, AND SCHOLARSHIPS ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS MUST BE:

- Meet the Low-Income Cut-off Guidelines (LICO) thresholds;
- Diagnosed with autism, identify as experiencing autism, and/or neurodiversity;
- Experiencing barriers accessing accommodations within an educational institution, retaining employment and/or accommodations within the workplace;
- In need of support (s) and/or service (s) such as: advancement of education, financial, relief of poverty, socialization, and/or social integration; and
- Currently live in Alberta and enrolling and/or enrolled in an Alberta college, post-secondary, technical programs, trades and/or vocational program.

Note: students who have applied for entry into a college, post-secondary, technical programs, trades and/or vocational program but have not yet been accepted may still apply for our awards, scholarships, and/or bursaries. The final selected applicant (s) will need to provide a copy of their chosen post-secondary institution acceptance letter once accepted in order to be awarded with the scholarships and/or bursaries.

Please be advised, individuals that are AFLF contractors, directors, employees, members, officers, practicum students, and/or volunteers and their immediate family members are not eligible to apply for and/or receive AFLF awards, bursaries, and/or scholarships.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS | APPLICANTS MUST

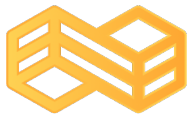
- Complete the AFLF awards, bursaries, & scholarships application form.

If you require accommodations to complete the application provided, please apply in the manner that suits your skill set best, and we will ensure to accommodate that applicant to the point of undue hardship. If you are non-verbal and/or cannot type we will accept letters of recommendations from community members, teachers and/or professors.

- Submit the application form and all accompanying documents as outlined (acceptance letter if available) by the 30th of each month by 11:59 PM MDT to info@autismforlife.org

Note: only applications submitted electronically to info@autismforlife.org will be considered for review, and all applications submitted will be treated with complete confidence and in accordance with our privacy policy.

APPLICANT ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:



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- I. Academic performance, community, and/or academic involvement;
 - i. Please provide a description of your post high school training program. Include the following details - School attending (i.e. University of Calgary or Mount Royal), Program of Study (i.e. Bachelor of Science or Transitional Vocational Program), speciality if applicable (i.e. Biology), and anticipated date of graduation. *Scoring value 10/100*
 - ii. Please provide a brief description of your volunteer activities, special interests and accomplishments. *Scoring value 20/100*
 - iii. Please provide a brief description (250 words maximum) about how being a student on the autism spectrum has impacted your education. *Scoring value 40/100*
- II. Completeness of the application form;
- III. Letters of recommendation *Scoring value 60/100 in lieu of essay's*; and
- IV. Future goals and ability to complete future goals and accolades.
 - iv. Please provide a brief description of your future education and employment goals. Scoring value 30/100

The above information is collected and managed in accordance with accepted privacy practices and applicable laws and is collected in order for The Autism for Life Foundation to fulfill its mandate. If you have any questions about the collection, use or disclosure of personal information, please contact the Autism for Life Foundations Privacy Officer at info@autismforlife.org

JUDGING AND AWARDING SCHOLARSHIP

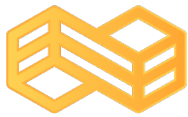
All applications will be judged by a selection committee determined by AFLF board of directors; the selection committee reserves the right to use all scholarship any materials submitted to be deemed appropriate for review. The review of the application and awarding of the awards, bursaries, and/or scholarships take place monthly. The scholarship selection committee will be comprised of both academic and industry professionals as deemed appropriate by AFLF. Any and all decisions made by the selection committee are final, the final selected applicant (s) will need to provide a copy of their chosen post-secondary institution acceptance letter and proof of enrollment in order to receive the award, bursary, and/or scholarship (s).

Reviewer's base their evaluation and recommendations on the personal story conveyed in the essay or letters submitted: The point values for each question in the application are noted in the assessment criteria.

- o challenges that have been overcome,
- o future aspirations,
- o the importance of the chosen field of study, and
- o how the scholarship will help the applicant achieve academic, career, and personal goals.

Please contact info@autismforlife.org if you have any questions about our application assessment criteria and

DISBURSEMENTS OF AWARDS, BURSARIES, AND/OR SCHOLARSHIPS



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Receiving payment for the scholarship is contingent on consent to use students' name and potentially an image to announce scholarship winners and/or to share with donors to ensure appropriate disbursement. All personal information collected will not be used for any other purposes and will remain confidential in accordance with relevant laws and our privacy policy.

The AFLF will pay the institution of your enrollment, medical practitioners, and/or collector directly, no awards and/or scholarships are paid directly to the recipient unless stated otherwise. Any funds paid directly to the beneficiary will result in proof that the funds were applied directly to the cause funded, any failure to do so will result in a completed termination and permanent disqualification from all programs and services rendered by our foundation.

A T4A will be issued for the amount of the award.

Questions are to be directed to info@autismforlifeorg please put Awards, Bursaries, and Scholarships in the subject line.

YOUR INFORMATION IS BEING COLLECTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION 7-14 OF THE *PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION ACT* (PIPA) AND *THE HEALTH INFORMATION ACT* (HIA) AND MAY BE USED FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF AUTISM FOR LIFE FOUNDATIONS VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS. YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS PROTECTED BY THE PRIVACY PROVISIONS OF PIPA AND HIA. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE COLLECTION, USE AND DISCLOSURE OF YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT OUR PRIVACY OFFICER AT INFO@AUTISMFORLIFE.ORG FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.