

AUTISM FOR LIFE FOUNDATION

AWARDS, BURSARIES, GRANTS, & SCHOLARSHIPS POLICIES & PROCEDURES

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 facilitate acceptance, equality, equity, and integration. The AFLF is honoured to recognize and award the accolades, academic, and business accomplishments of our beneficiaries enrolling in and/or enrolled in a: designation, college, certificate, post-secondary, technical, trade, and/or vocational program within Alberta.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR OUR AWARDS, BURSARIES, GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS 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 reside within Alberta, enrolling and/or enrolled in an Alberta: designation, college, certificate, post-secondary, technical, trade, and/or vocational program.

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

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

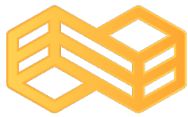
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS | APPLICANTS MUST

- I. Complete the AFLF awards, bursaries, grants, & scholarship application form to the best of your ability.

If you require accommodations to complete the application provided, please apply in the manner that best suits your skill set, and we will ensure to accommodate 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.

- II. 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.



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APPLICANT ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:

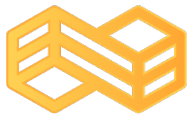
- I. Academic performance, community, and/or academic involvement;
 - i. Please provide a description of your post high school training program, ensure to include the following details: school you are attending, program of study, speciality if applicable, and anticipated date of graduation. *Scoring value 10/100*
 - ii. Please provide a brief description of your community involvement, volunteer activities, special interests, accomplishments, and/or accolades. *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 30/100*
- II. Completeness of the application form.
- III. Letters of recommendation *Scoring value 60/100 in lieu of accolades, volunteer activities...*
- IV. Future aspirations, goals, and ability to complete projected accolades.
 - i. Please provide a brief description (*500 words maximum*) of your future education and employment goals. *Scoring value 40/100*

OTHER APPLICATION ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:

- I. challenges that have been overcome from being on the spectrum and/or family circumstances;
- II. the importance of the chosen field of study to you and your future aspirations; and
- III. how the funding will help the applicant alleviate poverty, achieve academic, career, and personal success.

Note: All other awards, bursaries, and/or grant assessment criteria and point values for each question in the application are noted in their own assessment criteria section. Please contact info@autismforlife.org if you have any questions about our application assessment criteria.

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



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JUDGING AND AWARDING OF FUNDING

All applications will be judged and awarded by a selection committee determined by the AFLF board of directors; the selection committee reserves the right to use all application materials and/or any other relevant information and/or material (s) submitted to be deemed appropriate for review.

The review of the application and awarding of the awards, bursaries, grants, and/or scholarships funding takes place monthly. The scholarship selection committee is comprised of both academic and industry professionals as deemed appropriate by AFLF board of directors. Any and all decisions made by the selection committee are final.

The selections committee bases their evaluation and recommendations on the personal journeys and stories conveyed in the application material (s) and/or any other relevant information and/or material (s) such as the essay (s) and/or letters submitted.

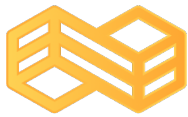
DISBURSEMENTS OF AWARDS, BURSARIES, GRANTS, AND/OR SCHOLARSHIPS

Receiving funding is contingent on consent to use the students' name and potentially an image to announce scholarship winners on our IG, blog page, and/or LinkedIn, and/or to share with donors to ensure appropriate disbursement was facilitated if donors require. 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, bursaries, grants, 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 about the disbursement (s) of funding are to be directed to info@autismforlife.org please put Awards, Bursaries, Grants, & Scholarships in the subject line.



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AWARDS, BURSARIES, GRANTS, & SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATION FORM

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name: _____ Date: _____

First (Pronoun) Last M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Unit #

City Province Postal Code

Phone: _____ Email: _____

EDUCATION OBTAINED TO DATE

HIGH SCHOOL: _____ Website: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES NO
 Certificate: _____

BACHELOR: _____ Website: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES NO
 Degree: _____

TRADES | TECHNICAL _____ Website: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES NO
 Certificate: _____

OTHER: _____ Website: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES NO
 Certificate: _____

EDUCATION DESIRED

NAME OF INSTITUTION: _____ Website: _____

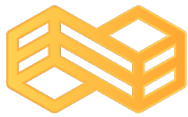
From: _____ To: _____ Program | Course | Certificate: _____

NAME OF INSTITUTION: _____ Website: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Program | Course | Certificate: _____

NAME OF INSTITUTION: _____ Website: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Program | Course | Certificate: _____



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AWARD, BURSARY, GRANT, AND/OR SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING ARE YOU APPLYING FOR?

Note: You may apply for all awards, bursaries, grants, and scholarships at once, if you are not selected for an award, bursary, grant, and/or scholarship the first time around and the selection committee is impressed with your application, your application may be kept on file for future consideration (s).

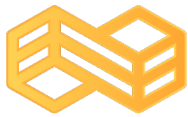
The Autism for Life Artistry Grant up to \$1,500 CAD	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Autism for Life Business Grant to start and/or advance an autistic owned business up to \$5,000 CAD	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Autism for Life Bursary away where between \$1000 - \$5,000 CAD	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Autism for Life Directors Award up to \$2000 CAD	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Autism for Life Scholarship \$1000 - \$5,000 CAD	<input type="checkbox"/>

THE AUTISM FOR LIFE ARTISTRY GRANT UP TO \$1,500 CAD

If applying for the Artistry Grant, are you apart of YYC BUMP¹, Calgary Arts Development, and/or any other art program within the country? YES NO

If yes, explain:

- i. Please provide a copy of your portfolio (*in lieu of essay's*) with your application. *Scoring value 60/100*
- ii. Describe your plans to spend the grant (*500 words maximum*). *Scoring value 40/100*



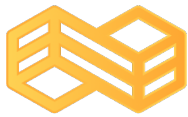
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THE AUTISM FOR LIFE BUSINESS GRANT UP TO \$5,000 CAD

- i. Please describe the following: your business and/or business plans, how long you have been operating for, plans for expansion, if you are incorporated or not, how your business benefits and/or impacts the community, and what your financial status is thus far, and/or any other relevant information. *Scoring value 40/100*

- ii. If you are financially independent from your family, friends, and community, please explain and briefly describe your financial position. *Scoring value 30/100*

- iii. If you are not financially independent, please give a brief description of your financial circumstances (including any financial support from your family). *Scoring value 30/100*



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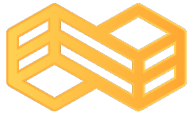
THE AUTISM FOR LIFE BURSARY BETWEEN \$1000 - \$5,000 CAD

Our bursary is designed to alleviate poverty and barriers preventing access to the community, employment, and to ensure basic medical care, and mental health services not covered is accessible. Our end goal is to ensure that our beneficiaries are having their most basic needs met.

Please detail the following:

- i. Challenges that you have had to overcome being on the spectrum; and
- ii. How this bursary will help you alleviate your poverty, achieve academic, career, medical, and personal goals. *Scoring value 70/100*

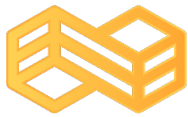
- iii. If you are awarded with the bursary, how do you attend to spend the funds to advance yourself and/or alleviate your poverty to overcome survival mode. *Scoring value 30/100*



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THE AUTISM FOR LIFE DIRECTORS AWARD UP TO \$2000 CAD

The Director's Award was designed to acknowledge and award those who have not been acceptance by their families, community, and/or institutions, with access to no financial supports, family members, and/or mentors but have been able to navigate the gaps in the system to get themselves where they are today. Our founding director understands that some persons on the spectrum will be abandoned by their family at early ages and wants to intervene to insure that they are given a foundation to begin a supported transition into adulthood. This award will be evaluated based on age of independence, success, community involvement, and financial independence. If you are a person on the spectrum that has been homeless and/or experiencing an unstable living situation since a child, please explain and inform us on how you will use the funds to elevate your poverty.



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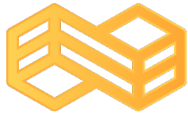
THE AUTISM FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIP BETWEEN \$1000 - \$5,000 CAD

Our scholarship is designed to ensure that those on the spectrum are able to obtain post-secondary education and advance themselves no matter the circumstances. We will allow beneficiaries to apply for more than one scholarship and will ensure to offer community support to help apply for and obtain other scholarships within the community.

- i. Please provide a description of your post high school training program, ensure to include the following details: school you are attending, program of study, speciality if applicable, and anticipated date of graduation. *Scoring value 10/100*

- ii. Please provide a brief description of your community involvement, volunteer activities, special interests, accomplishments, and/or accolades. *Scoring value 20/100*

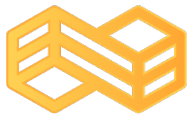
- iii. Why specifically do you want to study and/or train in the field that you have chosen?



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- iv. Please provide a brief description (*250 words maximum*) about how being a student on the autism spectrum has impacted your education. *Scoring value 30/100*

- v. Please provide a brief description (*500 words maximum*) of your future education and employment goals. *Scoring value 40/100*



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For all applicants: please provide at least one letter of recommendation and/or reference, these letters could be from academia, employment, and/or from a community mentor who is familiar with your accolades, studies, work, community involvement, and/or portfolio whom the awards, bursary, grants, and scholarship committee may approach for a reference.

Please fill out this section below and then please provide the letter with your application via email.

NAME: _____ How you met? _____

Date of Letter and/or recommendation
YYYY/MM/DD? _____

NAME: _____ How you met? _____

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NAME: _____ How you met? _____

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If you have any recommendations for our applications and/or policies and procedure, please describe them below, we are welcoming of any suggestions.

All details given will be treated in complete confidence!

NOTE: only applications submitted electronically will be considered.

If you have any further queries, please contact info@autismforlife.org

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date (YYYY/MM/DD): _____

YOUR INFORMATION IS BEING COLLECTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY 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 OPERATIONS. 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.