2020 Canadian Hearing Society National Scholarship Program
Application for First-Time Applicants

About the CHS National Scholarship Program

The Canadian Hearing Society proudly offers scholarships to Deaf and hard of hearing students to help break down barriers to higher education and build brighter futures.

Scholarships of $3,000 a year for full-time students and $1,000 a year for part-time students are awarded to top qualified candidates who are pursuing post-secondary education at an accredited institution, inside or outside of Canada. Once secured, students may receive an annual award for up to four years. Awards may cover tuition, residence or educational resources. The exact number of awards will be dependent on the number and ranking of qualified applicants.

Eligibility Criteria

• Applicants must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada;
• Applicants must be either hard of hearing or Deaf;
• Applicants must be:
  o 17 years of age or older and attending a recognized post-secondary institution in the Fall of 2020 as first-time or returning students; or mature students, 19 years of age or older;
• Eligibility is based on the overall assessment of the following application materials:
  o Photocopy proof of Canadian citizenship or permanent residency with date of birth;
  o At least one audiogram documenting hearing loss of 50dB or greater, pure tone average, in each ear (50dB or greater in the left ear AND 50dB or greater in the right ear);
  o Proof of Fall 2020 acceptance to an accredited post-secondary institution (proof of registration, signed consent form and thank-you video are required before students receive awards in August/September each year);
  o Community Involvement checklist, as outlined in Section 2 (page 3 and 4 of the application form);
  o Two (2) Referral Forms submitted via email by your references as outlined in Section 3 (page 4 of the application form); and,
  o Typed 12-pt font, 250-word essay in English or French, or YouTube link or Dropbox shared link (NO Google Drive shared links) to a 6-minute video in ASL/LSQ, as outlined in Section 4 (page 5 of this application form).

Selection Process

A Canadian Hearing Society committee of educators, industry leaders, staff, and members of the Deaf and hard of hearing community will review qualified applications and select the winners. All winners will be notified on or before September 10, 2020 and recognized across the Canadian Hearing Society community later in the month. Scholarship awards will be distributed upon receipt of proof of registration, a signed letter of consent and thank-you video. Please note, all awards are taxable income.

How to Apply

Please complete and submit this fully completed application form as outlined on page 6 by the deadline to be considered. Thank you.

Application Deadline: May 20, 2020, 4 p.m. E.S.T.
Date of notification of successful candidates: September 10, 2020 or sooner
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TO BE COMPLETED FULLY FOR CONSIDERATION:

SECTION 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________________________

City: ____________________________________________________________________________ Province: __________

Postal Code: __________ Phone/TTY: __________________________________________

E-mail: ________________________________________________________________

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): ____________________________ Age: ________________

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other

I consider myself to be:

☐ Deaf ☐ Culturally Deaf ☐ Oral Deaf ☐ Late Deafened ☐ Deaf/Blind

☐ Hard of Hearing ☐ Other: __________________________________________________________

Name of post-secondary educational institution and program you plan to attend:

_________________________________________________________________________________

In September 2020, I will be a:

☐ Full-time student ☐ Part-time student ☐ Distance learning student

I am entering the following academic year:

☐ 1st Year ☐ 2nd Year ☐ 3rd Year ☐ 4th Year ☐ Other ____________________________
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SECTION 2: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2020 Secondary School Community Involvement Checklist: To be completed by Students Entering 1st Year Post-Secondary Studies Directly from High School

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SECTION 2: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2020 Community Involvement Checklist: To be completed by Students Continuing Post-Secondary Studies or Mature Students

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SECTION 3: REFERENCES

Please have two (2) references complete the Referral Form found on the CHS National Scholarship website at chs.ca/scholarship. Completed Referral Forms are to be emailed by your references to giving@chs.ca.

Please note that your referrer must not be a member of your family or reside at the same residence.

All referral forms are to be emailed to giving@chs.ca by your references no later than 4 p.m. E.S.T., May 20, 2020.
SECTION 4: ESSAY

Please describe your life experience and the participation barriers you have braved at school, work, home or in your community as someone who is Deaf or hard of hearing, and tell us how the scholarship will help to transform the future for you, your family and society. Please include your 250-word typed essay as a PDF on a separate page in 12-pt. font.

Students who prefer to submit a 6-minute video in ASL or LSQ may send a YouTube link or Dropbox shared link in your application submission email. (NO Google Drive shared links please.)

Please note: Essays that are longer than 250 words in print or 6 minutes in video may not be considered.
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SECTION 5: REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

To be eligible for the 2020 scholarship, please (✓) check that you have attached the following documentation in this exact order. Please ensure ALL requirements and documents are included in your application to be considered. We will not follow up on any incomplete applications.

- #1: Completed and signed application form, pages 2, and 3 or 4;
- #2: Photocopy proof of Canadian citizenship or permanent residency with date of birth;
- #3: At least one audiogram documenting hearing loss of 50dB or greater, pure tone average, in each ear (50dB or greater in the left ear AND 50dB or greater in the right ear);
- #4: Proof of Fall 2020 acceptance to an accredited post-secondary institution;
- #5: Community Involvement Checklist with supervisor names/contact information, as outlined in Section 2 (page 3 or 4);
- #6: Two (2) Referral Forms submitted via email by your references as outlined in Section 3 (page 4 of the application form); and,
- #7: Typed 12-pt font, 250-word essay in English or French, or YouTube link or Dropbox shared link (NO Google Drive shared links) to a 6-minute video in ASL/LSQ, as outlined in Section 4 (page 5 of this application form).

Please send the above materials to giving@chs.ca in a single PDF attachment with the subject line: “Application for 2020 Canadian Hearing Society Scholarship,” no later than 4 p.m. E.S.T. May 20, 2020. ILLEGIBLE AND INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

For additional information, please visit www.chs.ca/scholarships, email giving@chs.ca or call the Fundraising Department at 1-866-518-0000 ext. 4330.

The Canadian Hearing Society gratefully acknowledges our generous donors and corporate partners for providing ongoing funding to support this important program.

Declaration of Interest

I have read the eligibility requirements and have submitted the required documentation to be considered for a national scholarship award from the Canadian Hearing Society, as outlined in this application form. I understand I may only use the scholarship for tuition, residence or educational resources, and I agree that my name, personal story, video and photographs may be used for promotional purposes by the Canadian Hearing Society.

________________________________________________________________________
Applicant / Guardian Signature

Print Full Name ________________________________ Dated (MM/DD/YYYY)