



Easter Seals Workplace Readiness Mentorship Program Scholarship

Easter Seals is pleased to partner with Sun Life to offer one scholarship worth \$1,000 to be awarded to a student in Alberta currently enrolled in the Winter 2022 semester or who will be entering post-secondary education in Fall 2022.

Purpose and Objective

The scholarship is intended for any person with a physical disability who is currently enrolled in or pursuing post-secondary education. The objective of the scholarship is to help reduce financial barriers for the student as they progress and work towards completing their post-secondary education and assist them in preparing for a successful transition into the workforce.

The scholarship recipient must also agree to participate in a six-month mentorship program from March to end of August 2022, where they will be paired with a volunteer mentor who can provide encouragement, guidance, and support for their studies, and in preparing for summer jobs and/or transition to the labour force after graduation.

The scholarship recipient must be a resident of Alberta.

Application Process

Scholarship candidates will be reviewed, and qualified and the successful candidate(s) will be selected by a selection committee of Easter Seals Alberta. Decisions are final. Candidates will be given consideration based on the following criteria:

- A resident of Alberta.
- Have a disability.
- Currently attending or will be attending post-secondary education (college, university, vocational/trades program).

Supporting documentation for application:

The following documentation must be submitted with your completed application form:

- A typed, one-page letter from you in which you have outlined why you should be selected for the award. You may include information on scholastic achievement, motivation, initiative, extra-curricular activities, challenges faced and overcome, financial need, and/or any other relevant information that you think would strengthen your application.
- Please indicate in your letter if you are a current or previously registered participant/client in a program offered by Easter Seals Alberta. If you are not a current or previously registered participant/client in an Easter Seals (province), please include a document/letter from a medical physician, therapist or social worker outlining your disability.
- Documentation confirming that you are currently enrolled in the Winter 2022 semester or are registered to start post-secondary education in the Fall 2022 semester.

Important Notes

The successful recipient will be expected to:

- Participate in a 6-month mentorship program (tentatively starting March 2022 to end of August 2022). Recipient will convene with the volunteer mentor designated to them at least once a month, or more if mutually agreed upon between the recipient and mentor.
- Complete a brief survey toward the end of the 6-month mentorship to help assess the value and impact of the mentorship program

The application form and all supporting documentation must be received by **March 16, 2022** to:

Scholarship Selection Committee

c/o Easter Seals Alberta

marie@easterseals.ab.ca

Please remember to review the application form to ensure all information and supporting letters/documentation is provided. Ensure you keep a copy of the completed form for your files.

If you have any questions, please contact Marie Miles, marie@easterseals.ab.ca, 403-235-5662 x 1.

PLEASE SEE NEXT PAGE FOR APPLICATION FORM



Application for the Easter Seals Workplace Readiness Mentorship Program Scholarship

Given Name:		Surname/Family Name:	
Date of Birth:			
Mailing Address:			
City:	Province:	Postal Code:	
Your Email Address:		Phone Number:	

Are you currently or have you previously participated in a program offered by Easter Seals Alberta:	Yes / No
If you answered 'Yes' to the question above, please indicate in the space below, the name of the program that you are currently or previously participated in:	
Are you currently in receipt of an academic scholarship or bursary from any other organization:	Yes / No

Indicate in the space below, the name of the college/university/institution where you are currently enrolled in (Winter 2022) or where you will be starting in (Fall 2022).	
Indicate in the space below, the name of the program which you are currently enrolled in (Winter 2022) or where you will be starting in (Fall 2022). E.g. Bachelor of Science	
Length of Program:	Have you been accepted: Yes / No
Start Date:	Number of Years to Graduation:

Briefly describe what you would use the \$1,000 scholarship for if you were selected?

Please describe, what types of accommodations (if any) you would require to participate in the 6-month mentorship program and/or convene online with your designated volunteer mentor?

What ways would you prefer to communicate with your volunteer mentor?

- **Phone:** Yes / No
- **Email:** Yes / No
- **Online video/phone meeting (e.g. Zoom):** Yes / No

I certify that the information provided in the application is true, correct, and complete to the best of my ability.

Signature of Applicant

Date

If you are a successful scholarship recipient, do you give permission to share your application letter with the scholarship donor: Yes / No

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