

Mission Statement

Learning Matters Education Charity provides financial assistance to Canadian children who would not otherwise have the financial means to obtain a post-secondary education. Bursaries are made available to Canadian undergraduate post-secondary students with a stated objective to make a positive contribution to Canadian society, and who have a demonstrated financial need.

Bursary Details

Learning Matters is pleased to make available 6 bursaries across the country. Each bursary is valued at \$2,500 and is to be applied towards the cost of tuition. Bursary recipients will be notified in writing by August 15, 2011, and the funds will be forwarded to the applicable post-secondary school by September 15, 2011.

Bursary Criteria

To be eligible, an applicant must be:

- ▣ a Canadian citizen or have landed immigrant status in Canada
- ▣ entering or enrolled in a full-time post-secondary undergraduate education program at a recognized Canadian post-secondary institution
- ▣ able to demonstrate financial need, and one or more of community involvement, academic excellence, and career objectives which will make a positive contribution in Canadian society

Selection Process

1. Applications and all supporting information must be received by May 31, 2011. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered whether or not the delay was caused by the applicant.
2. Applications must be completed in black ink and should be accompanied by:
 - ▣ Most recent transcript showing academic performance
 - ▣ Letter of acceptance into post-secondary program (where available)
 - ▣ Applicants summary of community involvement
 - ▣ Applicant's essay regarding future application of their post-secondary education
 - ▣ 2 letters of recommendation
3. Selection of the recipients will be undertaken by an Awards Selection Committee established by the Charity. As all decisions of the Committee are final, the Committee will not respond to requests for information from applicants that were not granted a bursary.
4. Applications will be considered on the basis of financial need and other factors including community involvement, academic excellence, and career objectives. A telephone interview will be conducted with applicants where additional information is required by the Awards Selection Committee.

Application Form

1. General Information

Name: _____ **M F**
First Name Initial Last Name Sex

Permanent Address: _____
Street Address

City Province Postal Code

Telephone: (____) _____ SIN: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
Social Insurance No. Day / Month / Year

What is the most recent level of education you have completed? (transcript must be provided) _____

Are you a Canadian citizen? **Y / N** If not, what is your status in Canada? _____

What course/program are you enrolled in/applying for? _____

Where is the course/program offered? _____
Name of Institution Location (City)

Start date of course/program: _____ Completion date: _____
Month / Year Month / Year

2. Financial Information

We require information to obtain a full picture of your financial situation. Please complete the following as accurately as you can based on your projected expenses and income in the next year.

A. Expenses

	Per Month	# of Months	Total
Tuition & Fees			
Books & Supplies		8	
Accommodation (<i>specify type</i>)		8	
Groceries and personal items		8	
Travel (<i>local</i>)		8	
SUB-TOTAL for study period			
Non-study period expenses (<i>e.g. summer living expenses</i>)		4	
TOTAL for calendar year (A)			

Please provide additional explanatory information on a separate sheet of paper if:

- your study period is more or less than 8 months
- you have specific expenses that do not fall within the categories above (provide the amount of the expense and why it is necessary)
- you are attending school in your home city and list an accommodation and/or grocery expense above

B. Income

	Total for Year
Personal Savings	
Expected Employment Income	
Family Contributions	
Scholarships/Bursaries (<i>expected & received not including this Scholarship</i>)	
Expected Student Loan/Grant	
Other (<i>specify any other income</i>)	
TOTAL (B)	

Difference between Projected Income (B) and Projected Expenses (A)	
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i. Savings & Employment Income

Briefly describe any employment (part-time or full-time) in the past year (including any current employment). If you have been unable to work in the past year, describe the reasons why.

Describe any anticipated employment during your school year. If you will not be working while at school, describe the reasons why.

ii. Family Contributions

Please describe any family circumstances which limit the ability of your family to contribute financially towards your post-secondary education costs.

iii. Financial Aid

Have you applied for a student loan through your provincial student aid program? Y / N.

If Yes, please provide an estimated amount in the income chart above reflecting a reasonable estimate of what you are eligible for from your student financial aid program. If No, briefly describe why you have not applied for financial aid.

3. Community Involvement

On a separate sheet of paper, briefly outline your contributions to the social community. This may include, for example, personal enrichment activities as well as volunteer social service and contribution to your community. The information should be captured in a table format providing the name of the organization, your role, dates of involvement, total hours dedicated to the activity, a brief explanation of why you chose to participate in this activity and how you benefited from it.

4. Essay Question

On a separate sheet of paper and in less than 500 words, provide a short response to the following question:

How will you use your post-secondary education to make a positive difference to Canadian society?

5. Letters of Recommendation

Applicants must provide two written letters of recommendation. These must not be written by family or friends, and it is preferable if at least one is from a current or previous teacher.

Declaration & Consent

Applicant (or applicant's parents or legal guardian(s) if applicant is under the age of majority) warrants by his or her signature that they have read and understood the following declaration and consent:

I, _____ or _____
Applicant's Name if over the age of majority Parent or Legal Guardian's Name if under the age of majority

Declare the following:

1. That I have read and understood the rules and regulations laid out in this application; and
2. That I have honestly and accurately completed all aspects of this application; and
3. I consent to the Learning Matters Education Charity and the Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation collecting and using the personal and other information I submitted with this application for the purposes of considering my eligibility for the bursary. I further consent to the use by the Charity and the Foundation of my name, address, essay submission, photograph and/or other likeness in publicity relating to the bursary in any medium or format, without restriction and without further compensation.

Name (please print) Signature Date

The following must be completed or enclosed in order for this application to be considered:

- All sections of the Application Form; and
- Most recent transcript showing academic performance; and
- Letter of acceptance into post-secondary program (where available); and
- Applicants summary of community involvement; and
- Applicant's essay regarding future application of their post-secondary education; and
- 2 letters of recommendation, sent directly to the Learning Matters Education Charity