

# Transforming the Future for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Students 2019 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 2019 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 both ears;
  - o Proof of Fall 2019 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 Typed 12-pt font, 250-word essay in English or French, or YouTube link to a 6-minute video in ASL/LSQ, as outlined in Section 3 (page 4 of this application form);
  - o Community Involvement checklist, as outlined in Section 4 (page 4 of the application form); and,
  - o Two (2) letters of reference, as outlined in Section 5 (page 5 of the 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 by September 11, 2019 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 [application form](#) as outlined on page 3 by the deadline to be considered. Thank you.

**Application Deadline: May 20, 2019, 4 pm E.S.T.**

**Date of notification of successful candidates: September 11, 2019 or sooner**

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## 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:

- Hard of Hearing  Oral Deaf  
 Late Deafened  Deaf/Blind  
 Culturally Deaf  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

In September 2019, I will be a:

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

I am entering the following academic year:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Year  2<sup>nd</sup> Year  3<sup>rd</sup> Year  4<sup>th</sup> Year  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## SECTION 2: REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

To be eligible for the 2019 scholarship, please ✓ check that you have attached the following documentation in this exact order:

- #1: Completed and signed application form, pages 1 and 2;
- #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 both ears;
- #4: Proof of Fall 2019 acceptance to an accredited post-secondary institution;
- #5: Typed 12-pt font, 250-word essay in English or French, or YouTube link to a 6-minute video in ASL/LSQ, as outlined in Section 3 (page 4);
- #6: Community checklist with supervisor names/contact information, as outlined in Section 4 (page 4); and,
- #7: Two (2) letters of reference, as outlined in Section 5 (page 5).

Please send the above materials to [giving@chs.ca](mailto:giving@chs.ca) in a single PDF attachment with the subject line: “Application for 2019 Canadian Hearing Society Scholarship,” **no later than 4 p.m. E.S.T. May TBD, 2019.**

For additional information, please visit [www.chs.ca/scholarships](http://www.chs.ca/scholarships), email [giving@chs.ca](mailto:giving@chs.ca) or call the Fundraising Department at 1-866-518-0000.

**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.

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**Applicant / Guardian Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Print Full Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Dated (MM/DD/YYYY)**

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## SECTION 3: 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 from the Canadian Hearing Society will help to transform the future for you, your family and society. Please include your 250-word typed essay on a separate page in 12-pt. font. Students who prefer to submit a 6-minute video in ASL-English or LSQ-French may send a YouTube link in their submission email or PDF. ***Please note:*** *Essays that are longer than 250 words in print or 6 minutes in video may not be considered.*

## SECTION 4: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

### Secondary School Checklist for Extra-Curricular Activities & Community Involvement in 2018

	Hrs./Week	Supervisor's Name	Email or Phone
Arts/Music			
Clubs			
Sports			
Leadership Roles			
Community Involvement/ Volunteer Work			
Part-Time Employment			
Other:			
<input type="checkbox"/> I have volunteer/work hours noted above that directly support Deaf or hard of hearing individuals.			

### Mature or Returning Student Community Involvement Checklist in 2018

Activity (please specify if paid or voluntary)	Hrs./ Week	Supervisor's Name	Email or Phone

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## SECTION 5: LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Please include two (2) letters of reference. The following reference form may be used. The referrer must *not* be a member of the applicant's family or reside at the same residence.

### 2019 Canadian Hearing Society Scholarship Program

#### Reference Letter

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have known  
(PRINT FULL NAME)

\_\_\_\_\_ for  
(PRINT CANDIDATE'S FULL NAME)

\_\_\_\_\_ and have worked with the candidate \_\_\_\_\_  
(NUMBER OF MONTHS/YEARS)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(IN WHAT CAPACITY)

Please explain why you recommend this candidate for the scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Referrer's Address, City, Prov. Postal Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone/TTY

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address