



Exceptional Student Bursary Description



Bursary Description

This bursary will be presented to a graduating student who is identified as exceptional and there is evidence of financial need and/or personal challenges. This bursary, in recognition of academic achievement and contribution to the school community, provides financial support in the amount of \$1,000 towards post-secondary education at the university or college level. It can also be applied to a community-based program to support an exceptional student following graduation from a TCDSB secondary school.

History

A.S. Meneguzzi, a former Associate Director of Finance with the TCDSB established a fund to support students with special needs following his retirement. This fund was transferred to The Angel Foundation for Learning and is used to support this bursary for students with exceptionalities. This bursary also recognizes former senior staff members of the Toronto Catholic District School Board, who have made financial contributions to The Angel Foundation for Learning's Bursary program. **Norman Forma**, a former Director of Education, was widely respected for his collaborative, compassionate and student-centered leadership, Norm Forma is remembered for his interest in promoting increased opportunities for students who are deaf and/or hard of hearing. **Frank Meagher**, a former Superintendent of Special Programs provided provincial leadership on behalf of exceptional children. **Sandra Montgomery**, a former Superintendent of Special Services showed unwavering commitment and compassion for students with special needs.

Criteria

Selection of the successful candidate will be based on the following criteria:

- an identified exceptionality as per the IPRC;
- student's overall achievement in light of their exceptionality;
- evidence of contribution to the school and the community;
- description of financial need and/or personal challenges; and
- acceptance into a post-secondary institution or program.

Application Process

Application must be completed with all of the following criteria for consideration of this bursary:

- the completed and signed application form;
- a personal cover letter, which outlines contributions to the school and community; states the nature of the financial need; includes as much detail as appropriate;
- two letters of support: one from the student's resource teacher and one from the principal/designate detailing the student's academic achievement in light of their exceptionality and a description of how this individual contributed to the school and community; and
- evidence of acceptance into a post-secondary program.

Selection Process

The successful candidate will be approved by the Board of Directors of The Angel Foundation for Learning, upon the recommendation of the review committee. This committee will include retired members of the TCDSB community. The successful candidate will be notified in early June.

Contact Person

For further information contact:

- Iris Martinez at 416.222.8282. ext. 2844 or iris.martinez@tcdsb.org.



Exceptional Student Bursary Application Form



Applicant's Full Name: _____

Exceptionality from IPRC: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
Year/ Month/ Day

Email address: _____

Secondary School: _____

Post-Secondary Institution: _____

Program of Studies: _____

Permission is granted to publish the name and photos of the successful student on print and electronic media, including both internal and external publications and sites.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Principal's Name: _____ Signature: _____

Requirements: In order to be considered for this bursary include:

- the completed and signed application form;
- a personal cover letter outlining your post-secondary plans including your plans for coping with your exceptionality in the post-secondary setting and which states the nature of your financial need. Include as much detail as appropriate;
- two letters of support: one from the resource teacher and one from the principal/designate detailing the student's academic achievement in light of their exceptionality and a description of how this individual contributed to the school and community; and
- evidence of acceptance into a post-secondary program.

Email your completed application package as one PDF document if possible to: angel.foundation@tcdsb.org, or mail to The Angel Foundation for Learning, CEC, 80 Sheppard Ave. East, Toronto, ON, M2N 6E8.

Application Due Date: Friday, April 26, 2024