

The Canadian Hard of Hearing Association Scholarship Program 2012

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The Canadian Hard of Hearing Association Scholarship Program was established in 2002. This Program is supported by donations of the members of the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association (CHHA) and by the generous contribution from the Algar family, and the scholarship established by Doreen Laszlo (spouse of Dr. Charles Laszlo).

The mandate of CHHA is to encourage awareness of hearing loss and to advocate self-help for hard of hearing or deafened people. Its aim is to achieve full hearing accessibility in Canadian society. The Canadian Hard of Hearing Association Foundation (CHHAF) was established to create a perpetual financial legacy to support the activities of CHHA, and create specific initiatives for hard of hearing or deafened persons in Canada. The Algar family wishes to continue to support the work of their parents, particularly their father, who was a strong advocate of the rights of hard of hearing people and his great faith in young people. Doreen Laszlo's aim is to encourage hard of hearing students to follow the example of Charles' commitment and work on behalf of the hard of hearing community.

The purpose of the Scholarship Program is to offer financial assistance and recognition to hard of hearing and deafened students registered in a full time program at a recognized college or university, in any area of study, with the ultimate goal of obtaining a diploma or degree. **This year three awards of \$1,000 each will be granted and presented at the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association Annual Awards ceremony to be held at the CHHA Conference in May 2012.**

Applicants are requested to read the attached criteria for eligibility and to provide all the information required. The selection of award recipients will be made by the Scholarship Committee. The decisions of the Committee are final. **Please note: only one application needs to be completed to apply for all scholarships.**

Please ensure that all necessary documentation is completed, signed, and that all supporting material is enclosed (copies are acceptable as applications will not be returned). All applications must be received by **February 28, 2012**. Late, unsigned or incomplete applications will not be considered **nor will applications be accepted by e-mail or fax**. Please **mail** your completed application to:

Canadian Hard of Hearing Association Scholarship Program
2415 Holly Lane, Suite 205, Ottawa, ON K1V 7P2
Voice: (613) 526-1584 Toll Free: 800-263-8068 Fax: (613) 526-4718
TTY: (613) 526-2692 e-mail: scholarship@chha.ca
<http://www.chha.ca/chha/scholarships-index.php>

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POLICY AND PROCEDURES

1. Applicants to this Scholarship Program **must** be either hard of hearing, deafened or oral deaf. Support documentation is required.

The Canadian Hard of Hearing Association (CHHA) and the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association Foundation (CHHAF) generally accept the following terms:

hard of hearing

A person with any level of hearing loss, from mild to profound, whose primary method of communication is the spoken language

deafened

a person with a profound level of hearing loss acquired in adulthood (hearing loss occurred after learning oral communication)

oral deaf

a person with a profound level of hearing loss, occurring congenitally or with an onset early in life, whose primary method of communication is the spoken language.

2. Eligible applicants may be first-time or returning post-secondary students, and are registered in a full time program at a recognized College or University. Applicants must be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident/landed immigrant, convention refugee or a protected person living in Canada, as defined in the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act. Field of study may be a factor in the selection process for some scholarships. The Charles Laszlo Scholarship requires that the applicant be enrolled in the second year of study in the area of Science and Technology. In addition, the applicant must also display an interest in supporting activities to improve the lives of those who are hard of hearing. The Frank Algar Scholarship does not focus on field of study; however, the advocacy level of applicants is taken into account.
3. Eligibility for these Scholarships is based on an overall assessment of the applicant. Applications will be judged by a number of criteria including academic achievement, determination to cope with hearing loss, and community involvement.
4. Successful applicants will be notified as soon as selection has been made. Funds will be distributed upon receipt of proof of registration. An agreement to this effect will be signed by the recipients and the appropriate CHHA authority. Please note: scholarships **are taxable income**.
5. Recipients must agree that names and/or photographs may be used for promotion of the Scholarship Program and to encourage future applicants. Mediums may include the annual CHHA Conference and Annual General Meeting, *Listen/Écoute* magazine, local newspapers (in the recipient's community) and a press release to national media.

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SECTION 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name

Address.....

City..... Province..... Postal Code.....

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Phone/TTY..... E-mail.....

Date of Birth..... Age..... Gender: male female
(mm/dd/yy)

I consider myself to be

hard of hearing

late deafened

oral deaf

other (specify).....

SECTION 2: AUDIOLOGICAL INFORMATION

The following information must be provided to ensure eligibility for this scholarship.

Age when hearing loss was diagnosed.....

Cause (if known).....

Do you wear hearing aids? Yes No If yes, how many?.....

Do you have a cochlear implant? Yes No If yes, when where you implanted?.....

Do you have any other sensory or mobility disability in addition to your hearing loss? Yes No

If yes, please explain the nature of this disability.....

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You must include an audiogram signed and dated by an audiologist.

SECTION 3: CLASSROOM ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS

Please explain how you address your hearing loss in the classroom. Outline any accommodations you have requested and received (assistive devices, notetakers, preferred seating etc).

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SECTION 4: EDUCATION

Academic transcripts must be provided for up to 2 years of most recent study, depending on which is applicable in your situation.

I am currently registered at Year of Study.....

Program of study Length of program

- I am a high school graduate entering my first year of post-secondary education.
- I am a full-time college or university student and have already begun my post-secondary education
- I am a mature student returning to school at the post-secondary level
- Other

Please outline your recent education history

	Name of High School/College/University	Program(if applicable)	Diploma/Degree Received
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Please outline your educational goals (i.e. to obtain College Diploma, University Degree, etc.)

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Please outline your career aspirations

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SECTION 5: ADVOCACY/AWARENESS

Yes No I am a member of the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association (CHHA)

Yes No I am a member of the Canadian Association of the Deaf (CAD)

Other (specify)

Please give an example of a time, if any, when you promoted awareness of hearing loss issues

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Please give an example of an occurrence, if any, when you identified yourself as a person with hearing loss

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SECTION 6: PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please outline any past achievements, personal highlights and/or participation in sports, clubs or organizations. Describe your plans for the future, including your career aspirations or any other goals you hope to achieve. You must include this information as an attachment, typed, not to exceed 500 words.

SECTION 7: LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Please include two letters of reference, typed, not to exceed 500 words. References must be from someone other than your immediate family or anyone living in your household. Candidates are encouraged to have references on an official letterhead (if applicable).

Thank you for your application for the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association Scholarship Program. Your submission will be carefully reviewed by the Scholarship Committee, and you will be notified in writing whether or not your application was successful. Scholarships are granted on a one-time basis, though you may apply in successive years if this application is not selected. Please note that the decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final.

Applicant Signature

Date

CHECKLIST

Please ensure that your application package contains the following documents:

- This completed application form
- A signed audiogram
- A copy of your school transcripts
- A personal statement
- Two letters of reference