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The Rotary Club of Charlottetown Student Accessibility Award

DESCRIPTION

The Rotary Club of Charlottetown was founded in 1917, and has a proud history of serving the residents of PEI. As well as serving the community every year, it has supported many local projects including significant support to Camp Gencheff, the Rotary Soup Kitchen project, and its ongoing work with Easter Seals and the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. It will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2017 and is experiencing rapid membership growth as it embarks on raising support for many more major projects. For many years the Rotary Club of Charlottetown very generously supported an award for international students at UPEI. In 2016, the Club renewed its commitment to UPEI students, supporting a student with disabilities.

Students with disabilities are applying to universities at unprecedented rates. UPEI Accessibility Services is focused on providing academic and other supports for these students. In 2016, 433 students registered at UPEI for these supports as compared to 126 students in 2009. Statistically, 14.3% of Canadians live with a long term or recurring disability – one in seven Canadians. Only 14% of those with a disability go on to achieve a university degree as compared to 23% of the population with no disability. Students with disabilities represent approximately 9% of total post-secondary population. The largest demographic of students in need are students with Autism Spectrum Disorder, and students struggling with diagnosed mental health disorders.

This award for a UPEI student with a disability will not only assist them with the financial burdens experienced in post-secondary school; it will also build confidence and pride for every recipient – something that is critical to the overall success of these students.

CRITERIA

Awarded to a UPEI student with a documented disability who has overcome barriers in their educational pursuits and has demonstrated leadership or volunteerism and community service

APPLICATION PROCESS (Deadline: October 1)

Application materials should be submitted to:

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APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

UPEI Student ID: _____ Telephone: _____

UPEI Email Address: _____

Please include the following in your application package:

Application Form (Deadline – October 1)

Application Personal Statement (maximum one page typed)

Please include in your personal statement how you meet the criteria of the award, including how you have overcome barriers in your educational pursuits and demonstrated leadership, volunteerism or community service

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: Incomplete application packages will not be considered. For official communication purposes, the Scholarships and Awards Committee will contact successful recipients through their UPEI Email Address. It is the student's responsibility to check their UPEI email account.

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