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### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the ME & Lau Family Foundation (“ME” hereafter) Scholarship is to encourage and promote the attainment of higher education goals for individuals with a proven financial need. Consideration will be given to students who have demonstrated a high level of academic achievement, who have made a positive contribution to people with intellectual disabilities through involvement in extracurricular activities, and who have made significant contributions of time and energy to community services programs.

### **DESCRIPTION**

The Scholarship will be \$1,200 (in Canadian Dollars) *to a student pursuing post-secondary education* who is selected by ME & Lau Family Foundation’s Awards/Scholarships Committee. The funder reserves the right to interview each candidate prior to making a final decision. The purpose of the Scholarship is for post-secondary education expenses such as tuition, books, supplies, and other related expenses. The Scholarship is awarded only in the student’s first year at a post-secondary institution and as such applications are limited to one per candidate.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

#### **Residency**

- Be a student currently in their final year of high school and will be attending a postsecondary institution in the fall to pursue a minimum of 2 years of full-time study leading to a degree or diploma, in a public college or university within Canada.
- Successfully obtain and provide a copy of their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

#### **Income**

- Provide supporting documentation of family income threshold of \$135,000 or below. In the case where no parental support is provided to the student a copy of the Family Breakdown application submitted to OSAP.

#### **Extra-curricular Involvements**

- Have made a positive contribution to people with an intellectual disability.
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## **SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION REQUIREMENTS**

In addition to the candidate's academic abilities, the Awards/Scholarships Committee will evaluate the candidate's positive contribution to people with an intellectual disability in the community. Contributions to the community may be demonstrated by involvement in local clubs, activities, and organizations such as Community Living Toronto, Community Living Ontario, DD Community Connector, ME & Lau Family Foundation, etc.

## **FUNDING AND PAYMENTS**

All payments will be made directly to the Scholarship recipient by the ME & Lau Family Foundation. The recipient must provide satisfactory proof of enrollment and an official timetable. Funds will be released after the withdrawal date of the recipient's postsecondary institution.

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## APPLICATION FORM

General Information		
First Name:	Initial:	Last Name:
Permanent Address:		
City:	Province:	Postal Code:
Telephone:	Date of Birth:	
Email Address:		

Are you a Canadian Citizen:      Yes              No

If not, what is your status in Canada?

What program are you enrolled in / applying for?

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

Start date of course / program: (Month & Year)

Expected Completion Date: (Month & Year):

What is the level of study?

- Diploma
  - Certificate
  - Bachelor's Degree
  - Other
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## 2. Financial Information

We require certain information to fully understand your financial situation. Please complete the following information as accurately as you can.

<b>Applicant Income</b>		
		<b>Total For Year</b>
Personal Savings		\$
Expected Employment Income		\$
Family Contributions		\$
Scholarships / Bursaries (expected & received not including this Scholarship)		\$
Student Loan / Grant		\$
Other (specify any other income)		\$
<b>Total Applicant Income</b>		\$

**Information from Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s):** If you are living with your parent(s) or legal guardian, they must fill out this section and sign the declaration at the end of the application.

Enter the combined annual income for each parent or legal guardian, as reported on their most recent tax return.

<b>Parent or Legal Guardian Combined Income</b>	
	<b>Total For Year</b>
	\$
	\$
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**3. School Awards & Achievements (list information since Grade 9 only):**

Please complete this chart, starting with the current year at the top. You may expand on any of these in your letter. (See point 8 for details)

School Year	Name of Award	Award Description

**4. Non-School Awards & Achievements (list information since Grade 9 only):**

School Year	Name of Award and Name of Awarding Organization	Award Description

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**5. Extra-Curricular Involvement (list information since Grade 9 only):**

Extra-curricular commitments (in person or virtual) can include Athletics (team, recreational sports), Art, Music, Drama, Debate, Leadership Roles, Clubs, Organizations and Part-Time Employment.

School Year	Name of Activity and Your Position or Title (if any) in the Activity. (i.e., school yearbook, editor, basketball team, team captain, band conductor)	Description of Activity / Club / Association, etc., Including Time Commitment Involved.

**6. Outside of School Environment (list information from Grade 9 only): The involvements can be virtual or in-person.**

Date	Organization	Description of Involvement and Length of Time Involved.

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**7. Community Service Involvement (list information since Grade 9 only): The involvements can be virtual or in-person.**

- (a) Detail school related community service organized by your school in which you participate, such as volunteer work for a charitable organization / foundation, hospital, nursing home, church, religious organizations, etc.

Date	Organization	Description of Involvement and Length of Time Involved.

- (b) Detail non-school related community service which you have undertaken of your own accord, such as, volunteer work for a charitable organization / foundation, hospital, nursing home, church, religious organization etc.

Date	Organization	Description of Involvement and Length of Time Involved.

**8. Personal Essay OR Video**

Along with this application, please include EITHER a 500-word personal essay OR a 2-minute video answering the following questions:

*How will you use your post-secondary education to make a positive difference to Canadian society and to the people with intellectual disabilities?*

*Why are you the most suitable candidate for this Scholarship?*

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## **9. 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. In the instance where a letter of recommendation is not possible, applicants must provide two references that can be contacted for recommendation. These references cannot be family or friends and it is preferable that at least one reference is a current or previous teacher.

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## DECLARATION & CONSENT

Applicants (or applicants' parent(s) or legal guardians(s) if applicants are under the age of 18) warrant by their signature that they have read and understood the following declaration and releases:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ applicant's name if 18 or older)  
or \_\_\_\_\_ (parent(s) /legal guardian(s) name)

Declare the following:

- (1) That I have read and understood the rules and regulations laid out in this application.
- (2) That I have honestly and accurately completed all aspects of this application.
- (3) That the above information in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

_____ Applicant Name	_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ Parent or Legal Guardian Name	_____ Signature	_____ Date

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**Submit complete application to Rowan Pruden-Soper at [rowan.prudensoper@cltoronto.ca](mailto:rowan.prudensoper@cltoronto.ca) no later than 5 pm on September 30, 2023.**

**Applicants must note the following in the subject line: ME & Lau Scholarship at CLTO 2023**

Submissions must include the following:

- Completed application form
- Most recent transcript showing academic performance
- Letter of acceptance into post-secondary program (where available)
- Applicant's personal essay or video
- 2 letters of recommendation

**Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.**

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