

Application Form for Students

2019-2020 Scholarships Program

The Quebec Association for Equity and Inclusion in Post-Secondary Education (AQEIPS) is proud to launch this year the 20th edition of its scholarships program for students with disabilities (SWD) at the post-secondary level. For the past twenty years, thanks to the dedication of its donors, partners and members, the AQEIPS has awarded several scholarships each year to SWD from across the province. So far, the AQEIPS has highlighted the determination and commitment of more than 100 scholarship recipients.

This year, the AQEIPS will offer at least **three scholarships** of up to \$1000. With these scholarships, the AQEIPS aims to achieve three main objectives, namely:

- Encourage people with disabilities to pursue post-secondary education;
- Encourage SWD to defend their rights and support their social commitment;
- Assist SWD in offsetting the additional costs associated with their situation.

The AQEIPS is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1991, by and for SWD. Our primary mission is to promote equal opportunities in post-secondary education and to raise awareness in the community about defending the right to higher education, social inclusion, active life, and citizen participation. The AQEIPS aims to build a more inclusive society and to remove the barriers these students face throughout their

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education. The AQEIPS has its head office in Montreal; however, it represents students from across Quebec and offers them bilingual services. The AQEIPS offers services to post-secondary students (as well as high school students who are planning for further education) living with disabilities due to an ongoing functional limitation of a motor, sensory or organic nature, or because of a learning disability or mental illness.

SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES

- 1) SWD pursuing a **Diploma of Vocational Studies (DVS/DEP)**
- 2) SWD enrolled in a **Pre-University CEGEP Program**
- 3) SWD enrolled in a **Technical CEGEP Program**
- 4) SWD enrolled in a **University Undergraduate Program**
- 5) SWD enrolled in a **University Graduate Program**

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Be an active member of the AQEIPS;
- - **Students who were registered in a secondary establishment during the 2018-2019 academic year:** (1) Having obtained a high school diploma or the equivalent proving successful completion of high school studies; (2) being registered in a post-secondary establishment recognized by the *ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur* (MEES) in Quebec during the fall of 2018 or being registered in a vocational training program recognized by a professional order in Quebec during the winter of 2019;
- - **Students who were registered in a post-secondary Scholarships Program** 2019-2020



- establishment during the 2019-2020 academic year:** (1) have successfully completed at least one course during the 2018-2019 academic year; (2) being registered in a post-secondary establishment recognized by the MEES in Quebec during the fall of 2018 or being registered in a vocational training program recognized by a professional order in Quebec during the winter of 2018;
- Have a permanent disability, as certified by a doctor or advisor at the educational institution you are registered to;
 - Provide all the support documents listed in the Appendix.

RULES

- All applications must be received at the AQEIPS office before the application deadline, **by December 1, 2019**. The date from the post office stamp appearing on the envelope will be honoured.
- Foreign students with disabilities who meet the application requirements are also invited to apply if they are enrolled in a Quebec post-secondary educational establishment during the current year of the program.
- Quebec residents (who can provide a proof of residency) who are studying abroad or out of province are also encouraged to apply.
- After the deadline, incomplete applications will not be considered; applicants are responsible for submitting complete applications.
- Students who have received a scholarship from the AQEIPS in the past are not eligible for the current program unless they apply in a different category.
- Current AQEIPS board members and employees are not eligible.



- Scholarship winners commit to being present at the annual general meeting (end of April) to receive their scholarship OR to record and acceptance video that will be presented at the assembly.

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Financial considerations

- Planned use of the scholarship (Note: travel and social activities that would be made possible by the scholarship and that the student would not otherwise be able to afford are accepted and valued).

2. Personal considerations

- The student's motivation to pursue their education;
- Steps taken to pursue their education;
- Goals and career plans;
- Community involvement;
- Determination to face difficulties encountered as a person with a disability and to overcome obstacles.

3. Quality of the applicant's file

- Quality of the content;
- General presentation (format, cover letter, etc.).

Please send your application along with all supporting documents to:



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Montreal, Quebec H2L 1J9

Telephone: 514-499-9451

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projets@aqeips.qc.ca

APPENDIX

The applicant's file must include:

- 1) The student's name, permanent residential address, phone number, email address and date of birth;
- 2) Cover letter describing the applicant's motivation for pursuing post-secondary education, work experience, as well as involvement in the community;
- 3) Resume;
- 4) Membership form duly completed (if not already a member);
- 5) **Student who was registered in a secondary (high school) establishment during the 2018-2019 academic year:** (1) High school diploma or the equivalent proving successful completion of high school studies; (2) being registered in a post-secondary establishment recognized by the MEES in Quebec during the fall of 2019 or being registered in a vocational training program recognized by a professional order in Quebec during the winter of 2019;
- **Student who was registered in a post-secondary educational establishment during the 2018-2019 academic year:** (1) proof of completion of at least one course during the



- 2018-2019 academic year; (2) proof of registration to a post-secondary establishment of Quebec recognized by the MEES in the fall of 2019 or proof of registration to a vocational training recognized by a professional order in Quebec for the winter of 2019;
- 6) Proof of special need or functional limitation (e.g. letter from the school's office for students with disabilities).

