



AQEIPS Scholarships Program Description 2021-2022

The Quebec Association for Equity and Inclusion in Post-Secondary Education (AQEIPS) is proud to launch the 23rd edition of its scholarships program for post-secondary students with disabilities (SWD) this year. For more than twenty years, thanks to the dedication of its donors, partners and members, AQEIPS has awarded several scholarships each year to SWD from across the province. So far, AQEIPS has highlighted the determination and commitment of more than one hundred scholarship recipients.

These scholarships of **up to \$1000**, aim to achieve the three following main objectives:

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

In addition, we wish to acknowledge that you can be a student at any age and at different stages of your career. We thus encourage SWD who are returning to school to apply.

SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES

AQEIPS scholarships will be offered in the following categories. The number of scholarships awarded in each category is determined by the number of applications received.

- 1) SWD pursuing a **Diploma of Vocational Studies (DVS) or an Attestation of Collegial Studies (ACS)**
- 2) SWD enrolled in a **Pre-University CEGEP Program (DCS)**
- 3) SWD enrolled in a **Technical CEGEP Program (DCS)**
- 4) SWD enrolled in a **University Undergraduate Program (bachelors, certificate)**
- 5) SWD enrolled in a **University Graduate Program (masters, doctorate)**





ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible to win an AQEIPS scholarship, candidates must meet the following requirements:

- Be an active AQEIPS member (you can apply to become a member with your scholarship application);
- Have completed or be registered to at least one course between September 2021 and April 2022 in a post-secondary institution;
- Be a Quebec resident
- Commit to attending the AQEIPS annual general meeting (end of April) to receive their scholarship OR to record an acceptance video on their part that will be presented at the meeting;
- Students who have received an AQEIPS scholarship in the past are not eligible for the current program unless they apply in a different category;
- Current AQEIPS Board of Directors members and employees are not eligible;
- Provide all the required supporting documents listed in the following section.

HOW TO APPLY

To submit your application for a 2021-2022 AQEIPS scholarship, you must fill out the Google Form OR contact us for physical forms to fill out.

Please send any questions to: info@aqeips.qc.ca. If it is not possible for you to send us your application by email, you can mail it to the following address:

**AQEIPS Scholarships Selection Committee
425 Sherbrooke Street East, Suite 06
Montreal, Quebec H2L 1J9**

DOCUMENTS TO SEND WITH APPLICATION:

You must include all the following documents with your application:

- (1) AQEIPS membership form
- (2) A cover letter of 500 to 750 words on one of the following themes:
 - (a) How your personal background led you to your program of study, or
 - (b) How your social and community engagement reflects your priorities
- (3) Your curriculum vitae (CV)





(4) A proof of registration for the semester starting in September 2021 (for example, transcript, attestation of studies, etc.) to a post-secondary institution in Quebec recognized by the *ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur* (MEES) or a professional training recognized by a professional order in Quebec. *If you are not registered for the fall semester, please mention it in your application. We will ask you later to provide an attestation of studies for the semester starting in January 2022.*

FAQ

- **I missed the deadline. Can I still send my application?** Applications must be submitted through the Google Form (preferred) or by mail to AQEIPS by **February 1st, 2022, latest**. After the deadline, incomplete applications will not be evaluated; applicants are responsible for submitting complete applications.
- **I am not registered for any courses this semester (fall 2021), but I will be in January. Am I eligible?** Yes, the eligibility period covers the academic year until April 2022. If you are not in school during the fall, please mention it in your application. You will be asked to provide an attestation of studies for the winter semester later.
- **I am an international student studying in Quebec. Am I eligible?** Yes, international SWD who meet the eligibility criteria are also encouraged to apply.
- **My permanent address is in Quebec, but I am studying out of province/abroad. Am I eligible?** Quebec residents (who can provide a proof of residence in Quebec) who are studying abroad or in another province are also encouraged to apply.

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 about defending the right to higher education, social inclusion, active life, and citizen participation. AQEIPS aims to build a more inclusive society and to remove the barriers these students face throughout their education. AQEIPS has its head office in Montreal; however, it represents students from across Quebec and offers them bilingual services. 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. It also offers services to high school students who intend to pursue post-secondary studies.

