



# Call for Applications

## Supporting Students through Accessible Technology and Mentorship Program

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### Introduction

Easter Seals Nova Scotia is pleased to partner with Scotiabank, through its ScotiaRISE commitment, to offer financial grants and mentorship opportunities to students in Nova Scotia who are currently enrolled in or will be entering high school in the Fall 2022.

### Purpose and Objective

The Accessible Technology and Mentorship Program grant and mentorship opportunity is intended for any student with a disability who is currently enrolled in or entering high school in Fall 2022. The objective of the scholarship is to help reduce financial barriers for the student as they progress and work towards completing high-school and assist them in preparing for a successful transition into post-secondary education, or entry into the workforce.

The grant recipient also has the opportunity to participate in a year-long mentorship program from September 2022 to June 2023, where they will be paired with a volunteer mentor who can provide encouragement, guidance, and support for their studies, and in preparing for post-secondary studies, as well as summer jobs and/or transition to the labour force after graduating high school.

The scholarship recipient must be a resident of Nova Scotia.

### Value of Grant

The grants are valued up to \$1,000 per student\*. Students can apply the grant funding that is provided towards purchasing laptops, learning aids or other specialized/adaptive learning equipment, learning software, or tutoring and other costs required for school. \*Special allowances may be made for up to \$2,000 in some cases of financial difficulty – please outline on your application if this applies.

## **Application Process**

Interested candidates are invited to submit their application, which will be reviewed by a selection committee of Easter Seals Nova Scotia. Candidates will be given consideration based on the following criteria:

- A resident Nova Scotia,
- Have a disability.
- Currently attending or entering high school in Fall 2022.

## **Supporting documentation for application:**

The following documentation must be submitted with your completed application form:

- A typed, one-page letter from the applicant in which they outline why they should be selected for the award. This letter should include information on motivation, scholastic achievement, initiative, extra-curricular activities, challenges faced (and overcome), financial need, and/or any other relevant information that would strengthen the application.
- A description of the equipment/technology/service you would use this money for, including total cost of such items or services.

## **Important Notes**

The successful recipient will have the opportunity to:

- Participate in a year-long mentorship program (September 2022 to June 2023). The recipient will convene with the volunteer mentor designated to them at least once a month, or more if mutually agreed upon between the recipient and mentor.
- Complete a brief survey toward the end of the mentorship in June 2023 to help assess the value and impact of the mentorship program.

The application form and all supporting documentation must be received by **November 30, 2022**.

**Please forward by Email to:**

**Wanda Sinclair, Director of Development**  
**Easter Seals Nova Scotia**  
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Please remember to review the application form to ensure all information and supporting letters/documentation is provided. Ensure you keep a copy of the completed form for your files.

If you have any questions, please contact Wanda Sinclair at (902) 453-6000 ext. 224.