

# 2024–2025 Scholarship Guidelines

## The Rick & Amanda Hansen Scholarship for Youth with Disabilities

The Rick & Amanda Hansen Scholarship aims to make a profound impact on the lives of Canadian youth with disabilities through scholarships of up to \$40,000 to pursue post-secondary education, achieve their career aspirations and realize their full potential.



### About the Scholarships

- Minimum of 3 scholarships available for 2024–2025 academic year.
- Up to \$10,000 CAD per year for publicly funded, post-secondary education in Canada directly payable to the academic institution.

### Program Requirements

- No restrictions on the area of study or discipline. Certificate, diploma, trade and bachelors degree programs are eligible.
- Program must be minimum of 1 year to maximum of 4 years in duration.

## Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must be:

- A person with a disability, defined as a functional limitation – whether permanent or episodic – which affects the student’s ability to participate in post-secondary education.
- A Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada.
- Eligible for domestic tuition at a publicly funded post-secondary institution or training program at a public university, college or institute in Canada.
- Under the age of 30 years as of the application deadline.
- Enrolling full-time in the 2024/25 academic year for a 1- to 4-year post-secondary program.
- Enrolling in a publicly funded Canadian institution.
- Not receiving other financial awards that total more than \$2,500 per year (excluding student loans). The Rick & Amanda Hansen Scholarship cannot be held concurrently with other education-related financial awards exceeding \$2,500 in any given year.
- Responsible for ensuring that any funding received from the Rick & Amanda Hansen Scholarship will not negatively affect the status of any benefits and subsidies that they are eligible for.

## Restrictions & Conditions

- The scholarship may be withdrawn if the recipient fails to remain in good standing according to their academic institution or fails to satisfactorily submit progress reports and other requested supporting documentation at the end of each academic year.
- Recipients must not concurrently receive additional education-related financial awards exceeding \$2,500 per year (excludes student loans).

Read the full [Terms & Conditions](#).



## Submission

Applicants are required to submit the full application package online at [RickHansen.com/Scholarship](https://RickHansen.com/Scholarship) by **May 31, 2024 at 23:59 PST**. The application package consists of:

1. Completed application form:
  - a. Personal Information
  - b. Academic Institution & Program Information
  - c. Tuition & Financial Award Information
  - d. How do you emulate Rick and Amanda Hansen's values of perseverance, inclusivity and being a difference maker?
  - e. What are your career goals, and how will your selected program help you achieve them?
  - f. How will this scholarship help you overcome financial barriers you may have?
2. 1-2 page résumé outlining professional skills, academic achievements, and community involvement
3. 2 reference letters (1 must be from an educator)
4. 2 most recent years of education transcripts (copies sufficient)
5. Proof of Disability Form completed by a physician or psychiatrist

## Selection Process

The Scholarship Selection Committee will evaluate eligible applications on the following evaluation criteria:

- **Rick & Amanda Hansen's Values:** Demonstrating Perseverance, Inclusivity and Being a Difference Maker
- **Career Aspirations:** Clarity of career goals and alignment with chosen academic program
- **Academic Readiness:** Ability to successfully complete the chosen academic program
- **Financial Need:** Financial necessity of scholarship

The Scholarship Selection Committee may invite shortlisted candidates for an interview at their discretion. Decisions are final.

## Key Dates



### Apply

**March 2024 to May 31, 2024**

Applicants must submit their application online at [RickHansen.com/Scholarship](https://RickHansen.com/Scholarship)



### Select

**June to July 2024**

Applications are evaluated by the selection committee. Interviews may be requested.



### Award

**August 2024**

Cohort 2024–2025 is announced.