

## Student Accessibility Fund Annual Bursary Applications

### **Purpose**

The primary purpose of the Student Accessibility Fund Committee (SAFC) is to create an open and accessible DSU for all Dalhousie students, regardless of physical or mental differences or access needs. We will strive to represent the interests of all Dalhousie students with disabilities, both internally on the DSU Council and in the greater University community, by promoting the social benefits of an accessible campus here at Dalhousie University.

We will handle the funds entrusted to us by students responsibly, and when possible reinvest these funds to help the students we represent.

### **Annual Bursary**

The SAFC is proud to offer bursaries of up to \$1000 each year which are open to all Dalhousie students with disabilities. The SAFC recognizes that there are additional financial burdens associated with having access needs, and these bursaries are provided to help defray these costs.

*All Dalhousie students are encouraged to apply, regardless of whether or not they have a student loan, or receive outside funding. However, as bursaries will be granted on a basis of need, proof of student loans will hold weight and may be given priority.*

**The purpose of this bursary is not to defray the costs of tuition. Applications made on that basis will be disqualified.**

**Important Guidelines:**

- Applicants can apply for up to \$1000 in either of the fall or winter semesters.
- All sections of the application **MUST** be completed, unless not applicable; incomplete applications will **NOT** be considered.
- Questions? Email dsuvpi@dal.ca
- Applications should be completed online, or if printed, date stamped, and questions must be submitted to the DSU Office on the 2nd Floor SUB, & addressed to:

**Vice President (Internal)**  
 Dalhousie Student Union  
 vpi@dsu.ca  
 Phone: 902-494-1276

- Receipts for purchases made prior to approval of funding must be submitted with your application.
- Services and equipment eligible for reimbursement by any 3rd party (e.g., insurance) may not be considered.
- All other purchases (equipment and/or services) must be made within your study period.
- All approved purchases must be made before the end of your study period.
- **Application deadline for Fall Semester** – November 1st
- **Application deadline for Winter Semester** – February 25th
- Approved bursaries will be available after the application deadline each semester
- Only those students submitting successful applications will be contacted with information on funding.

Personal Information			
Name	BOO Number	Phone Number	Email
Current Address	City	Postal Code	

Please select all that apply:

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single/living at home        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Support Parent with dependent child/children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single/living away from home | <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian citizen                                  |

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  International citizen  
 Partnered w dependent child/children

Academic Information		
Program of Study	Year of Study	Are you a part-time or full-time student?
		<input type="checkbox"/> Part-time <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time
Anticipated year of Graduation:		

### Equipment and/or Services

Indicate the service(s) and/or equipment requested below. All requests should be supported by a recommendation from an advisor from the Student Accessibility Centre or in consultation with your physician or other regulated health care professional. This recommendation should reflect how this equipment/service will aid you in relation to your accessibility need. If you require additional space to explain the item(s) you are requesting, provide the information in a separate letter and attach it to this application. Estimates or receipts/invoices/quotes, as well as the recommendation from and advisor/health care professional must be attached in a separate document to this application for each service/equipment requested. Estimates for each service must include the following:

#### Services

Estimates or receipts/invoices/quotes must be attached to this application for each service requested. Estimates for each service must include the following:

- hourly cost of each service;
- total hours per week of each service
- total number of weeks you will be using each service;
- which of the courses you are taking require the service; and,
- the name and contact information for the person or agency providing each service.

**Service 1**

Service Name:	
Hourly Cost:	
Hours needed per week:	
Weeks that service will be needed:	
Total cost of service for year	= \$ _____
Names of courses requiring service:	

**Service 2**

Service Name:	
Hourly Cost:	
Hours needed per week:	
Weeks that service will be needed:	
Total cost of service for year	= \$ _____
Names of courses requiring service:	

**Service 3**

Service Name:	
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Hourly Cost:	
Hours needed per week:	
Weeks that service will be needed:	
Total cost of service for year	= \$ _____
Names of courses requiring service:	

Equipment 1	
Equipment Name	
Total Cost (including taxes and shipping)	
Weeks that service will be needed:	
Total cost of service for year	= \$ _____
Names of courses requiring service:	

Equipment 2	
Equipment Name	
Total Cost (including taxes and shipping)	
Weeks that service will be needed:	

Total cost of service for year	= \$ _____
Names of courses requiring service:	

## Personal Statement

The DSU Accessibility Committee is asking applicants to complete one of the following options addressing the following question:

“How would this award improve your involvement or experience within the Dalhousie community (academic or otherwise)?”

1. Write a statement that is approximately 250-500 words.
2. Record a personal statement that is no more than two minutes in length. Email to [vpi@dal.ca](mailto:vpi@dal.ca) or bring in a recording.
3. Use any other medium of communication that allows you to answer the above question.

## Financial Need & Documentation

1. Please attach all relevant documentation including student loans, medical costs, etc.
2. Please include proof of registration with Dalhousie Student Accessibility Centre or with your provincial government acknowledging that you are a person with access needs.

Please note: If you are applying for the bursary to purchase equipment (e.g. mobility aids) or services (e.g. tutoring), your outline **MUST** include any receipts (if already purchased) OR quotes (for future purchase).

## Application Declaration & Authorization



By signing this application form, you agree to the following terms and provisions:

- a) I declare that the information provided herein is true and accurate.
- b) I agree to provide the Student Accessibility Fund Committee with a copy of my student loan assessment (if applicable).
- c) I authorize the Student Accessibility Fund Committee to contact any equipment and services providers if this is judged to be necessary.
- d) If requested, I agree to provide the Student Accessibility Fund Committee with the appropriate medical documentation concerning my accessibility needs.

**\* Please Ensure that all sections are complete. Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

<b>Applicant's Name (printed):</b>	
<b>Signature:</b>	
<b>Date</b>	

\*Please note that a limited number of bursaries are available, but we welcome all applications. Bursaries are awarded by the Student Accessibility Fund Committee, a committee of your DSU Council. For more information about the committee, and the review process, please feel free to contact DSU Vice President (Internal) at [vpi@dsu.ca](mailto:vpi@dsu.ca).