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## Canadian MPS Society Education and Learning Fund

The Canadian MPS Society Education and Learning Fund (ELF) is designed to recognize the diverse abilities and needs of our membership, alongside our commitment to supporting and celebrating MPS members in their pursuit of growth, learning and living their best lives.

ELF supports and empowers individuals affected by MPS or related LSDs in their pursuit of their educational and developmental goals, whether they are pursuing post-secondary education, acquiring life skills, arts training, obtaining certificates, or advancing their careers.

ELF awards can be used for expenses directly related to education, learning and development, such as tuition fees, course materials, travel, memberships (e.g. arts club, acting group) and other related costs.

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Applicants must be:
  - directly affected by MPS or related LSDs
  - over 16 years of age
  - in good standing with the Canadian MPS Society
  - a Canadian resident
- The application must be directly related to education, learning and development, including certificate programs, career development, community centre classes, life skills, post-sec-ondary, etc.

### **Application Process:**

ELF awards a total of \$5,000 annually, split into two submission periods (\$2,500/per).

Applications Open	Application Deadline	Notifications	Payment Award
April 30	June 1	July 1	August 1
October 31	December 1	February 1	March 1

### Award Criteria:

• Successful applicants can receive a maximum of \$750 per calendar year, with a cumulative maximum of \$3000 over a period of five years.



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- Two post-secondary applications will be approved per application period, on a first come first served basis.
  - At the time of the application submission deadline, funds unused by nonpost-secondary applicants will either be allocated to additional post-secondary students are moved forward to the next submission period, reflective of application trends.

### **Application Requirements:**

- Proof of enrolment or registration in the educational program.
- Complete the CanMPS ELF form or call CanMPS for assistance.
- Provide a progress testimony (mandatory) within one year of receiving funds.
- Consent to the use and publication of your name, testimonial, and image in Canadian MPS Society materials (voluntary).

### **Guidelines:**

- In the event of withdrawal or unforeseen circumstances preventing the completion of the course or lessons, any funds returned/reimbursed by the service-delivery organization must be returned to the ELF.
- Only those who have met previous terms and conditions may reapply.
- Applicants are encouraged to promote the Educational/Learning Fund within the MPS community.



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# Canadian MPS Society Education and Learning Bursary Application Form

## Personal Information:

Full Name: Date of Birth: Address: City: Province: Postal Code: Email: Phone Number: Member in Good Standing:

## **Educational Information:**

Name of Educational Institution/Organization: Program/ Course Title: Start Date of Program: Expected Completion Date: Proof of Enrolment or Registration (Attach Document):

### **Financial Information:**

Total Cost of Program or Activity: Amount Requested::

In Your Own Words: Please answer the following questions are part of your submission. Submissions can be written (300 words max per question), video, music, art, other:

- 1. Tell us how this program or course will contribute to your learning and development goals.
- 2. How do you envision using the knowledge or skills gained from this program or activity in the future?
- **3**. How has living with MPS or related LSDs affected your ability to pursue education and achieve your life goals?



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## **Consent and Agreement:**

I confirm that all information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that if I withdraw from the program or course, or if unforeseen circumstances prevent me from completing it, any funds disbursed to me must be reimbursed or returned to the Society's Educational/Learning Fund.

I consent to the use and publication of my name, testimonial, and image in Canadian MPS Society materials, if selected as a recipient of the bursary. (Optional)

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Submission Deadline: Please submit your completed application along with all required documents to kimangel@mpssoceity.ca

Note: The guidelines and application form are subject to change at the discretion of the Canadian MPS Society.