

Power to Achieve Scholarship Award

**Presented by the Learning Disabilities Association of Durham Region
in partnership with the Durham Catholic District School Board**

Scholarship Award Overview

The Learning Disabilities Association of Durham Region (LDADR) is providing a \$500.00 Power to Achieve Scholarship Award to a graduating Durham Catholic District School Board (DCDSB) student. This scholarship recognizes a DCDSB student who has a diagnosed Learning Disability and is continuing studies (Apprenticeship, College or University) in the upcoming academic year. Candidates must be full-time high school students during the 2024-2025 school year and be entering first year of apprenticeship, college or university in 2025-2026.

All applicants are to provide:

- A completed Power to Achieve Scholarship Award Applicant Information Form and
- A submission (format of applicant's selection – please see below) which conveys what it was like to have a learning disability at school:
 - How did it feel?
 - Who and what helped?
 - If you could go back in time, what advice would you give yourself in grade 9?

Be creative! Your submission can be a/an: *Only one submission per student

- Essay (150 words max)
- Video (2 minutes max)
- Song/rap (2 minutes max)
- Poem/spoken word (150 words/2 min max)
- Dance (2 min max) – Video with short narrated (or written) interpretation
- Photo of a drawing, painting or sculpture with short description (written/narration) that relates to your experience (80 words max)

Scholarship Award Selection Process

Applicants are to submit the application and submission to their Curriculum Chair or Program Support Teacher by May 2nd, 2025. *Only one submission per student

The Curriculum Chair will forward the verified scholarship applications to Karen Lutz (Karen.Lutz@dcdsb.ca) no later than May 16th, 2025.

The Scholarship Award Selection Committee (comprised of representation from LDADR, SEAC and DCDSB Student Services team) will make the selection of the 2025 recipient.

The recipient will be contacted and recognized in June 2025.

If any you have any questions, please contact Karen Lutz (Karen.Lutz@dcdsb.ca) .