



The Carol Shantz Bursary Award

In honour of Carol Shantz,
KidsAbility School Educator & Principal (retired June 2001)

- Value of Bursary:** One bursary valued at a minimum of \$1,000 will be awarded annually.
- Supplement to Bursary:** Effective 2010, KidsAbility Centre for Child Development will award an additional \$1,500 to the bursary recipient annually for up to 3 years following the year in which he/she receives the initial bursary. Proof of registration at the post-secondary institution is required annually. KidsAbility Centre for Child Development will manage the disbursement of these funds.
- Purpose:**
- 1) To assist an individual with a life-long disability, who is a client or an alumnus/alumna of KidsAbility to further his/her education at a provincially certified college, university or community/vocational institution.
 - 2) To recognize an individual who, through effort and perseverance, is seeking to cultivate his/her potential to its maximum by pursuing post-secondary education.
- Deadline:** Completed applications and all supporting documents must be received by KidsAbility Foundation no later than Friday, May 11, 2012. Incomplete application materials or applications received after May 11, 2012 will not be considered.
- Fields of Study:** Any program of study at a provincially certified college, university or community/vocational institution.
- Eligibility Requirements:**
- 1) The applicant must be an individual with a life-long disability, who is a client or an alumnus/alumna of KidsAbility (*formerly Rotary Children's Centre*).
 - 2) The applicant must have applied to enter a program or must be returning to a post-secondary institution on a full-time or part-time basis in September 2012.
 - 3) Previous applicants who have not received the bursary are eligible to re-apply.
 - 4) Effective 2010, previous recipients of the bursary are not eligible to re-apply.

Award Administration: KidsAbility Foundation administers the bursary program. The Selection Committee includes a representative of KidsAbility Foundation, an educator from KidsAbility School, a therapy representative of the School Years Program at KidsAbility, and Carol Shantz (founder of the award). The committee will base its decisions on the criteria which are described in the application procedure.

Application Procedure: The applicant must submit:

- 1) the completed application form;
- 2) a photocopy of high school transcripts **or** transcripts of post-secondary study;
- 3) 150-200 word outline (alternative format accepted) describing:
 - his/her disability and its impact on daily life and;
 - any extracurricular activities, community involvement, volunteer and/or employment experience;
- 4) a letter of support from an individual not related to the applicant (e.g. teacher, therapist, counsellor, employer, community member, physician).

Please note that late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

All personal information collected will be held in the strictest of confidence and will be used only for the purpose of contacting recipients with respect to The Carol Shantz Bursary Award. Please contact ltalbot@kidsability.ca for more information about our Privacy Policy.

Obligation of Recipients:

- 1) The award recipient shall be recognized at the Annual General Meeting of KidsAbility in Waterloo in June 2012.
- 2) Before the award cheques are issued, the award recipient must submit proof of registration at the post-secondary educational institution to KidsAbility Foundation, on an annual basis.

Application Forms: Application forms may be obtained from:

- (1) KidsAbility website: kidsability.ca**
- (2) any KidsAbility location**
- (3) or by contacting:**
 - Chris Voisin
 - KidsAbility Foundation
 - 500 Hallmark Drive
 - Waterloo, ON N2K 3P5
 - Phone: 519-886-8886 Ext. 1293
 - Toll Free: 1-888-372-2259 Ext. 1293
 - Fax: 519-886-0105
 - E-mail: cvoisin@kidsability.ca