

INTERPROVINCIAL SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Guidelines for Awarding Bursaries, Scholarships and Grants

I. Bursaries and Scholarships

- A. A bursary is an award to encourage the student who is deaf or hard of hearing 21 years of age or less, pursuing study at the post-secondary level leading to an undergraduate degree or certification. This award is renewable for a maximum of four years (three renewals up to a maximum of four years in total). The age restriction of 21 years does not apply in the renewal years. A maximum of thirty (30) awards to a maximum of \$1,000 each, including renewals, may be awarded annually.

Selection criteria include:

- Consideration of degree of hearing loss
- Demonstration of financial need

- B. The George Bateman Scholarship is for a student who is deaf or hard of hearing 21 years of age or less, pursuing undergraduate studies. This award is renewable for a maximum of four years (three renewals up to a maximum of four years in total). The age restriction of 21 years does not apply in the renewal years. A maximum of \$10,000 is available annually, including new awards each year plus renewals.

Selection criteria include:

- Academic excellence
- Consideration of degree of hearing loss
- Demonstration of financial need

- C. The Arlene Burriss Memorial Scholarship is offered to a person studying in any field that will prepare them to work with children who are deaf or hard of hearing, or to a graduate who is deaf or hard of hearing for post-secondary study. Applications must be supported by evidence of acceptance into a post-secondary program.

Selection of this scholarship is determined by the ISDA Committee on a yearly basis and the Arlene Burriss Memorial Scholarship Application form is to be used.

The deadline date for application for these awards is May 1. Further applications may be considered in October. First-time applications should be made on the form "Interprovincial School Development Association – Scholarship Application for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing".

Renewal applications should be made on the form "Interprovincial School Development Association – Scholarship Renewal Application for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing."

II. Incentive Award for Professionals

An incentive award is for a professional working with, or preparing to work with, the deaf or hard of hearing. A maximum of five awards of up to \$1000.00 each may be awarded annually. This award is non-renewable.

Selection criteria include:

- Relevance to working with the deaf or hard of hearing
- Applicant must be enrolled in a program leading to a certificate, diploma, and/or degree
- Be a resident of one of the Atlantic Provinces

The deadline dates for application are October 1 and/or May 1. Applications must be submitted on the form "Interprovincial School Development Association – Application for Incentive Awards for Professionals"

III. Special Projects

Financial support for children and youth who are deaf or hard of hearing to participate in social, recreational, cultural activities such as, and not limited to; pupil exchanges, summer camps, students conferences/ seminars/meetings, and sports - when evident that funds are unavailable from any other source and are cost shared, where possible, by the individual.

The deadline date for applications is October 1 and/or May 1. Details should be submitted on the form "Interprovincial School Development Association – Application for Financial Support – Special Project." Applications may be reviewed throughout the year but must be received a minimum of four (4) weeks prior to the event.

IV. Research Project

Grants may be awarded to support research and the development of curriculum or resources. A maximum of \$8,000 may be awarded annually.

Guidelines

- Research/projects must be of direct benefit to the Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority (APSEA).

- Research/projects will be conducted or carried out by an APSEA employee or a person authorized by APSEA to conduct the research.
- All project proposals must be approved by the Director and/or the Superintendent.
- The amount to be awarded shall not exceed the actual cost of the research/project (travel, supplies, mail-outs, etc.) and may include funds for salary.
- Funds awarded, but not used in one year, may be carried over to the next year.

The deadline dates for application are October 1 and/or May 1. Details should be submitted on the form “Interprovincial School Development Association – Application for Research Grants for Professionals”

V. **Professional Development & Training Grant (Staff Only)**

Annually, an amount of \$10,000 will be available for professional development and training to ensure that APSEA continues to meet its need for highly trained, very specialized staff with the technical skill and knowledge to meet the needs of children and youth who are deaf or hard of hearing and are served by APSEA. Excluding those who have received an educational leave.

Guidelines

- Applications for support from this fund will be considered from staff, excluding those who have received an educational leave.
- A candidate must have the appropriate educational and experiential background to benefit from the professional development opportunity.
- A candidate must hold a position and possess the willingness and personal skills which permit utilization of new knowledge and skills in the professional development and training of other staff.
- Priority will be given to requests for professional development opportunities that are consistent with the program needs of APSEA, as identified by the Director and senior administrators.

The deadline dates for application are October 1 and/or May 1. Details should be submitted on the form “Interprovincial School Development Association – Application for Professional Development and Training”

Applications are available by contacting: www.apsea.ca

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