Assessment Assistance Ad Hoc Bursary

Committee Terms of Reference

Term: 2021 Fiscal Year

Purpose:

Students at Dalhousie have identified that the cost barrier associated with diagnostic testing has prevented them from accessing essential diagnostic services for learning disabilities, attentional disorders, and other cognitive conditions. We also know that the status of a student’s diagnoses directly impacts their ability to seek academic accommodations at Dalhousie, as well as their general ability to access education and the quality of their education. This in turn, has a significant mental health impact.

This bursary will exist to support those students requiring testing services to seek diagnoses that impact their access to education. Because of the typical cost ($2,500.00) of these services, they are often inaccessible for many students. This bursary will help alleviate those costs so that students may seek essential services.

The DSU has partnered with Dalhousie Health and Wellness to facilitate and streamline this bursary. Students who are recommended to seek psychoeducational assessments, and who identify a need for funding, will be directed by their psychologist to this fund. The committee will be notified at the time an application is submitted so that it can be reviewed, and a decision made.

Membership:

- The DSU President (Chair)
- Students with Disabilities Council Representative, or if they are not available, 1 Councillor
- 1 Member at Large

Operation:

Budget - $15,000.00, from Student VIP Fund

Maximum/Person - $1000.00

Eligibility Criteria

Only those students who are evaluated by a Dalhousie Health and Wellness staff member, and who identifies to that staff a financial need, will be referred to the bursary. Both domestic and international students are eligible. Any additional criteria will be added as dictated by the Bursary Policy.

Timeline:

When an application is received, committee members will receive an email with all relevant information to render a decision on whether to award funding. Committee members will have 5 business days from the time of the email to make their e-vote, and the applicant will be notified as soon as possible.