

The Hira Scholarship Fund

History:

Jay and Jayshri Hira established the Hira Scholarship Fund in 2013 in memory of his parents, the Late Reva Hira and Ravjee Hira.

Purpose & Objectives:

The purpose of the Hira Scholarship is to assist young adults with physical disabilities in Ontario with the cost of post-secondary education.

This purpose is being achieved by establishing a scholarship fund to award two scholarships of \$2,500 annually to students with physical disabilities attending a post-secondary educational facility, i.e. college or university. Successful applicants who remain in good academic standing will be eligible to reapply annually.

Application Process and Criteria:

Scholarship candidates will be reviewed, qualified and the successful candidate will be selected by the Scholarship Selection Committee of Easter Seals Ontario. Candidates will be given consideration based on the following criteria:

- Be an Ontario resident
- A physical disability which restricts their physical activities;
- Registered for post-secondary education, degree program;
- Demonstrate consistent level of scholastic achievement throughout their secondary school or post secondary curriculum. Applicants must have achieved a minimum grade point average of 80% or equivalent for consideration in their secondary school achievements.
- Participation in extra curricular activities;
- Served as a model and inspiration to fellow students; and
- Applicants have applied for alternate financial assistance and still require assistance.

Supporting Documentation:

The following documentation must be submitted with your completed application form:

- A typed, one page letter from you in which you have outlined your qualifications for the award, including area of study, scholastic achievement, extra curricular involvement, leadership, and initiative;
- A copy of your secondary and if applicable, post-secondary transcripts;
- Any interim marks that are available before the deadline date. To be considered valid, interim marks must be submitted on school letterhead and authorized by a school official;
- Proof of application to applicable alternate sources of financial assistance; and
- If not a registered client or previously registered client of Easter Seals Ontario, please include a current letter from a medical physician outlining your physical disability.

In addition, **AT A MINIMUM**, you must ensure that the following references are also submitted by the deadline date:

- An academic reference from your secondary school principal or a current post-secondary institution professor; and
- A personal reference from an individual (not a family member) who is familiar with your current extra-curricular activities and outstanding characteristics.

Please note: all reference letters must be signed, dated within the last 12 months, and where appropriate provided on official letterhead.

A Social Insurance Number (SIN) will be requested by Easter Seals from successful applicants to issue a T4A statement for income tax purposes.

The successful recipient will be expected to thank the benefactors. Funds will not be paid to the successful recipient until the thank you letter and confirmation of enrollment is received. Letters must be received within 2 months of being notified they are the successful recipients.

Funding is awarded for the upcoming school year commencing in September 2021.

If you are applying for more than one scholarship, an application for each scholarship must be completed but only one set of supporting documentation is required.

The application form and all supporting documentation must be received by **April 30, 2021** to:

Scholarship Selection Committee
c/o Alison Morse, Senior Manager
Easter Seals Ontario
One Concorde Gate, Suite 700
Toronto, Ontario
M3C 3N6

Please remember to review the application form to ensure all the information and supporting letters/documentation are provided. **If any information is missing, the application will not be reviewed.** Ensure you keep a copy of the completed application for your files.

If you have any questions, please call Alison Morse at Easter Seals Ontario 416-510-5070 or toll free at 1-800-668-6252 Ext. 335 or email: scholarships@easterseals.org

APPLICATION FOR THE HIRA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Surname: _____ **Given Name:** _____

Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Telephone: (____) _____ **Your Email:** _____

Registered with Easter Seals Ontario: Yes: ____ **No:** ____

Previous Recipient of Easter Seals Scholarship: No: ____ **Yes:** ____

Name of Scholarship & year awarded: _____

Name of Secondary School **Month/Year Attended** **Graduated?** Yes __ No__

Proposed Post Secondary Education/Training Program:

Program/Course Name and Brief Description:

Name of College/University/Institution:

Length of program/course: _____ Years to Graduation: _____

Have you been accepted: Yes: ____ No: ____

Course Commences (dd/mm/yy): _____/_____/_____

If attending University or College:

Name of University or College: _____

Qualification/Degree on successful completion: _____

What year will you be entering in Fall 2021: _____ Years to Graduation: _____

Anticipated course load per semester in 2021-2022: _____

Have you applied to other organizations for funding? Yes No

If yes, what organization(s) _____

Amount requested: \$ _____ Confirmed? Yes No

Have you or will you be applying for OSAP? Yes No

Personal funds you intend to contribute: \$ _____

Costs to be incurred

Item	Estimated Costs
Tuition Fees	
Books	
Transportation	
Accommodation(if required)	
Student Activity Fees	
Other(Please specify)	
TOTAL COST	
Amount of assistance requested from Easter Seals Ontario	

I certify that the information provided in the application is true, correct, and complete to the best of my ability.

Signature of Applicant

Date

If you are a successful scholarship recipient, do you give permission for Easter Seals Ontario to share your application letter with the scholarship donor. Yes: ____ No: ____

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