



APSEA

Serving Children and Youth Who are Deaf,
Hard of Hearing/Blind or Visually Impaired

GUIDELINES

RECREATIONAL-SOCIAL-CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS FUNDED BY THE APSEA BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED (BVI) TRUST FUND

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There are several APSEA BVI Trust Fund Scholarships and Grants available, and descriptions are provided below. Interested persons must complete the attached application form and submit to the Committee. The Committee will review the applications and advise applicants as soon as possible.

Scholarship For Post-Secondary Training In Any Field Relating To Serving Children and Youth

Who are Blind or Visually Impaired

Amount: Maximum of up to \$1,500/Applicant

For individuals who are pursuing post-secondary training in any field Relating to Serving Children and Youth who are Blind or Visually Impaired (Renewable).

Applicant must be a resident of Atlantic Canada and may be required to work in Atlantic Canada provided employment opportunities are available.

Supporting documents required:

- Evidence of acceptance into a post-secondary program
- Current transcript
- Three letters of reference (character, academic and one other)

Interested persons must complete the attached application form with supporting documents. Applications may be submitted anytime throughout the year.

APSEA Recreational/Social/Cultural Opportunity Grants

Amount: Variable based on application

Funding options are available to support recreational, social, or cultural opportunities such as, and not limited to, student exchanges, job coaching, student conferences/seminars/ meetings, and sports for children and youth who are blind or visually impaired and their families (where applicable).

Funding is provided when there is evidence that funds are unavailable from any other source and are cost shared, where possible, by the individual. In exceptional circumstances, 100% funding may be considered.

Applications must be received a minimum of four (4) weeks prior to the activity.

Summer Camp Grant

Amount: Variable based on application

Annually, an amount shall be made available to support the provision of a summer camp for children who are blind or visually impaired. **Applications must be received a minimum of four (4) weeks prior to the activity.**

Summer Support Grant

Amount: Variable based on application

The Summer Support Grant provides funding for a support worker to accompany a student to an established recreation, sport and leisure programs for students served by APSEA who would otherwise not be able to participate in these programs due to their sensory loss. Funds are available for this program during the months of July and August. **Applications must be received a minimum of four (4) weeks prior to the activity.**

APSEA Research Grant

Amount: Variable based on application

A maximum of up to \$10,000 to support research opportunities within Atlantic Canada may be awarded annually. Research must be of direct benefit to children and youth who are blind or visually impaired.

- Additional Requirements
 - Provision of a research description/statement. Give a clear and concise description of the research problem, purpose, or question. The researcher should denote exactly what they intend to do and what they want to achieve with the research and how it will benefit APSEA.
 - Timeline, estimated cost, other sources of funding explored and/or received.

Professional Learning & Training Grant

Amount: Variable based on application

A maximum of up to \$10,000 will be available for professional learning and training to ensure APSEA continues to meet its need for specialized staff to meet the needs of children and youth who are blind or visually impaired who are supported by APSEA.

- Additional requirements:
 - A candidate must have the appropriate educational and experiential background to benefit from the professional learning 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 learning and training of other staff.
 - Priority will be given to requests for professional learning opportunities that are consistent with the program needs of students who are blind or visually impaired as identified by the Director and senior administrators.

Return completed applications to the following by mail, fax or email:

Administrative Assistant, BVI Programs
5940 South Street, Halifax, NS B3H 1S6
Fax: 902-425-6166
Email: bvi@apsea.ca

APPLICATION FORM

RECREATION-SOCIAL-CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES / SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS FUNDED BY THE APSEA BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED (BVI) TRUST FUND

Applicant Name:	
Home Address:	
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	
Cell Number:	

Which Scholarship(s) / Grant(s) / Recreation-Social-Cultural Opportunities are you applying for?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Scholarship for Post-Secondary Training in any Field Relating to Serving Children and Youth who are Blind or Visually Impaired
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation/Social/Cultural Opportunity Grant
<input type="checkbox"/>	Summer Camp Grant
<input type="checkbox"/>	Summer Support Grant
<input type="checkbox"/>	APSEA Research Grant
<input type="checkbox"/>	Professional Learning and Training Grant

DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION:

Description of activity/ program/training (Include the date/time of activity)	
Cost of activity/program/training (please itemize)	
Amounts contributed by other individuals or groups	
Other sources of funding explored and/or received	
Briefly outline the benefits of this activity/program/training	
Payment should be made to (complete name and mailing address including postal code):	

I certify that the information on this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and complete.

Name of Person Completing Form
(Please Print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

FOR APSEA STAFF USE:

Application Approval

Date Application Reviewed:	
Application Approved:	YES NO
Amount Approved for Payment:	

Payment Approval

Signature of Director of Finance & Administration:	
Date:	