



APSEA

Atlantic Provinces
Special Education Authority

Recreational-Social-Cultural Opportunities-Scholarships-Grants-Professional Learning and Training Grant Funded by the APSEA Blind and Visually Impaired (BVI) Trust Fund

Guidelines

There are several APSEA BVI Trust Fund Scholarships and Grants available, and descriptions are provided below. Interested individuals must complete the attached application form and submit it 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 and 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 and 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 individuals must complete the attached application form with supporting documents. Applications may be submitted anytime throughout the year.

Recreational/Social/Cultural Opportunity Grants

Amount: Maximum of \$2000/applicant/fiscal year

Funding options are available to support recreational, social, or cultural opportunities such as, and not limited to, summer camp grants, summer support grants, student exchanges, job coaching, student conferences/seminars/meetings, and sports for children and youth who are blind and visually impaired and one family member (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 for a minimum of **four (4) weeks** prior to the activity.

APSEA Gatherings Support Grant

Amount: Maximum of \$2000/applicant/fiscal year

Financial support for children and youth under 21 years of age who are blind and visually impaired and one family member to participate in any APSEA cross provincial APSEA gathering. Recipients must live in one of the Atlantic Provinces. Applications must be received for 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 and 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 needs for specialized staff to meet the needs of children and youth who are blind and 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

102-7071 Bayers Road, Halifax, NS B3L 2C2

Fax: 902-425-6166

Email: trustfunds@apsea.ca

Application Form – BVI Trust Fund

Applicant Name:

Home Address:

Email Address:

Home Phone Number:

Cell Number:

Which Grant are you applying for?

Scholarship for Post-Secondary Training in a Field Relating to Children and Youth who are Blind and Visually Impaired

Recreation/Social/Cultural Opportunity Grant

APSEA Gatherings Support Grant

Research Grant

Professional Learning and Training Grant

Descriptive Information

Description of activity/program/training (Include date and 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):

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 of person completing the form:

Date of application completed:

For Committee Use

Application Approval

Date application reviewed:

Application approval: Yes No

Amount Approved of Payment:

Payment Approval

Signature of Director of Finance and Administration:

Date of Director's signature: