



**Waterloo Wellington
Down Syndrome Society**

Passport Funding Preparation Bursary for Members Ages 16 to 17

Hello WWDSS Members

The Waterloo Wellington Down Syndrome Society Board of Directors invites those who have been members for a minimum of one year to apply for our **WWDSS Passport Funding Preparation Bursary**.

This program has been developed to help offset the high cost of a psychological assessment that is a requirement for our young adults, in order to qualify and receive the Province of Ontario's Passport Funding at age 18. Members can apply for this bursary if their teen with Down syndrome is turning 16 or 17 this year. It is at the age of 16 that families are able to discuss with the DSO (Development Services Ontario) the required documents for submitting a completed Passport Funding application. The goal is for our members to have the required communication with the DSO and work through the application process prior to their 18th Birthday when they become eligible for the funding. The Board has heard that a barrier in the past to completing the application is the high cost of a required psychological assessment.

This bursary will make it possible for families to work with local professionals in booking and receiving an assessment that will review their teen's cognitive functioning, adaptive functioning and record the age of onset. Successful applicants will receive a bursary up to a maximum of \$1,500.00. As with other bursaries, members are to use their work-related benefits first and then funds from their allocated bursary to pay for any remaining amount.

This year's bursary program runs from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

As with other bursaries provided by WWDSS, families must contribute a minimum of 10 volunteer hours to participate in this WWDSS funded bursary program. These 10 hours are in addition to any other hours needed for other bursary programs (i.e. Camp, Therapy). These hours should be logged under their member's account at www.wwdss.ca.

If your teen is 16 or 17 years of age this calendar year (born in 2005 or 2006) and still requires a psychological assessment to complete their Passport Funding application with the DSO, please complete the application form which can be found in this newsletter, or online and submit:

- Online (preferred) Visit: <https://www.wwdss.ca/programs/passport-funding-preparation-bursary-program/>
- Hard Copy of the application, scanned and emailed to Marianne Domm at: briandommfarms@sympatico.ca
- Hard copy of the application mailed to: **WWDSS Bursary Program**

**c/o Marianne Domm
1359 Dickie Settlement Rd. Cambridge, Ontario N3H 4R8**

Should you have any questions prior to submitting the application, please reach out to Marianne Domm (Passport Funding Preparation Bursary Coordinator) at 519 240 3131 and she would be glad to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

The WWDSS Board of Directors



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Self-Advocate Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address (Street, City, Postal Code): _____

Home Phone / Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Self-Advocate Date of Birth: _____

What benefit coverage do you have access to?

Type	Name of Benefit Provider	Amount of Coverage Per Year	Name of Benefit Provider	Amount of Coverage Per Year
Psychology, Psychiatry	1st Parent		2nd Parent	

I have been a WWDSS member for at least one year, have paid my WWDSS membership fees for this calendar year and agree to keep it current at all times during this bursary year. _____ (please initial)

Volunteer Obligation

Volunteering is a requirement for receiving this bursary. Below are opportunities that we have for volunteering. This bursary is mutually exclusive of other bursaries we offer. Please pick an opportunity that you haven't picked on any other bursary application this year.

- Any Which Way You Can A-thon 2022 June Picnic 2022 Evening Speaker Series 2022
 Christmas Party 2022 Annual General Meeting 2022 Other (i.e. administrative mailings)
 Golf Tournament 2022 Pizza Pal's 2022

The co-ordinator of the particular event will be in touch directly with further commitment details. Should the event(s) picked not occur during 2022, families will need to find an alternate volunteer opportunity.

Parent/Guardian signature