

AbbVie IBD Scholarship Program

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ABBVIE IBD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2017

Program description

Crohn's and Colitis Canada will award ten (10) students, living with Crohn's and colitis, a one-time scholarship of up to \$5,000 CAD through the AbbVie IBD Scholarship Program. Supported by an educational grant from AbbVie, these scholarships are available to students of any age, living with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis who are enrolled in a Canadian post-secondary educational institution in the fall semester of 2017.

Eligibility requirements

Applicants of any age are encouraged to apply. All applicants must be:

-A legal and permanent resident of Canada

-Diagnosed by a health care professional with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis

-Enrolled in or awaiting acceptance from a Canadian-based post-secondary educational institution for the fall semester of 2017

- Demonstrating academic aspiration and strives to sustain an optimal level of wellness in spite of their Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis; allowing them to excel to reach personal and academic goals and inspiring others to do the same.

Selection of recipients and determination of the scholarship amount

The AbbVie IBD Scholarship Program is a competitive bursary. Application for the program does not guarantee funding for the upcoming educational year. Employees of AbbVie or Crohn's and Colitis Canada and their immediate family members are not eligible for this scholarship. Past recipients of the AbbVie or Abbot IBD Scholarship are not eligible to reapply. Selection of recipients will be at the sole discretion of an independent selection committee of leading gastroenterologists, community partners and patient representatives from across Canada. Applications will be assessed based on two (2) letters of personal recommendation and a one (1) page essay (500 word max.), outlined in the selection criteria.

Winners will be notified during the month of July 2017 via a personal telephone call and a confirmation letter. After a winner's educational enrollment has been verified for the fall 2017 semester, the scholarship cheque will be made payable to and directly mailed to the educational institution. Individual scholarship amounts will be awarded up to \$5,000 CAN to cover the recipient's tuition and/or required educational materials (if a student does not have a minimum of \$5,000 CAN in tuition and required educational materials, the scholarship amount will only cover the actual cost of tuition and/or required materials). Eligible educational expenses for the AbbVie IBD Scholarship Program include: tuition, student fees, required educational materials and on-site residency. All other applicants will be notified by email.

Application deadline

All applications must be submitted, in full, online no later than **5 pm EDT on June 1, 2017**. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. In order to submit your application online, you must be able to scan and upload your supporting documents (total document file size must not exceed 20 MB), including:

- o A signed Proof of Diagnosis form;
- o A completed Applicant Consent form (must be signed by a parent or legal guardian if applicant is less than 18 years of age at the time of application submission);
- o Two (2) letters of personal recommendation from a mentor, teacher, a guidance counselor, coach, professional colleague or employer; and
- o A one (1) page essay (500 word max.) outlining how you demonstrate your academic aspiration and strive to sustain an optimal level of wellness in spite of your Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis, allowing you to excel to reach your personal and academic goals and inspiring others to do the same. You may want to incorporate why you strive for academic success, how you strive to sustain an optimal level of wellness, your personal and academic goals, how you inspire others through community and school involvement and how you would benefit from the scholarship.

PLEASE NOTE that you must submit the application online using the webform INCLUDING uploading all required documentation in one single step; you are not able to save your application and return to it at a future date, therefore it must be completed all at one time. All fields marked with an * must be completed.

Please ensure you have all supporting documents scanned and ready to upload before beginning your application. In order to prepare your application materials, applicants should print this [blank application in PDF](#) and [supporting documents](#) in order to review and prepare the required information and documentation which must be uploaded. Please note that this PDF is for your information only, in order that you may prepare all the required documentation for submitting your completed online application. Failure to complete all mandatory sections will result in your application failing to be submitted.

Full Name

First Name Last Name

Address

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City State / Province

Postal / Zip Code Country

Home Phone Number

Area Code Phone Number

Cell Phone Number

Area Code Phone Number

E-mail

Confirm E-mail

Gender

Male
Female

Date of Birth

Month Day Year

Gastroenterologist

IBD Nurse

Hospital or clinic location

Are you a permanent and legal resident of Canada?

Yes
No

What type of degree are you pursuing?

Associates
Undergraduate
Graduate
Certificate
Other

What year of your program will you be entering in fall 2017?

Is this a full time or part time program?

Full Time
Part Time

What area of studies are you pursuing?

Name of the post-secondary institution

Address of post-secondary Institution

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City State / Province

Postal / Zip Code Country

Campus (if not main campus)

What is your approximately tuition for the 2017/2018 school year?

How much in scholarships and grants (or are expected to be rewarded) for the 2017/2018 school year?

Will you be working during the 2017 - 2018 school year?

Yes
No

If yes, how many hours a week?

Please provide a summary (maximum 150 words) of any academic or community honours or achievements you wish to share with the selection committee:

Please provide a summary (maximum 150 words) of your involvement in the IBD community, including, but not limited to, volunteer work, social media, and/or education events:

Letters of Reference

To be completed by a mentor, teacher, school official, professional colleague or employer. Please upload two (2) one (1) page letters of recommendation that express the following:

1. The nature of the reference's relationship with the applicant; and
2. The applicant's unrelenting perseverance, appetite for life and ability to strive for sustained wellness when challenged with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis.

Health

To be completed by a health care professional who can confirm Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis diagnosis. Please upload a signed and completed copy of the [Proof of Diagnosis](#) form.

Essay

Please provide a one (1) page (500 word max.) essay outlining how you demonstrate your academic aspiration and strive to sustain an optimal level of wellness in spite of your IBD, allowing you to excel to reach your personal and academic goals and inspiring others to do the same.

Questions to address in your essay:

- o Why do you strive for academic success?
- o How do you strive to sustain an optimal level of wellness?
- o What are our personal and academic goals?
- o How you inspire others through community and school involvement?
- o How you would benefit from the scholarship financially and psychologically?

Applicant consent

Please upload a signed copy of the [Applicant Consent](#) form. Please note that the Applicant Consent form must be signed by a parent or legal guardian if applicant is less than 18 years of age at the time of application submission.

Would you be interested in participating in any of the following opportunities?

- o Youth Webinars and/or educational events/symposiums
- o Sharing stories and ideas through IBD focused blogs or web forums
- o Volunteering at local Crohn's and Colitis Canada fundraising events, such as Charity Galas and the annual Gutsy Walk

How did you learn about the AbbVie IBD Scholarship Program? Please select all that apply

- o Physician or nurse's office
- o Crohn's and Colitis Canada
- o Media
- o Internet Search
- o Scholarship Canada/Student Awards/Disability Awards website
- o Supporting Organizations
- o Educational Institution, guidance counselors, registrar's office or school media

From time to time, AbbVie may wish to contact selected applicants for educational and/or awareness purposes. Do you give permission for Crohn's and Colitis Canada to share your contact information with AbbVie?

Yes
No

Please be sure to submit your application ONLINE by **5 pm EST June 1, 2017**. Applications submitted after this date will not be considered.