

Application form for **Dr. John Davis Burton Award**

Terms

Awarded annually, when merited, to a student in good standing enrolled in a program at Carleton University, University of Ottawa, La Cite Collegiale or Algonquin College who has made a significant contribution toward awareness, equality and integration of persons with disabilities within their educational community. Endowed in 1992 by students, family and friends of Dr. John Davis Burton, who was a champion and advocate for persons with disabilities throughout his career as an educator.

Background

Dr. John Davis Burton championed and advocated for persons with disabilities. Dr. Burton made significant contributions toward increasing awareness, equality and integration of persons with disabilities throughout his career as an educator and coordinator of educational support services. He was a determined and able advocate for equal access to education for persons with disabilities, believing strongly in training for educators as well as support services for the learner. He was uniquely qualified for both of these roles. His credentials included a Ph.D. in Education and a Master's degree in deaf education. Dr. Burton taught in the Faculty of Education at the University of Ottawa and coordinated programs and services for deaf, deafened and hard of hearing students as well as students with learning disabilities at both Algonquin College and Carleton University. The Dr. John Davis Burton Award has been established in his name to recognize those who also strive to make a contribution.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- Applicant must have a documented permanent disability
- Applicant must be admitted and enrolled in one of the four participating institutions
- Applicant must be in good academic standing
- Application must be submitted in English
- Applicant must demonstrate a significant contribution towards awareness, equality and integration of persons with disabilities in their home institutions as well as the larger community
- Applicant must demonstrate some of the traits which Dr. Burton was most noted for: perseverance, dedication and a strong sense of community spirit.

Instructions

- Provide a brief personal statement, in your choice of format (e.g. print, audio, video), describing how the candidate meets the award criteria. No specific length is required.
- Provide a letter(s) of recommendation. The letter should show clear support of how you are an excellent candidate for the Dr. John Davis Burton award. Be sure to choose a person who can write a letter that will speak to your experiences meeting the specific eligibility criteria as well as the ways in which you exemplify the values of this award
- Complete the entire form and submit all documents directly to Awards and Financial Aid: awards@carleton.ca
- Late or incomplete applications will **not** be considered

Information for non-Carleton Applicants

- Applicant must provide a copy of their transcript
- Applicant must provide a letter from their accessibility service office confirming that they have a permanent disability
- Successful applicants will be required to provide proof of current enrollment at their post-secondary institution in order to receive the award

Other Important Information

- Additional information about the award is available from the disability services office(s) for each participating institution. For Carleton applicants, questions regarding the Dr. John Davis Burton Award should be directed to the Paul Menton Center (PMC): pmc@carleton.ca
- Please note that the Dr. John Davis Burton Award is extremely competitive, drawing multiple excellent applications each year. The successful candidate(s) are individuals who demonstrate their commitment and prepare an application which goes beyond the minimum requirements outlined in this form.
- Successful applicants will be notified by email at the end of August

Deadline

May 31

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Section 1

Personal information

Last Name

First Name

Student ID number

Email

Year of Study

Post-Secondary Institution

Mailing Address (during the school year)

Address

Address (con't)

Citizenship Status

Canadian Citizen

Permanent Resident

Protected Person

Visa

Self-Identification declaration of the candidate

Do you identify as a student with a permanent disability?

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

Section 2

Please Provide a brief personal statement, in your choice of format (e.g. print, audio, video), describing how you meet the award criteria. Please attach your explanation to this form when submitting your application. No specific length is required.

Recommendation Letter attached?

Yes No

Section 3

Student Declaration

I authorize Carleton University to release a copy of this application to the appropriate awards selection committee(s) and to the award donor, including my academic record and financial need information in order to adjudicate my application for an award. If requested, I agree to provide the Awards Office and the Paul Menton Centre with any documentation necessary to verify the information on this application. I declare that the above information is true and accurate. If any information is inaccurate, I understand that an award may be reassessed and/or withdrawn.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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