

THE DR. JOHN DAVIS BURTON AWARD

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. In memory of Dr. Burton, this award was endowed by family, students and friends in 1992.

The Dr. John Davis Burton Award has been established in his name to recognize those who also strive to make a contribution. It is awarded annually, when merited, to a student in good standing who has made a significant contribution toward awareness, equality and integration of persons with disabilities within the educational community. The recipient is also enrolled, at the time of the presentation, at Algonquin College, Carleton University, Collège La Cité, or the University of Ottawa.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

The successful candidate will be selected via committee based on the following criteria:

- Must have demonstrated a significant contribution towards awareness, equality and integration of persons with disabilities in their home institutions as well as the larger community;
- Should demonstrate some of the traits which Dr. Burton was most noted for: perseverance, dedication and a strong sense of community spirit;
- Must be enrolled as a special, part-time, or full-time student in one of the four participating institutions;
- Must be in good academic standing;
- Preference will be given to students returning to one of the institutions
- Preference will be given to students with a learning disability, then to students with any other disability and finally to all other students.

Please note: Submissions may be made by self-application or through nomination by faculty, staff or students.

Applications OPEN April 1 and CLOSE May 31 annually.

Late applications will not be considered.

Additional information about the award is available from the disability services office(s) for each participating institution.

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APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

1. Email this application and all supporting documents to Carleton Awards and Financial Aid, awards@carleton.ca, no later than May 31.
2. Provide a brief personal statement, in your choice of format (e.g. print, audio, video), describing how the candidate meets the award criteria.
3. Provide at least one letter of recommendation.

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.

All applications must be submitted in English.

Please direct questions to The Paul Menton Centre, pmc@carleton.ca

Successful applicants will be notified by email at the end of August.

Successful applicants will be required to provide proof of current enrollment at their post-secondary institution in order to receive the award. A ceremony will be held in early November.

Name: _____

Post-secondary Institution: _____

Student #: _____ Program: _____

Year of study: _____ Current CGPA/GPA: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address (during school year): _____

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date (dd-mm-yyyy): _____

AWARD DISTRIBUTION:

The fiscal responsibility for the distribution of monies for the award will lie with the Director of Student Awards at Carleton University, who after the decision of the Selection Committee will award the recipient accordingly. The amount of the award will vary annually depending on the interest earned by the endowed fund.

Contributions may be made to the fund at any time. Cheques should be made payable to Carleton University with reference to the Dr. John Davis Burton Award and mailed to the Director of Student Awards at the address listed above. Tax receipts will be issued.