



OBJECTIVE

To encourage Canadian students with permanent disabilities to pursue university studies with the ultimate objective of obtaining a first undergraduate degree. Member institutions may only submit **one** nomination.

Amount: \$2000 CAD, tenable for one academic year

Number available: 4

UVic deadline to apply: Monday, April 19, 2021 (no later than 4:00pm)

Up to four (4) scholarships at the bachelor level, distributed as follows:

- 1 in the category of Physical Disability,
- 1 in the category of Sensory Disability,
- 2 in any of the following categories: Physical Disability, Sensory Disability, Mental Health Disability and Learning Disability

*The online Program Guidelines Document provides definitions for these terms.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants must:

- Be Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada;
- Be diagnosed with a permanent disability which is documented and is the primary disability for which they are applying*;
- Be enrolled in full time studies (as designated by their university) in a first degree program;
- Be enrolled in their second or third standing year of studies during the 2021-2022 academic year;
- Have a minimum cumulative average of 80% (or equivalent) over the last 3 terms of available marks**.

Non-academic courses such as career or personal development related courses will not be considered.

*A permanent disability is a permanent functional limitation resulting from physical, sensory or mental health impairment or a learning disability which affects the ability of the student to perform the activities necessary to participate fully in postsecondary learning. Please refer to the definitions above of each disability.

**Universities Canada's policy on calculation of average has been developed in consultation with university and college admissions and financial aid officers from across the country. There is enormous diversity amongst the applicants for this scholarship program. The applicants come from different geographical regions and have reached various levels of studies. Furthermore, and of great significance, is the fact that the grading systems differ among educational institutions. It is Universities Canada's policy to calculate the academic average of applicants so that it reflects an academically well-rounded individual, while recognizing the differences in the programs of studies. For this purpose, the most recent, followed by the highest available grades in the following categories will be considered: Language, Social Sciences, Mathematics and Sciences. Six courses are chosen for each applicant, with no more than two in each category. If there are not enough available courses, the calculation of academic average may be based on five or four courses.



CONDITIONS/RESTRICTIONS

- There are no restrictions on the program of study or discipline.
- Program must be of a minimum of 3 years in duration
- University preparatory programs in any jurisdiction are not eligible (e.g. CEGEPs – pre-university diploma)
- Depending on the curriculum, an Applied Bachelor Program may be considered either as a university level program or a college level program;
- Students who have commenced their postsecondary studies in January are eligible for the summer competition of the same year;
- Students who have previously held a Mattinson Scholarship are eligible.

HOW TO APPLY

The selection of the UVic nominee to go forward to Universities Canada will be made by the UVic Senate Committee on Awards. The selection of the recipients will be made by a committee of Canadian university and college representatives chosen by University Canada.

Evaluation criteria:

- Academic performance;
- Volunteer/community involvement and/or extracurricular activities over the past five years;
- Quality and relevance of the reference letters.

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Application Process:

1. Read through the Program Guidelines for the Mattinson Scholarship Program for Students with a Disability on the Universities Canada website <https://www.univcan.ca/>
2. Submit an online application to Universities Canada by visiting <https://portal.scholarshippartners.ca>
3. Access the scholarship program using the following code: **144MAT2021**.
4. Applicants must complete the application process as instructed online.
5. Applicants must also submit the following to Student Awards and Financial Aid:
 - A Short essay describing their volunteer/community involvement and/or extracurricular activities.
 - List of extracurricular and community activities (start and end dates, total hours, name of activity, activity type, etc. see online application for template).
 - Two signed letters of reference. Please note, referees cannot be related to the applicant and the two reference letters must be written by two different individuals.
 - One letter must come from a past or present teacher at the university who is familiar with the applicant's academic history.
 - One letter must come from a person who is familiar with the applicant's volunteer, community involvement and/or extracurricular activities.

All letters must be dated, typewritten on letterhead and signed with an electronic signature and include the reference's contact information.



6. If you are selected by the UVic Nominating Committee, Universities Canada will accept **unofficial** transcripts – bearing the student’s name and date – from student accounts where official transcripts are not available.
7. To ensure that all supporting documents have been received and accepted, visit <https://portal.scholarshippartners.ca> to review your scholarship application information. To access your account, you will require your login information, which will be provided in your acknowledgement email.
8. If UVic nominates you, we will email you the scanned copy of the Nomination Form for you to upload as Mattinson guidelines stipulate that the applicant be required to upload this form as part of their application.

If any of the above documents are not received and accepted, your application will be considered incomplete and will not be evaluated.

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION TO UVIC

Submit your essay, list of volunteer/community involvement and/or extracurricular activities, and reference letters **no later than 4pm on Monday, April 19, 2021** by one of the following:

1. Emailing awards1@uvic.ca as an attachment; please ensure the scholarship name is in the subject line and your full name and UVic student number is included in the email

*Ensure your full name, UVic student number, and scholarship name is included on all documents

Successful applicants will receive confirmation of their scholarship in August. Recipients will be required to complete the online scholarship acceptance process and forward any required documentation such as an official transcript and proof of registration from the educational institution they will be attending. It is the responsibility of the recipient to keep Universities Canada informed of any changes to their contact information through the online portal.

If you have any questions, please contact Francisco Canjura, In-Course Scholarship Officer at awards1@uvic.ca or at 250-721-8107