

**GREATER ESSEX COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BETH COOPER MEMORIAL BURSARY**

In memory of Beth Cooper for her significant and sustained contribution to and achievements with the Greater Essex County District School Board on behalf of those individuals with a learning exceptionality or physical disability.

Two \$500 bursaries are to be awarded annually to two secondary school students who have a documented learning exceptionality or physical disability who are graduating from a secondary school operated by the Greater Essex County District School Board or its successor and who are intending to attend university or college.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS MARCH 31

ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP/BURSARY:

A graduating student must meet the following criteria in order to be considered for a scholarship/bursary:

- The student will be attending a program at a university or college.
- The student must be identified with a documented learning exceptionality or physical disability.
- The student must have demonstrated leadership, contributed to school activities, and maintained good academic standing.
- The student must have demonstrated participation in volunteer and/or community activities.
- The student must demonstrate financial need for the bursary award.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION:

- Applicants are required to submit an official transcript from the secondary school. Please include the latest mid-term evaluation.
- Applicants are required to submit two Letters of Reference: one from a teacher and one from a member of the community.
- Applicants are required to submit an essay: see attached for guidelines.
- Applicants are required to submit proof of learning exceptionality or physical disability.
- **Submit application to your Guidance Office by March 31.**

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Name:
<i>(Surname)</i> <i>(Given Name)</i>
Date of Birth:
Home Address:
Home Telephone Number:
What school are you currently attending?

Describe the type and extent of your learning exceptionality or physical disability:

Work Experience: Describe your two most recent positions and the responsibilities of each.

Volunteer Experience: Describe your two most recent positions and the responsibilities of each.

Awards Received:

What program do you plan to study at university/college?

Why did you select this program?

What school activities other than your studies have you participated in at your school? <i>Please list.</i>

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Name and address of the parent (or guardian) responsible for your support:
Where is he/she employed?

What is the nature of his/her work?

Annual Family Income	\$	No. of siblings at home	
I certify that the above information is an accurate statement of family income.			
<i>Signature of Parent or Guardian</i>		<i>Date</i>	

Are there any factors relating to need that the Scholarship and Bursary Committee should consider? <i>(Additional information on financial or other need will be helpful to the Committee when determining bursary awards.)</i>

Other comments: <i>(optional)</i>

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<i>Applicant's Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>

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Your original essay must be a maximum of 500 words, typewritten or audio-taped, and answer one of the following questions:

1. How does your learning exceptionality affect and contribute to your life?
2. How does your learning exceptionality affect and contribute to your education?
3. How will your learning exceptionality and your education impact your future life?
4. How does your physical disability affect and contribute to your life?
5. How does your physical disability affect and contribute to your education?
6. How will your physical disability and your education impact your future life?
7. How will your education improve or enrich your life?