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## **LDAC Scholarship Program Suspended Indefinitely**

**March 12, 2012 (Ottawa)** – For the second time in its history, Learning Disabilities Association of Canada (LDAC) reluctantly suspended its scholarship program. This time it will be indefinitely until the national board completes its evaluation of the scholarship program, its goals, its investments and possible re-structuring. They will also explore the possibility of partnering with other agencies. The Association, however, will continue to support donors who wish to make gifts towards the scholarships program.

The four scholarships affected are:

- The Carol Thomson Memorial Scholarships for Students with Learning Disabilities
- The Joanna Townsend Applied Arts Scholarship
- Donald Cummings Apprenticeship and Training Scholarship for Students with Learning Disabilities and
- The Doreen Kronick Scholarship for graduate students whose program will lead them to a field that will assist persons with learning disabilities

The state of the economy has forced many people to donate less and less to charities which is affecting many programs and services. It is with these funds that LDAC invest and we draw solely on the interest to disburse the scholarship program.

The national board certainly is aware of the importance of this program to students with LD, and the struggles they encounter to obtain a postsecondary education. They want to ensure that the money set aside for this program is invested wisely and the financial returns are there for future use. They are working hard to find solutions.

LDAC would like to encourage the postsecondary students with learning disabilities to visit <http://www.disabilityawards.ca/> for an up to date listing of all available Canadian awards, scholarships and government funding for students with disabilities. Also visit your financial aid office as well as your Disability Service Office at your postsecondary institution for a list of available scholarships and awards.

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The LDAC scholarship program was established in 1985 and over the years has provided scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 to 57 postsecondary students with learning disabilities to help finance their postsecondary education.

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### **About The Learning Disabilities Association of Canada (LDAC)**

Since 1963, the Learning Disabilities Association of Canada has provided leadership and support to Canadians with learning disabilities, as well as their families, their teachers and other professionals who work with them. LDAC is a volunteer-led association representing a network of 11 provincial and territorial Learning Disabilities Associations. From these extends a network of chapters in some 50 communities across the country with more than 6,000 members.

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