

Canadian Federation of University Women - Oakville

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Mature Student Access Award

\$1,000

The purpose of the award, inspired by Melissa Vassallo, is to make post-secondary learning opportunities more accessible to a person with a disability or a person with a strong interest in this area of study.

The award is open to secondary school and mature student applicants.

Return original and two copies of fully completed application package to your Student Services Office before the application deadline: April 30, 2012 or mail to CFUW Oakville, P.O. 30048, 478 Dundas St. W., Oakville, ON, L6H 6Y3

Award Requirements

- "A" or "B" average
- Canadian citizen or Permanent resident
- Female Oakville resident
- Essay
- Enrolled in or waiting acceptance from a University or College
- **plus**
- One of the following criteria:
 - student with a disability*
 - student volunteer with a focus on accessibility issues or disability advocacy
 - student pursuing post-secondary studies with a focus on accessibility issues or disability advocacy

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name	
Street Address	
Postal code	

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Disability is defined as:

(A) any degree of physical disability, infirmity, malformation or disfigurement that is caused by bodily injury, both birth defect or illness and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, includes diabetes mellitus, epilepsy, a brain injury, any degree of paralysis, amputation, lack of physical co-ordination, blindness or visual impediment, deafness or hearing impediment, muteness or speech impediment, or physical reliance on a guide dog or other service animal or on a wheelchair or other remedial appliance or device,

(B) a condition of mental impairment or developmental disability,

*(C) a learning disability**, or a dysfunction in one of more of the processes involved in understanding or using symbols or spoken language,*

(D) a mental disorder, or

(E) an injury or disability for which benefits were claimed or received under the insurance plan established under the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997.

**** For a learning disability, please provide the most recent date and category of your Individual Education Plan (IEP)**

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PERSONAL INFORMATION (continued)

Phone	
E-mail	
School you will be attending in September 2012	
Name & length of course	

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Please attach an up-to-date transcript of your credits

ESSAY (on a separate page)

Write a one (1) page essay about how you are reaching above and beyond the boundaries of a disability (or why you are interested in accessibility issues) outlining your academic ambition and personal achievement. Explain why you feel you are a deserving candidate for this award and how you would benefit from this award.

REFERENCE

Please obtain one, one page letter of reference from a person who can support the information provided in your essay.

Name of Reference	Phone
Position	Organization

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I certify that all information I have provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I GIVE PERMISSION, if selected as a scholarship winner, for CFUW Oakville to release in print and/or electronically and post on the CFUW website – my name, photo, current educational institution, chosen university/college and course of study, amount of scholarship, leadership achievements, and community service contributions.

I GIVE PERMISSION for the Awards Selection Committee to contact high school and college officials for additional academic and/or financial information.

All other personal information will be held in strictest confidence by the Awards Selection Committee.

Signature of student

Date:

Signature of student
services counsellor

Date:

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Attachment Checklist

- Completed application form
- Transcript
- Essay
- One reference letter

Submit two copies plus the original of all information except for the sealed letter of reference.

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General Information to be provided by you to the individual writing your confidential letter of reference

In selecting the recipient of the Canadian Federation Of University Women–Oakville Access Award, we are looking for a student who demonstrates academic ambition, personal achievement and perseverance in the face of a disability or involvement in the study of disability issues.

Please tell us how you have come to know this student and how you feel this student satisfies the criteria for this award. Please provide specific examples where possible. Award criteria are available from the student, the student services office or <http://www.cfuwoakville.ca/awards>.

The letter of reference should be sealed and returned to the candidate. Thank you for your interest and help.