

TRAILS DANIELLE DION BURSARY APPLICATION

All Trails Alumni are invited to apply to the Trails Danielle Dion Bursary for funding support of their post-secondary education. The Trails Danielle Dion Bursary was established by Sylvain Dion in memory of his late wife Danielle Dion, and since its inception over 20 years ago, it has helped numerous Trails Alumni with tuition expenses and mentorship supporting academic and future goals.

Who Can Apply:

- All Trails alumni are eligible
- Must be applying for post-secondary education

Application Process:

Applications are due on **Sunday May 9, 2021**, and are to be submitted in the form of **one complete PDF document**, to bursary@trails.ca

Please ensure your complete application includes:

- Complete Application Form (Pages 3, 4 and 5 of this document)
- A current and up-to-date resume
- A photo of yourself
- A screenshot/scan/copy of your OSAP estimate that clearly shows your name (see attached for more information regarding OSAP application)
- A screenshot/scan/copy of your Post-secondary School acceptance letter (if received)

****It is very important** that you submit your application as **one document**, and **not** multiple attachments. Please take the time to create a complete application package, and be sure to compile all the elements into one PDF document, by utilizing the following tips as required:

- Screenshots - take a screenshot if downloading is not an option and save as an image you can add to a blank page in your package.
- Scans/photos - scan or upload a picture or image of an application element and add it to a blank page in your application package.

Once your application is received it will be reviewed by the Bursary Committee. Following review you can expect to be contacted about next steps which could include an invitation to attend an online interview to discuss your application as a whole, including academic goals and anticipated budget.

What is the Bursary Mentorship Program?

The Trails Danielle Dion Bursary Program provides not only financial resources, but also partners Bursary Recipients with a Bursary Mentor, poised to offer academic support and consistency in communications through quarterly check-ins. These check-ins are designed to discuss both short term and long term academic and career goals, as well as any academic challenges or roadblocks that are experienced throughout the course of the Agreement, in addition to coursework progress and success. Bursary Mentors are responsible for initiating the scheduling of check-ins, and the Bursary Recipient is responsible for prompt and responsive communication, and active preparation and participation in the Mentorship component.

OSAP and Funding Information

Trails Danielle Dion Bursary applicants must apply to The Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP). OSAP will support eligible students through grants and loans.

****As of March 12 2021, OSAP website and calculator tool is under construction. Be sure to check throughout the application window to complete this element before submitting your Bursary Application.****

How Much Will I Receive

Final support amounts will not be determined until after your application is complete and processed. However, before final funding is determined you will be able to get an “OSAP estimate” using the “online calculator”: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/osap-ontario-student-assistance-program>. OSAP is disbursed in two payments September and January.

How much do I need to contribute?

You will be expected to contribute \$3,000 per school year towards your education costs. This amount is based on the amount a student can earn while working over a summer, based on an average of 17 hours per week, at minimum wage, for 16 weeks.

Are there other financial resources available?

Every post secondary school has a **Financial Assistance Office** available to answer questions and provide information on possible financial support. In addition, many schools also offer bursaries and grants that you may be eligible for such as being a first-generation student in your family or for your community service work. You can search www.scholarshipcanada.com.

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Required Applicant Information

Name (First, Last)	
Phone Number (XXX) XXX-XXXX	
Email Address	
Address: Street City, ON XXX XXX	
Birth Date (day-month-year)	
High School Attending	
Trails Group Name	
# of years at Trails	

Schools

Please list the school and desired program that you have applied/been accepted into (in order of preference):

PREFERENCE	SCHOOL	PROGRAM	STATUS (Accepted/Waiting Response/Not Accepted)
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

Funding & Expenses

Projected Total Expenses for Fall 2021 and Winter 2022 Terms:

Total Projected Tuition Cost	
Additional Administration Fees	
Residence	
Rent/Utilities	
Meal Plan/Groceries	
Transportation	
Equipments	
Books	
Other (please specify)	
TOTAL	

Funding:

OSAP Grant (you keep)	
OSAP Loan (you pay back)	
Employment Income	
RESP (Registered Education Savings Plan)	
Family Support	
Savings	
Scholarships	
Grants	
School Bursary	
Government Support	
TOTAL	

Reflection Questions

Please reflect on the following questions, approx. 200-500 words per question. Answers should be submitted as part of your complete PDF application document

1. What is a value or lesson from your experience at Trails that you carry with you, and how will it help you be successful in starting your post-secondary education?
2. What academic challenges have you faced during high school, and what, if any, academic elements are you nervous or uncertain about for post-secondary studies?
3. What made you choose this program/area of study, and what long term career goals does it align with?

Consent

By applying for the Trails Danielle Dion Bursary you are consenting to provide personal information about your experience with Trails, your education and educational pursuits, and personal financial information regarding your OSAP eligibility to support your education.

Your personal information will be collected, used and disclosed by Trails only for the purpose of adjudicating and administering the Trails Danielle Dion Bursary and will be retained confidentially for the minimum period necessary for Trails to comply with any legal responsibilities. If you have any questions about how your personal information is collected, used, retained and disclosed, please contact Erin McLean, Director of Alumni and Volunteer Engagement at erin@trails.ca