

The Rick & Amanda Hansen Scholarship for Youth with Disabilities – 2025-26 Cohort

Terms & Conditions

Date: January 2025

1. The Rick Hansen Foundation (“RHF”) reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to modify, amend or cancel the Rick & Amanda Hansen Scholarships for People with Disabilities program (the “Program”) at any time without notice and to decide all questions respecting the awarding and administration of scholarships under the Program (each, a “Scholarship” and together, the “Scholarships”).
2. The following persons are not eligible to receive a Scholarship:
 - a. Employees and board of directors of RHF (“RHF Personnel”), spouses and children of RHF Personnel;
 - b. Scholarship applicants (“Applicants”) who provide false information to RHF at any time;
 - c. Individuals who do not meet the eligibility criteria set out in Section 3;
 - d. Individuals who have previously received the Scholarship. If an Applicant receives a Scholarship and is subsequently found not to be eligible for the Program, the Applicant must repay all Scholarship funds received unless otherwise not required by RHF;
 - e. Applicants who do not submit their application before the stated deadline.
3. To be eligible for a Scholarship, Applicants must:
 - a. Meet one of the following criteria:
 - i. Have applied to a full-time program, that is at a minimum 1-year in duration and maximum 5-years in duration, starting in the 2025/26 Academic year with an eligible Canadian publicly-funded post-secondary educational institution or other educational institution approved by RHF (collectively, “Approved Schools”); or
 - ii. Are enrolled in or accepted to a full-time program (minimum 1-years and maximum 5-years) with an Approved School for the relevant Academic Year;

- b. Be a person with a disability, which for the purposes of this Program is defined as a functional limitation – whether permanent or episodic – that is compounded by barriers. Attitudinal and physical barriers can prevent the student’s equitable access to meaningful participation in post-secondary education.
 - c. Submit an application in a form before the deadline prescribed by RHF (the “Application”) and certify that information and any required supporting documentation included in the Application and all subsequently provided information and documents are true, accurate and complete;
 - d. Be under the age of 30 at the date of the Application deadline;
 - e. Be a citizen or permanent resident of Canada;
 - f. Be available for an interview, if required, on the day chosen by RHF; and
 - g. Remain enrolled and in good standing as defined by the Approved School throughout the term of the Scholarship.
4. By submitting an Application, the Applicant authorizes RHF, as the administrator of the Program, and the selection committee (the “Selection Committee”), and their respective representatives to collect, use, store and confirm information about the Applicant, provided with the Application submitted (including references) to those who need to know such information for the purposes of administering and promoting the Program. The Selection Committee will use the information only for the purposes of evaluating the Application. If the Applicant is successful in receiving the scholarship and consents, RHF may utilize the Applicant’s information for public-facing communications to celebrate and promote the achievements of the scholarship recipient. Should an Applicant wish for RHF to delete their personal information, they may do so by contacting info@rickhansen.com. If an Applicant’s personal information is deleted, they may no longer be able to participate in the Program or receive payments associated with the Program.
 5. Applicants are responsible for securing admission to an Approved School of their choice, in accordance with the applicable requirements and deadlines that apply to such Approved School. Applicants who are awarded a Scholarship (a “Recipient”) must provide RHF with annual progress reports, proof of enrollment and transcripts/grades for each year of study for which they are in the Program, along with any other information RHF requires.

6. The Scholarship will have a value of no more than forty thousand (\$40,000) Canadian Dollars in the aggregate over five years, and will be paid to Recipients as follows:
 - a. tuition costs will be paid directly to an Approved School, and will not exceed a maximum of ten thousand (\$10,000) Canadian dollars per academic year, including up to \$7,500 for tuition and a \$2,500 stipend
7. Recipients must not concurrently receive additional education-related financial awards exceeding \$2,500 per academic year, excluding student loans and automatically awarded entrance scholarships.
8. Recipients may seek RHF's approval to defer enrollment in an Approved School for up to one year, or they may interrupt their studies for up to one year, on one occasion only, at the successful conclusion of an academic year. Reinstatement of the Scholarship will be conditional on the Recipient's reacceptance at an Approved School. Recipients who fail to return to school after a one-year deferment or who drop out of school will forfeit the Scholarship.
9. Recipients may seek RHF's approval to change disciplines, programs and/or Approved Schools during the Scholarship term. RHF may approve the request or terminate the Scholarship, in its sole discretion.
10. A Scholarship may be terminated at any time by RHF, upon the occurrence of any behavior on the part of the Recipient that RHF, in its sole discretion, deems inappropriate.
11. All Recipients must inform themselves as to the tax and benefits consequences of receiving the Scholarship.