

ASVI - Calgary District Provincial Bursary Application

About ASVI

The Alberta Society for the Visually Impaired was established in 1969 by a group of parents of children with visual impairments or blindness. They came together and pooled their resources and expertise in order to help other parents. At the time, many students were being educated outside of their neighborhood school often in a residential placement. Resources were scarce and these students lacked the support they needed in order to excel in school and beyond.

ASVI grew to include the vision strategists and educational assistants involved in the education of students with visual impairments. Together the parents, vision strategists, educational assistants and others; work to ensure needed resources are available, provide necessary guidance and expertise and access to specialized materials.

Two chapters of ASVI were formed, one based in Edmonton which provides for the Northern area of the province, including the city of Edmonton and its surrounding areas up to Red Deer. The other is based out of Calgary, providing to the southern part of the province.

ASVI has partnered with Alberta Education to provide bursaries for educators to further their studies in educating students with vision loss. It is recognized that properly trained personnel are a critical element in successful inclusion of children with a visual impairment or blindness within the school systems. These bursaries are intended to help defray, not cover entirely, the costs of university graduate programs, workshops, courses and training that are oriented to the advancement of children with a visual impairment or blindness.

ASVI is a non-profit society; all of the members, executive and committee members are volunteers, none receive a salary, stipend or honorarium for the work provided.

The following criteria has been carefully established and is considered to be comprehensive as of the date in writing. In the interest of providing ASVI with a means to respond to the changing conditions and times, the Executive is empowered to expand this criteria, with cause, on the passing of a two-thirds majority vote at the duly constituted meeting of the Executive.



Criteria for Funding of Applicants:

Eligibility

1. Applicants must be a member of ASVI
2. Teachers, educational assistants, orientation and mobility instructors or others directly involved with the education of students with a visual impairment or blindness or those who will imminently be working with those students
3. Teachers working towards a diploma or Master's degree in the area of vision impairment
4. Braille courses for parent(s)/guardian(s)
5. Parents attending local workshops organized by ASVI.

Considerations

1. Priority will be given to applicants who have not received funding within the last two years
2. Preference will be given to the individuals whose applications are complete and received in a timely manner
3. Applicants may be required to cost share where applicable
4. Incomplete applications will not be considered
5. Must provide an in-depth discussion of the course/workshop for which funding is to be used
6. Funding may be prioritized based on issues related to the type of training, location of training, cost of training and the availability of bursary funds
7. Successful bursary applicants must be willing to share information from the courses when requested
8. For workshops held in conjunction with conferences, Bursary will fund ONLY the eligible costs commensurate with the amount of time spent within the workshop.

Not Funded

1. Any conference(s)
2. Any books, meals and/or personal expenses
3. Persons taking the same course that was previously funded by a Bursary
4. Workshops not directly related to vision loss
5. University undergraduate programs

Please print out the following forms and attach any other necessary information and send by mail to ASVI Calgary at 005, 15 Colonel Baker Place NE. Calgary AB T2E 4Z3. Should you require any assistance in completing the forms, and or with the selection of appropriate equipment, please contact admin@asvicalgary.com Be sure to also refer to the website www.asvicalgary.com for further information on available funded equipment and technology.



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Application Form: Non-ASVI Organized Course(s)

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

Please provide the following information:

Position held: _____ School Division: _____

Parent: _____

(Below to be filled out if not a parent/guardian)

Describe the nature of your job: _____

Training/Education (List all courses related to vision impairment and blindness that you have taken as well as the year and where you received the training):

How long have you worked in your current position? _____

Supervisor's Name/Title: _____

Supervisor's Phone Number/Email: _____

*Course(s) Description**

**Please provide a copy of registration form(s) and Course Syllabus*

Course(s): _____

Date(s) of Course: _____ Location: _____

Has this Course(or have they) been approved by your Supervisor?: YES / NO

Describe the Course(s): _____

Describe how the Course is relevant/applicable to the students you are working with:

Expense Summary:

Course(s) Cost: \$ _____

Transportation Cost: \$ _____

Accommodations: \$ _____

Other Expenses: \$ _____

TOTAL COSTS: \$ _____

Cost share amount: \$ _____ By whom: _____

TOTAL BURSARY REQUEST (from ASVI): \$ _____

Please print off any information regarding the courses (descriptions, materials needed, etc.) and where the Board can find out more information regarding this.

Please add any other information that you would like the Bursary Committee to consider:

Are you willing to write a short article for our Newsletter and/or make a presentation at an ASVI meeting? YES / NO

Have you ever received funding through ASVI? YES / NO If yes, please specify:

Please note: For all Workshops/Courses not organized by ASVI reimbursement will be made only after the Workshop/Course has been completed, unless prior arrangement due to exceptional circumstances have been made.

Applicant

In signing below you are agreeing to disclose the information provided and confirm all information provided is complete:

Signature

Date

Angela Lauren/ Vision Strategist

In signing below I confirm this individual works with a student(s) who is visually impaired or blind and I endorse this application:

Signature

Date

Please submit your registration forms to:

ASVI - Calgary
005, 15 Colonel Baker Place N.E.
Calgary, AB T2E 4Z3

Phone: 403-234-0293

www.asvicalgary.com

Your privacy is very important to us. ASVI respects concerns about maintaining strict privacy. Any information that you provide to us in this Bursary Application is kept in absolute confidence.