The Donald E. Curren Scholarship Fund

History
The Donald E. Curren Scholarship was created by the many friends and admirers of Donald E. Curren, the founder and first Executive Director of the Atlantic Division of the Canadian Paraplegic Association and Canadian Paraplegic Association (Nova Scotia) herein known as CPA (NS). He served as Executive Director from 1952 to 1984.

Eligibility
Applications are accepted from persons living with a mobility disability, with preference given to persons living with spinal cord injury (quadriplegia or paraplegia). They must be attending a post secondary school (university, college, technical school) in the Atlantic Provinces. The scholarships will be awarded on merit, academic standing, and on such other criteria as the Selection Committee may determine. Recipients must be Canadian citizens or landed immigrants, and residents of the Atlantic Provinces.

Value of Award
The maximum value of the scholarship will depend on number of applications received.

Payment of Awards
Funds will be awarded through the appropriate Education Department to selected applicants. However, payment will not be made until the applicant has provided a letter of confirmation from the Registrar of the particular institution. Transcripts or pre-registration notifications are not acceptable as confirmation of attending the relevant year of education. Successful applicants will receive their contributions in two installments, the first half upon receipt of the letter of registration from the institution, and the second half after January 1st after the receipt of a transcript of the first term grades indicating continuing attendance.

Procedure for Applicant
Application forms may be obtained by visiting www.thespine.ca or by contacting CPA (NS) at 902-423-1277 or 1-800-889-1889. Email requests may be sent to halifax@canparaplegic.org. Completed applications must be received by September 30th annually. Applicants can reapply.

Education Year
For the purpose of this program, the academic year shall be defined as per the institution. Request for deferment will be considered only in unusual circumstances and the decision will be made by the Selection Committee. In the event that a student does not complete the academic term, they must submit to the Committee a medical report stating the inability to complete the full course load in order to be eligible for the second half of the scholarship.

Disclaimer
The Selection Committee has the right to cancel any award before payment is made or to take recovery action on contributions already made where the applicant has failed to meet the conditions herein or by leaving the Institution in which they were enrolled. It must be clearly understood that students selected as eligible for these scholarships shall comply with all conditions and requirements contained herein before any payment will be issued.

PLEASE NOTE: IF SEPTEMBER 2020 DOES NOT SEE A RETURN TO COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY CLASSES DUE TO COVID-19, APPLICATIONS FOR CURREN AND WANDERER’S SCHOLARSHIPS WILL NOT BE REVIEWED OR SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED. APPLICATION REVIEW WILL BE RESCHEDULED FOR LATE FALL 2020 UNLESS OTHERWISE DETERMINED.