NEADS

National Educational Association
of Disabled Students
Association nationale des étudiant(e)s
handicapé(e)s au niveau postsecondaire

National Student Awards Program
National Educational Association of Disabled Students NEADS
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Ottawa, Ontario, K1S 5B6

Dear Academic Personnel,

[Insert Name of Student] is providing this letter to you as part of their application to the National Educational Association of Disabled Students (NEADS) Student Awards Program.

Since its founding in 1986, NEADS has had the mandate to support full access to education and employment for post-secondary students and graduates with disabilities across Canada. NEADS is a consumer-controlled, cross-disability charitable organization and one of its key strategic program areas is student debt reduction.

The NEADS National Student Awards Program is offered to encourage full access to postsecondary education for persons with disabilities, who often have greater barriers to participation in higher education, as well as extra costs because of their disabilities.

To be eligible, applicants must provide proof of enrollment or acceptance to a post-secondary institution, as well as provide proof of good academic standing.

In an effort to move away from discriminatory and ableist requirements (I.e. High Grades or Grade Point Average) for determining who receives financial assistance starting this year, NEADS no longer requires that applicants provide copies of their academic transcripts. . Instead, we have established this form as a way toverify that applicants possess Good Academic Standing.

From NEADS's perspective, we commonly understand Good Academic Standing to mean that the applicant must fully meet the academic standards required for their program and that they are eligible to continue in their program. If the applicant is in high school, we commonly understand Good Academic Standing means they must be passing their courses and/or have a passing average overall to be able to enter into a post-secondary institution.

We know that the Good Academic Standing definition depends on the educational institution. As such, we invite you to use the definition you normally use to determine Good Academic Standing.

This form can be filled out by any Academic Personnel including if you are a guidance counsellor, school principal, registrar department staff member, academic advisor, program coordinator, thesis supervisor, professor/instructor or disability centre advisor.

We request that you please fill out the below information, free of charge to the student, and email the completed form to etes@neads.ca no later than 5pm EST on May 31, 2022.

Forms will only be accepted when submitted via email directly from a staff member of the relevant educational institution. Forms filled out and emailed by students will not be accepted.

Student Name:

Student #:

Upon looking at the academic records. I can attest that possesses Good Academic Standing.

Yes No

Name of Educational Institution:

Name of Educational Institution Personnel:

Job Title:

Department Name:

Phone #:

Email:

Date:

Signature: