

ASVI Provincial Bursary Application

About ASVI

The Alberta Society for the Visually Impaired was formed in 1971 by a group of parents of children with a visual impairment or blindness interested in pooling their resources and expertise 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 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 were formed, one based in Edmonton serving the city and surrounding area up to Red Deer and another chapter based in Calgary serving the rest 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.

All ASVI members, executive and committee members are volunteers and none receive a salary, stipend or honorarium for the work they do.

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

Criteria for Funding of Applicants

Eligibility

1. Applicants must be members of ASVI
2. Teachers, educational assistants, orientation and mobility instructors or others directly involved with the education of children with a visual impairment or blindness or those who will imminently be working with those students
3. Teachers working toward a diploma or Master's degree in the area of vision impairment.
4. Braille courses for parents
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 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 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 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 conferences
2. Any books, meals or personal expenses
3. Persons taking the same course previously funded by Bursary
4. Workshops not directly related to vision loss
5. University undergraduate programs

Application Form: Non-ASVI Organized Courses

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____ - _____ TELEPHONE: (____) _____ - _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Please Provide the Following Information

Position Held: _____ School/Division: _____

Describe the nature of your job: _____

Training/Education (List all courses related to vision impairment and blindness that you have taken, where you received training and specify year): _____

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 (Have these courses) been approved by your supervisor? **Yes** **No**

Describe the course(s): _____

Describe how this course is relevant and applicable to the students you are working with:

Expense Summary:

Course(s) cost: \$ _____

Transportation costs: \$ _____

Accommodations: \$ _____

Other Expenses: \$ _____

TOTAL COST: \$ _____

Cost share amount: \$ _____ **By Whom?** _____

TOTAL BURSARY REQUEST (from ASVI): \$ _____

Please add (or attach) any other information you would like the bursary committee to consider:

Are you willing to write a short article for the newsletter 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 has been made.

Applicant

In signing below you are agreeing with disclosing the information provided and confirming all information provided is complete:

Signature

Date

Principal/Supervisor

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

Signature

Date

Submit your registration form to:

**ASVI-Calgary
Room 005
15 Colonel Baker Place N.E.
Calgary, AB T2E 4Z3
Phone: (403) 234-0293**

**ASVI-Edmonton
12010 Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, AB
T5K 0P3
Phone: (780) 453-8345**

Visit our websites at www.asvicalgary.com or www.asviedmonton.org

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 strict confidence.