

To whom this may concern,

My name is Zachariyah Ahmed Khalif. I learned about the Disability Credit Canada (DCCI) scholarship from <https://scholartree.ca>. I feel that I would be a good fit since I am resilient and still face my day-to-day struggles as a student with apparent intellectual disabilities.

My learning disabilities have affected my learning so significantly, I was diagnosed at 15 years old with Mild Intellectual Disabilities, PTSD, OCD, and ADHD so significantly that for several years I could not sit still and finish my work or any task I did. This means that I needed to find ways to adapt in class and how I learned.

Although my disabilities are invisible, I often work hard to mask them to fit in with larger groups, especially in my classes with over 200 students. In high school, teachers never adapted to my learning needs, and I almost failed several classes in high school before getting a Psych Ed Assessment. Even in university, I still struggle to concentrate on what they are saying and not be distracted by other background noise or class distractions. My behaviors at times are off-putting to others despite ironically 70 percent of my classes being Psychology. Having such a late diagnosis was not ideal and would have been so much more helpful if it had been done earlier.

Because of my disabilities, starting my new adventure away from home will be challenging. I am not from Windsor; I am from Vancouver. I have almost no safety measures in place nor a safety network with people I know to support me when I am too hyper, anxious, or overstimulated. I will need to continue to navigate a new learning system and learn self-sufficiency throughout my life.

Over the past many years, I have been on a mission both personal and charitable to help the community educate and empower children and youth and alleviate stigma associated with disabilities and poverty while facing my struggles. I may have been diagnosed with various disabilities, but I just cannot let them define me, and neither should anyone else. I have been a former mentor and program assistant for Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver since grade 10. I have volunteered for organizations such as the YMCA, Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks, Boys and Girls Clubs of the South Coast, and Foundry Mental Health Services for Adolescents and adults. I have a huge

passion to help vulnerable children and youth and partner with agencies to those who may need a little extra support.

This scholarship will help me pay my tuition since I will be covering all my own expenses, I have been working 3 part-time jobs since grade 9.

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Dear Zachariyah,

Congratulations! We are pleased to offer you admission to the University of Windsor in the following undergraduate program:

Academic Program/Plan: Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) - Pre-Social Work
Program/Plan Start Date: Winter 2024

You will be joining a community of exceptional faculty, staff and students who are committed to supporting your education. Our rich academic programs and exciting opportunities for experiential learning produces graduates who enjoy challenging and rewarding careers.

To assist you once registration is open, we have developed a website which includes your [Guide to Registration](#). All the information you need, including important dates, can be found here.

Let us be the first to welcome you. You are about to embark on a most important journey. We are delighted that you've chosen the University of Windsor as your partner in learning.

All the best,



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Dear Zachariyah,

Congratulations on receiving your offer of admission to the University of Windsor! We have many scholarship and bursary opportunities that encourage academic excellence, the development of leadership and good citizenship. The University of Windsor attracts students, faculty and staff from around the world who are ready to make a real difference. Together, we create a close-knit community dedicated to lifelong learning, engaged teaching, original research and personal discovery. You will experience an exceptional level of support that will ensure that you reach your fullest potential as a student and a global citizen.

Next Steps:

- Visit our [website](#) for entrance scholarship and bursary information and student financial planning tips.
- Visit our '[Tuition Fee Estimator](#)'.
- Complete our [UWinAward](#) application for entrance scholarships and bursary consideration.

We look forward to assisting you with your scholarship and financial aid needs throughout your undergraduate studies at the University of Windsor.

Congratulations and best wishes for a stimulating and rewarding academic career!

Sincerely,

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Marian Doll, Director
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