



APPLICATION FOR THE 2026 ROY COOPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FOR A STUDENT WITH A LEARNING DISABILITY

The Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario offers a \$1,000 scholarship award in memory of Roy V. Cooper, who volunteered for over 30 years as a board member of his local chapter in Ottawa, as a board member of LDAO and LDAC, and as a mentor to individuals with LD and/or their families in the areas of self-advocacy and assistive technology.

This scholarship recognizes an Ontario high school student who has a documented Learning Disability as a primary diagnosis and who will be attending a postsecondary institution during the 2026-2027 academic year. The student must be pursuing a bachelor of engineering or a bachelor of science in a physical sciences discipline (please note: physical sciences do not include social sciences or technology majors).

Mr. Cooper spent his working life in the engineering/physical sciences field.

The application form, the Conditions of Acceptance of the Award and a Checklist of Required Documentation appear in the following pages.

Deadline for submission: Friday, June 26, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

**Learning Disabilities Association of Windsor-Essex County
Attention: Mary-Ann Fuduric, Executive Director
Email: info@ldawe.ca**



**Roy Cooper Memorial
2026 Scholarship Award Application**

Student's Name:

Address:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Home Phone:

Email:

Please answer the following questions: (please add another page if necessary)

1. Why are you applying for the Roy Cooper Scholarship Award?
(Suggested: 100–150 words)

2. What do you find interesting about engineering and/or the physical sciences?
(Suggested: 100–150 words)

3. What program do you wish to pursue at college or university?
(Suggested: 30–50 words)

4. What career path do you plan to take after college or university?
(Suggested: 50–100 words)

5. Please explain briefly how your learning disabilities affect your schooling and what accommodations you will need to succeed in your chosen program.
(Suggested: 100–150 words)

6. Please tell us about some of your hobbies.



(Suggested: 50–75 words)

7. Please describe briefly what types of community work you are currently involved in or have done recently.

(Suggested: 75–100 words)

8. How did you learn about the Roy Cooper Scholarship Award?

(Suggested: 25–50 words)

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Please ensure that you read carefully the attached conditions of acceptance and checklist of documents required.

Condition of Acceptance

- The candidate must have been a full-time high school student during the 2025-2026 school year and be entering their first year of college or university in 2026-2027.
- The candidate must have graduated high school in the 2025-2026 school year and must have been accepted into a bachelor program in either an engineering or physical sciences discipline by date of the final selection of the award.
- The candidate must provide a written letter stating that the award money will be used for tuition or books to attend college or university for the school year 2026-2027.
- The winning candidate **must** sign a waiver allowing LDAO or its local chapter to use their picture and name in publicity opportunities.

Privacy and Consent

Information collected as part of this application will be used solely for the administration of the Roy Cooper Memorial Scholarship Award and will be handled confidentially. By submitting this application, you consent to the collection, use, and temporary storage of your information for this purpose.

Checklist of Required Documents

- ❑ **Learning Disability Documentation:** All candidates must have documentation of a Learning Disability as a primary diagnosis. We require proof that this diagnosis has been made, in the form of a psychological assessment report, a doctor's letter or referral from the local LDA chapter (based on a psychological assessment). Any such documentation sent to LDAO will be returned by mail, after verification.
- ❑ **High School Transcripts:** At the time of application you may not have your final grades, so a copy of your most recent grades will be necessary to process your application. **You must be a full-time student in high school to be eligible for this award.**
- ❑ **Letter from High School Teacher:** A reference letter from your high school science teacher and/or special education resource teacher, stating why they feel you are deserving of this award.
- ❑ **Photocopy of Your College/University Acceptance Letter:** To verify you will be attending a postsecondary institution for the year of 2026-2027 in a bachelor program in either the engineering or physical sciences discipline. To be received by LDAO before the final selection for this award.
- ❑ **Photocopy of Your High School Diploma:** To verify you were a high school student and graduated in the year 2025-2026. This must be received by LDAO before the presentation of this award.