

## Kevin Collins Abilities Scholarship

### DESCRIPTION

The *Kevin Collins Abilities Scholarship*, provided by C.W. Shasky & Associates, is presented to a post-secondary student with a disability.

For 17-plus years, Kevin Collins was the Executive Director of Friends of We Care, an organization composed of Foodservice and Hospitality industry members whose mission is to send kids with disabilities to accessible summer camps across Canada. During his tenure, Kevin has led the group in raising over 20.5 million dollars and has established a national presence for Friends of We Care.

In February 2017, Kevin Collins accepted the position of President and CEO at Easter Seals Ontario. This organization assists children with physical disabilities and their families. The move provides Kevin the opportunity to come full circle. He was born with cerebral palsy, attended Easter Seals summer camps for eight summers and was an Easter Seals ambassador “Timmy” in 1976.

Kevin’s willingness to not let anything stand in his way exemplifies what it means to focus on ABILITY, not disability. Friends of We Care is proud to present this award to a future leader to help them realize their ambitions and abilities.

Any interested applicants are asked to submit an application form that is provided below, along with a 1-2 page letter and/or a 1-2 minute video link describing why they should be considered for the Kevin Collins Abilities Scholarship.

## **SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS**

### **CANDIDATE**

One student will be selected on an annual basis.

### **VALUE**

The scholarship will award \$3,000 to the selected candidate.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Students with a disability, who have at minimum one full semester left in their post-secondary education, are eligible to apply for the scholarship.

### **PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

The selected candidate may in addition be offered an opportunity to “shadow” an employee in their respective field. The availability and length of any such opportunities will vary from year to year and will be discussed with the selected candidate.

### **DEADLINES FOR APPLICATION**

The application form and letter/video submission must be received by April 1<sup>st</sup> to be considered. Please send your package to [info@friendsofwecare.org](mailto:info@friendsofwecare.org) and use ‘SCHOLARSHIP’ in the subject line.



## Kevin Collins Abilities Scholarship Application

<b>Name</b>		<b>Age</b>	
<b>Address</b>			
<b>City</b>		<b>Postal Code</b>	
<b>Program</b>		<b>Year of Study</b>	
<b>Expected Graduation Date (month/year)</b>			
<b>Explanation of Disability</b>			

<b>Please print your name</b>			
<b>Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>	
<p>I certify that the information provided on this application is true and accurate. I understand that providing false information will result in a refusal of the Kevin Collins Abilities Scholarship.</p> <p>In order to be eligible for the Kevin Collins Abilities Scholarship, you must meet the criteria outlined in the description, complete this form, and submit a 1-2 page letter and/or a 1-2 minutes video describing why you should be considered for the scholarship. Please send your application and accompanying documents to <a href="mailto:info@friendsofwecare.org">info@friendsofwecare.org</a> and title the subject "SCHOLARSHIP".</p>			