



# STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

## *Introduction*

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We've been a family-run business for nearly 40 years, working together with our clinics and store partners to provide quality, accessible optometry, audiology, and other healthcare services with the best value for our customers.

You'll find us in 11 countries including the UK, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Spain, Australia, New Zealand and most recently Canada. We are humbled to rank as a "best place to work" in multiple regions with 35,000 team members caring for 41 million patients and customers across 2,500 Specsavers locations.

When optometrist husband and wife team, Doug and Mary Perkins, started Specsavers back in 1984, they wanted to challenge the industry towards irreversible change for the good of everyone, so that access to quality eyecare and affordable eyewear was available to whoever needed it, whenever they needed it. Since then, everything we've done is driven with that same purpose in partnership with opticians and other eyecare professionals. As market leaders in all of the countries we operate in, we deliver style and function with quality eyewear at an affordable price, while using the most advanced clinical equipment as a standard part of eye examinations.

## *Purpose*

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This student scholarship further strengthens our commitment to change lives through better sight by transforming the careers of eyecare professionals. Our commitment starts early in the career and it starts with you, an aspiring optician.

## *Support*

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Specsavers is offering a three-year scholarship to one (1) individual accepted into Year One of the NAIT Optical Sciences Eyeglasses Program for the Fall of 2023.

This scholarship will cover the four (4) semester Eyeglasses Program, the two (2) semester Contact Lens Program, and associated tuition fees and textbooks.

# Eligibility Criteria

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- Applicants must apply and be accepted into Year One of the [NAIT/OAC Optical Sciences Eyeglasses Program](#) for the Fall 2023 intake
- Applicants must be enrolling in a full semester of courses for the Fall 2023 intake
- Applicants must be a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada, and reside within Canada, outside of the province of Alberta and the Territories (*therefore, designated a NAIT/OAC student*).
- Applicants are not required to be employed by Specsavers

# Submission Requirements

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The scholarship application submission process is completed online.

Along with providing basic contact information during the online submission process, scholarship applicants are required to submit answers to the following questions:

- ❖ Using 200 words or less, describe which Specsavers frame best matches your personality and why? (visit: <https://www.specsavers.ca/glasses/all-glasses>)
- ❖ At Specsavers, our values are what we stand for, and they are caring for one another, doing the right thing, and delivering on our promise. Using 200 words or less, describe which one of these values resonates with you most and how have you demonstrated this.
- ❖ **How would you improve access to expert eye and vision care and is there a vulnerable population that you feel needs attention? Please explain in 200 words or less.**

To submit your answers to the above questions during the online submission process, you must upload a PDF document that contains your answers. If your answers exceed the maximum number of words as outlined above, your submission will be invalid and not considered for the scholarship.

# Deadline

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The final deadline for scholarship submissions is **11:59 PM Central Time on Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

## Selection Process

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All scholarship submissions will be reviewed by a panel of individuals from Specsavers and the OAC.

The selection process will be complete by August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

The chosen recipient of the Specsavers Scholarship will be contacted and announced by Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

## Recipient Responsibilities

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The scholarship recipient will be expected to meet the following responsibilities during their three (3) year scholarship:

- ❖ Maintain a passing grade in all courses to maintain the scholarship for all three (3) years.
- ❖ Be an upstanding community citizen and reflect the professional spirit of the OAC to maintain the scholarship for all three (3) years.

## Official Rules

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GENERAL: By applying for this student scholarship opportunity, applicants agree to abide by the Official Rules and the decisions of Specsavers, the OAC, and the selection committee with respect to all aspects of the opportunity, which are final.

By applying for this scholarship opportunity, the recipient consents to the use of their name (first and last), city and province/territory of residence, and/or photograph, without further remuneration, in connection with any publicity carried out by or on behalf of Specsavers or the OAC with respect to this scholarship opportunity.

Specsavers and the OAC will not be responsible for late or incomplete entries; all such entries are void. Specsavers and the OAC do not assume any responsibility for incorrect or inaccurate capture of entry information, technical malfunctions, human or technical error, lost, delayed or garbled data or transmissions, omission, interruption, deletion, defect or failures of any telephone or computer lines or networks, computer equipment, software or any combination thereof. The use of an invalid email address will disqualify the entry.

All issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation, and enforceability of the Official Rules, or the rights and obligations of applicants and Specsavers and the OAC in connection with the scholarship opportunity, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with (i) the laws of the Province of Manitoba and the laws of Canada applicable therein in respect of residents of the other Canadian provinces/territories, without regard to conflicts of law principles. This scholarship opportunity is subject to all applicable federal, provincial and municipal laws.

No monies will be physically given to the recipient of this scholarship. The scholarship awarded will cover the costs of tuition and textbooks for the two (2) year NAIT Eyeglasses Program and the one (1) year Contact Lens Program and textbooks required in the programs.

If the scholarship recipient withdraws from the Fall 2023 academic term before the NAIT deadline, they will forfeit their scholarship; the scholarship opportunity cannot be transferred to a future academic term. In the case of a scholarship recipient having to forfeit their scholarship, the selection committee will select another recipient to receive the scholarship.