



STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Introduction

Specsavers is not just about eyewear and eyecare, we're a purpose-driven organization committed to changing lives through better sight. As a certified Great Place to Work[®], we take pride in our optometrist-owned and -led business model, providing quality eyecare and affordable eyewear to Canadians across the country.

Our journey began 40 years ago in the UK, with visionary optometrists Doug and Mary Perkins. Today, we support over 2,600 healthcare businesses spanning 11 countries in our network, passionately caring for more than 42 million patients and customers worldwide.

At Specsavers, we believe that access to quality eyecare should be a right, not a luxury. That's why we go above and beyond to transform the eyecare experience in Canada. With our advanced clinical equipment and an extensive range of affordable and high-quality eyewear, we're here to make a real difference in the lives of our customers.

Purpose

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

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 2024.

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

- Applicants must apply and be accepted into Year One of the [NAIT/OAC Optical Sciences Eyeglasses Program](#) for the Fall 2024 intake
- Applicants must be enrolling in a full semester of courses for the Fall 2024 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

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

The final deadline for scholarship submissions is **11:59 PM Central Time on Thursday, August 8th, 2024.**

Selection Process

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

The selection process will be complete by August 16th, 2024.

The chosen recipient of the Specsavers Scholarship will be contacted and announced by Monday, August 19th, 2024.

Recipient Responsibilities

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

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 2024 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.