Alexander Austin Worrell Scholarship

Ms. Ruth Gongos established a fund through The Winnipeg Foundation to honour her son, Alexander Austin Worrell, who was diagnosed with Down Syndrome and Autism. Ruth fought for rightful education and care, and was heavily involved in DASCH Foundation Inc. when it was founded. Ruth's hope was that such studies will benefit and enrich the lives of folks like Alexander in the future. The purpose of this fund is to support a graduate student from the University of Manitoba who is studying neuro-psychology or brain-cognitive science. The Winnipeg Foundation will confirm the value of these awards annually. Each year, one award valued at a minimum of $2,000 will be offered to a graduate student who:

1. is enrolled full time in the Faculty of Graduate Studies in a Masters or Doctoral program delivered by the Department of Psychology;
2. has achieved a minimum grade point average of 3.0 based on the last 60 credit hours (or equivalent) of study; and
3. is conducting research which is focused on down syndrome and autism spectrum disorders or related disorders.

To demonstrate how they meet criterion (3), applicants will be required to submit a statement (maximum 500 words) outlining their research to the Department of Psychology.

The Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies (or designate) will ask the Head of the Psychology Department (or designate) to name the selection committee for this award.

The Board of Governors of the University of Manitoba has the right to modify the terms of this award if, because of changed conditions, it becomes necessary to do so. Any future modifications that may be necessary due to changed conditions will require complete consultation with The Winnipeg Foundation.

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