



For Youth
Raising Allergy
Awareness



The Sabrina Shannon Memorial Award



Who was Sabrina Shannon?

This award is dedicated to Sabrina Shannon, an inspiring teenager who suffered a fatal anaphylactic reaction in 2003. During her life, Sabrina helped to raise awareness about food allergy by creating a first-person radio documentary, “A Nutty Tale,” which aired on CBC radio in 2001.

Since her passing, Sabrina’s parents and other members of the allergy community have kept Sabrina’s spirit alive by advocating for allergy-aware school environments. In 2005, Sabrina’s Law was passed in Ontario, resulting in landmark legislation that has influenced school anaphylaxis policies across Canada.

How many awards will be granted?

Two awards of \$1,000 each will be granted to students entering their first year or continuing their studies at a post-secondary institution.

Apply by June 19, 2015

Award funded by a grant from TD



Who is eligible?

Eligible Applicants must meet the following criteria during the 2015/2016 school year:

- Canadian resident under the age of 25
- Enrolled at a post-secondary institution (i.e. entering first year of studies or continuing in current program)

Applicants do not need to have food allergies to be eligible for the award.

Past recipients of this award and children of Food Allergy Canada staff, board members, or consultants are not eligible.



How will recipients be selected?

A committee of Food Allergy Canada staff, volunteers and past award recipients will review each application and select recipients based on their submission of a short essay. The essay should include:

- How the applicant has raised awareness and educated others about life-threatening allergies
- Whom the applicant has reached through their efforts (i.e. the number and type of people reached)

Selected recipients will demonstrate a strong commitment and creative approach to raising awareness and educating others about life-threatening allergies.

All applicants will be notified of their application status.

How can I apply?

Submit the following:

A completed application form

A 500-1500 word essay describing your efforts to raise awareness and educate others about life-threatening allergies

Contact information for two references

Finalists will also be asked to provide a copy of their acceptance letter or proof of enrollment in a post-secondary institution.

Submissions are closed for this year.