

## I THINK TECH SCHOLARSHIPS

### Program's rules

The Caisse Desjardins des Technologies (hereinafter "the Program Organizer") is pleased to **offer ten (10) scholarships, worth a total of \$6,500**, to students in the technology field.

Caisse Desjardins des Technologies was created with the desire to be firmly rooted in the Canadian technology community and to participate in its economic development. It helps innovators get off the ground by accompanying them every step of the way. Caisse Tech's mission is to support the next generation of members and future members to progress in this sector and to contribute to the rich local expertise.

The following trainings are accepted into the program:

- College education
- University education
- Vocational training
- Bootcamps

The scholarships are awarded in two parts: **six (6) scholarships of \$750 for Desjardins member students and four (4) scholarships of \$500 for non-Desjardins member students**

The winners of the scholarships will be announced on May 23, 2023.

### Registration period

The registration period for the I Think Tech Scholarships Program (hereinafter "the Program") opens on **April 3, ET through midnight ET on April 30, 2023** (hereinafter "the Program Period"). The winners will be announced on May 23, 2023 on the [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) social networks and the Caisse's newsletters with the winners' permission.

### Selection

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The winners of the scholarship program will be determined by computerized random drawing on May 8, 2023. No academic performance prerequisites are required. Proof of academic enrollment in a full-time technology program is needed for all winners of the drawing. If a winner is unable to provide the document within a specified time, a new draw will be held. Odds of winning depend on the number of eligible entries received during the program period.

## Eligibility

The eligibility criteria for the \$750 scholarships are as follows:

- Be a Canadian citizen or have permanent resident status<sup>1</sup>;
- Be a member of a Desjardins caisse in Quebec at the time of registration, i.e. before April 30, 2023, at midnight ET and at the time of receiving the scholarship<sup>2</sup>;
- Have submitted their registration form, by April 30, 2023, at midnight ET;
- Be 18 years of age or older on the date the scholarship program begins;
- Have his/her main residence in Quebec;
- Be enrolled full time for the winter session of 2023 in a vocational training program<sup>3</sup> or a college or university program (1st, 2nd or 3rd cycle) in a field related to technology at an educational institution recognized by the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur du Québec.

The eligibility criteria for the \$500 scholarships are as follows:

- Be a Canadian citizen or have permanent resident status<sup>4</sup>;
- Have submitted their registration form, by April 30, 2023, at midnight ET;
- Be 18 years of age or older on the date the scholarship program begins;
- Have his/her main residence in Quebec;
- Be enrolled full time for the winter session of 2023 in a vocational training program<sup>5</sup> or a college or university program (1st, 2nd or 3rd cycle) in a field related to technology at an educational institution recognized by the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur du Québec.

(hereinafter "eligible participants").

## Exclusions

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Employees, managers and members of the Board of Directors of the Caisse Desjardins des Technologies are not eligible for the scholarship program, nor are members of their immediate family with whom they reside. Students enrolled in a part-time study program are also excluded.

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<sup>1</sup> Consult the Government of Canada Web site for the definition of [Canadian citizen](#) and [permanent resident](#).

<sup>2</sup> By definition, being a member of the Caisse Desjardins des Technologies means having an account with the caisse. A member must have received confirmation of the account opening from an authorized Desjardins representative.

<sup>3</sup> For Quebec: vocational training leads to a Diploma of Vocational Studies (DVS) or an Attestation of Vocational Specialization (AVS) issued by the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur, or to an Attestation of Vocational Studies (AVS) issued by a School Service Centre or an English school board or a school board with special status

<sup>4</sup> Consult the Government of Canada Web site for the definition of [Canadian citizen](#) and [permanent resident](#).

<sup>5</sup> For Quebec: vocational training leads to a Diploma of Vocational Studies (DVS) or an Attestation of Vocational Specialization (AVS) issued by the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur, or to an Attestation of Vocational Studies (AVS) issued by a School Service Centre or an English school board or a school board with special status

## How to participate

To apply for the program, eligible participants must complete the online application form on the Caisse's website : [I Think Tech Scholarships](#).

To be eligible for the program, the form must be submitted electronically no later than **midnight on April 30, 2023 ET**.

## Program terms

**No purchase or consideration required.** To enter the No Purchase/No Obligation Scholarship Program, eligible entrants must complete the online form with their name, mailing address, phone number, date and an original essay of approximately 50 words on "How this scholarship will help me with my education." The registration form can also be filled out and sent by mail to [340-1050 Beaver Hall Hill, Montreal, H2Z 0A5](#) or by email to [caissetech@desjardins.com](mailto:caissetech@desjardins.com). No-purchase, no-obligation entries must be received by **April 30, 2023 at midnight ET** (as evidenced by the postmark) or they will be void. Upon receipt of the form, entry into the scholarship program will be automatically recorded and will provide a chance to win. Mechanical reproductions will not be accepted. Entries become the property of the Organizer and will not be returned.

Limit of one (1) entry per eligible participant.

### Prices

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The ten (10) scholarships, with a total value of \$6,500, will be distributed as follows:

- ❑ 6 scholarships of \$750 for student members of a Desjardins caisse in Quebec
- ❑ 4 scholarships of \$500 for non-Desjardins member students

The amount of the scholarship won will be remitted to the current account or by cheque, depending on the participant's preference. A cheque will be sent to the address of the non-member student.

Subject to consent, the winners are invited to send a photo to the Organizer and have it used to advertise in the various promotional tools mentioned above. A consent form will be sent to the winners beforehand.

Anything not described above is not included in the prize and is the responsibility of the winner.

The winners will be solely responsible for any taxes that may arise from the awarding of the prize to the full exoneration of the organizers and the persons for whose benefit the program is held.

### Drawing

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Winners are determined by a computerized drawing. The draw will take place on May 8, 2023. Only scholarship winners will be contacted by phone or email in the days following the drawing.

Odds of winning depend on the number of eligible entries received throughout the duration of the program.

## Terms and conditions

- a. Be reached by phone or email by a Caisse advisor within ten (10) days of the selection date. Selected entrants must be reached within a maximum of 3 attempts and will have a maximum of 48 hours to respond to the Organizer's contact, failing which they will forfeit their right to the prize.
- b. Confirm that it meets the eligibility and other requirements of these regulations.
- c. Correctly answer, without assistance and within a limited time frame, a mathematical skill-testing question that will be asked at the end of the online form.
- d. Sign the Declaration and Release Form (the "Declaration Form") that will be mailed or emailed to him/her and return it to the Program Organizer within five (5) business days of receipt.
- e. Provide documentation of being a student in a technology-related field during the Winter 2023 semester.

Failure to comply with any of the above conditions or any other condition mentioned in these rules will result in disqualification of the selected entrant and a new entrant will be selected in accordance with these rules until such time as an entrant is selected and declared a winner of this prize. The same terms and conditions will continue to apply with necessary modifications, if any.

### 1. Awarding of Scholarships

Within ten (10) days of receiving the Declaration Form, the Organizer will send an e-mail to the winner to inform him or her of the procedures for taking possession of the prize. In the event that the selected person refuses to accept the prize, the Caisse will be released from any obligation with respect to the awarding of the prize and may, at its discretion, hold a new draw in the manner described in this document.

### 2. Verification

All entries and Declaration Forms are subject to verification by the Organizer. Entries that are incomplete, inaccurate, illegible, mechanically reproduced, mutilated, fraudulent, filed or submitted late, contain an invalid telephone number or are otherwise non-compliant may be rejected and will not be eligible for the prize.

### 3. Disqualification

Any person participating in this program or attempting to participate by any means contrary to these rules and regulations and unfair to other participants (e.g., computer hacking, use of "voting groups", use of a nominee) will be automatically disqualified and may be referred to the appropriate legal authorities.

#### **4. Program operation**

Any attempt to sabotage the legitimate operation of the program is a violation of civil and criminal laws. Should such attempts be made, the Organizer reserves the right to reject the entrant's entries and seek remedies under the law.

#### **5. Participant Identification**

For the purposes of these rules, the entrant is the person whose name appears on the entry form. The prize will be awarded to this person if he/she is selected and declared a winner. In the event of a dispute as to who completed the entry form, the entry form will be deemed to have been submitted by the authorized account holder associated with the email address provided at the time of entry, if any. Authorized account holder" is defined as the natural person who is assigned an e-mail address by an Internet access or online service provider, or other company that assigns e-mail addresses for the domain associated with the submitted e-mail address.

#### **6. Acceptance of Prizes**

Scholarships must be accepted as described in these rules and cannot be exchanged, substituted or transferred to another person, except as provided in these rules.

All persons participating in the Program agree to abide by these rules and the final decisions of the Caisse administering the Program.

#### **7. Limitation of liability**

If the Organizer is unable to award the prize as described in these rules, the Organizer reserves the right to award a prize of equal kind and value or, at its sole discretion, the value of the prize as described in these rules. In no event shall the Organizer be required to award more prizes or award a prize other than in accordance with these rules. If more prizes are offered than the number of eligible entrants, the Organizer reserves the right to cancel the excess prizes.

#### **8. Limitation of liability - Use of scholarship**

The winner releases the Organizer and the persons for whose benefit this program is held from any liability for damages that may arise from his/her participation in the contest, acceptance and use of the prize. The winner acknowledges that upon receipt of the prize or the letter confirming the prize, the performance of the obligations related to the prize becomes the sole and exclusive responsibility of the various suppliers of products and services. The winner agrees to sign the Declaration and Release Form to this effect. The winner of a prize acknowledges that the only warranty applicable to the prize is the usual manufacturer's warranty.

#### **9. Limitation of Liability - Program Operation**

The Organizer and the persons for whose benefit this program is held are not responsible for the malfunction of any computer component, software or communication line, for the loss or absence of network communication or for any transmission that is faulty, incomplete, incomprehensible or erased by any computer or network, and that may limit or prevent any person from reading the rules of participation. They also disclaim all liability for any damage or loss that may be caused, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, by the downloading of any web page or software or by the transmission of any information related to participation in the contest. In particular, if the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the program is corrupted or impaired, including by reason of computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures or any other cause, Sponsor reserves the right, without notice, to cancel, modify, extend or suspend the program.

**10. Limitation of Liability - Facebook**

If the Contest is hosted by Facebook, entrants acknowledge and agree that the Facebook site is not owned or operated by Sponsor. Nevertheless, they acknowledge that they are subject to Facebook's terms of use. Personal information collected in connection with this contest is for the sole use of the Sponsor and will not be shared with Facebook in any way. The contest or promotion is not sponsored, endorsed, administered by or in any way associated with Facebook. No liability can be assumed in this regard. In addition, by entering the Contest, entrants confirm that they indemnify Facebook and hold it harmless from any liability or claim for damages arising from their participation in the Contest.

**11. Limitation of liability - Receipt of applications**

The Organizer and those for whose benefit this program is held will not be responsible for lost, misdirected or delayed entries, including due to a problem with the postal service or any failure for any reason whatsoever, of the website during the course of this program, including any damage to an entrant's computer or mobile device.

**12. Limitation of liability - Situation beyond the Organizer's control**

The Organizer and the persons for whose benefit this program is held will not assume any liability whatsoever in any case where their inability to act is the result of an event or situation beyond their control or of a strike, lockout or other labor dispute in the establishments of the organizations or companies whose services are used to hold this program.

**13. Program changes**

The Organizer reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend, in whole or in part, this program in the event that any event or human intervention occurs that could alter or affect the administration, security, fairness or operation of the program as provided in these rules. No liability will be assumed.

**14. Termination of the program**

If the program must be terminated, in whole or in part, for any reason whatsoever before the closing date provided in these rules, the Organizer may, at its sole discretion, award the scholarships by choosing from all eligible applications duly received up to the date of the event resulting in the termination of the program.

- 15.** Under no circumstances will the Organizer be required to award more scholarships or to award a scholarship other than in accordance with these rules.

**16. Limitation of liability: Scholarship applications**

By participating or attempting to participate in this program, any person releases the Organizer and those for whose benefit this program is held from any and all liability for any damages that he or she may suffer as a result of participating or attempting to participate in the program.

**17. Communication with Participants**

No communication, commercial or otherwise, unrelated to this program will be sent to the Participant unless the Participant has expressly consented to such communication. Any communication or correspondence will be made solely in connection with this program in accordance with these rules, at the initiative of Sponsor or to obtain the eligible Participant's consent to the use of his/her entry without purchase or consideration.

**18. Copyright**

Eligible Participants consent to the free use, production or reproduction by the Organizer for internal Canadian purposes, without time limitation, in whole or in part, of the text submitted for the purposes of the Program without any obligation on the part of the Organizer to credit the author of the text. Eligible Participants also agree that the Organizer may translate the text as needed without the need to obtain permission from Eligible Participants regarding the accuracy and precision of the translation. Eligible Participants also agree that the Organizer may correct the spelling of the text if necessary.

**19. Personal Information.**

To participate in the Program, we must collect, use and share personal information about you. For more details, see the Desjardins Group Privacy Policy at <https://www.desjardins.com/ca/privacy/privacy-policy>.

By participating in the Program, the participant authorizes the Organizer or its authorized agents to collect, use and disclose his/her personal information for the purpose of administering the Program and awarding prizes in accordance with the applicable regulations and its Privacy Policy

By accepting the prize, subject to consent, any winner authorizes the Organizer, the member caisses of the Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec and the Caisse Desjardins Ontario Crédit Union Inc. to collect, use, distribute and share, if necessary, his or her name, place of residence (city, province), statement regarding the prize,

photograph, image, voice or other representations and recordings on which the participant appears in the context of the Program, for advertising or promotional purposes, on any medium whatsoever (e.g. Desjardins website, Facebook pages, etc.) or on any other medium or media, without remuneration or compensation of any kind whatsoever I assign the rights to use and reproduce, in whole or in part, the visual content captured by Desjardins for the purposes of the program.

## **20. Intellectual Property and Copyright**

By submitting the text submitted for the Program, a photograph, composition, drawing or other work (the "Work") for this Program, Entrant warrants that such Work is free of third party rights and that Entrant, as the owner of all necessary rights, submits the Work and authorizes, among other things, the use, modification, transfer, adaptation, publication, communication or distribution of the Work in any format, media or technology, including television, wireless or online information technology. Entrant agrees to provide, upon request, proof of ownership of intellectual property rights or copyrights in the Work and to indemnify and hold harmless Sponsor from any claim, action or suit arising from any use of the Work.

## **21. Property**

All information and materials related to the Program, including, but not limited to, entry forms and Declaration and Release Forms, information of a technical, technological or operational nature, and information relating to designs, computer systems, software, logos, trademarks and intellectual property, are and shall remain the sole property of Contest Organizer. None of this information and material will be returned to entrants.

## **22. Decisions**

All persons participating in the Program agree to abide by these rules and the final and binding decisions of the Program Organizer, who administers the Program. All decisions of the Program Organizer or its representatives with respect to this Program are final and binding, subject to any decision of the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux du Québec on any matter within its jurisdiction.

## **23. For Quebec Participant**

Any litigation respecting the conduct or organization of a publicity contest may be submitted to the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux du Québec for a ruling. Any litigation respecting the awarding of a prize may be submitted to the Régie only for the purpose of helping the parties reach a settlement.

## **24. If a paragraph of these rules is declared or deemed illegal, unenforceable or invalid by a competent court, then that paragraph shall be considered invalid, but all other paragraphs that are not affected shall be applied within the limits permitted by law.**

These rules are available on the website [I Think Tech Scholarships](#) or from the Caisse Desjardins des Technologies team. For more information, you can write an email to the following address: [caissetech@desjardins.com](mailto:caissetech@desjardins.com).



**25. In the event of a discrepancy** between the French and English versions of these rules, the French version will prevail.

**26.** The scholarship program is subject to all applicable laws.

*N.B. The masculine gender is used without any discrimination and for the sole purpose of lightening the text.*