

SCHOLARSHIPS I THINK TECH

Scholarship program regulations

Desjardins Caisse des Technologies (hereinafter "the Program Organizer") is pleased to offer **ten (10) scholarships, worth a total of \$5,000**, to students in the technology field.

The Caisse Tech was created with a view to establishing a strong foothold in Canada's technology sector and contributing to its economic development. It helps innovators get off the ground, accompanying them every step of the way. Caisse Tech's mission is to support the next generation of members and future members, to help them progress in this sector and contribute to the wealth of local expertise.

The following training programs have been accepted into the program:

- College training
- University education
- Professional training
- Bootcamps

A total of **10 (ten) \$500 bursaries** will be drawn from all registered students, whether Desjardins members or non-members.

The winners of the bursaries will be announced on August 20, 2024 on social networks [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) and the Desjardins Caisse des Technologies newsletter with the winners' permission.

Registration period

The call for applications for the Je pense Tech scholarship program (hereinafter "the program") will take place **from March 1, 2024, midnight (ET) to July 31, 2024, midnight (EDT)** (hereinafter "the program period").

Eligibility

Eligibility criteria for the scholarship program are as follows:

- ☐ Be a Canadian citizen or have permanent resident status¹;
- ☐ Be 18 years of age or older at the start of the scholarship program;

¹ Consult the Government of Canada website for definitions of [Canadian citizen](#) and [permanent resident](#).

- ❑ Member² or non-member of the Caisse Desjardins des Technologies at the time of contest entry;
- ❑ Having your principal residence in Quebec;
- ❑ Be enrolled full-time for the winter 2024 session in a vocational training program ³ or college or university training (1st, 2nd or 3rd cycle) in a technology-related field at a recognized educational institution ⁴.

(Hereinafter referred to as « eligible participants »)

Exclusions

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

Persons who have defrauded or attempted to defraud a Desjardins caisse in Quebec, Caisse Desjardins Ontario Credit Union Inc. or any other Desjardins Group entity.

How can I take part?

To apply for the program, eligible participants must complete the online registration form on the Caisse Tech website: [I Think tech Scholarship](#).

To be eligible for the program, the form must be submitted electronically by **midnight on July 31, 2024**.

No purchase or consideration required. To participate in the no-purchase, no-obligation scholarship program, eligible participants may also visit one of our [service locations](#) (340-1050 Côte du Beaver Hall, Montreal, Quebec H2Z 0A5 - 350 5e Avenue, Shawinigan, Quebec G9T 2M1 - 513 Rue Saint-Louis, La Tuque (Québec) G9X 2X3) to complete the paper entry form, entering their first name, last name, e-mail address, telephone number, postal code, age group, preferred language of correspondence, mathematical skill-testing questions, current financial institution, whether or not they would like to be contacted by a Desjardins Caisse des Technologies advisor, and comments (optional). No-purchase, no-obligation entries must be postmarked **no later than midnight, July 31, 2024, or they will be void**. Upon receipt of the form, participation in the scholarship program will be automatically recorded and will give you a chance to win. Mechanical reproductions are not accepted. Entries become the property of the Organizer and will not be returned. Limit of one (1) entry per participant, regardless of method of entry.

² By definition, a Desjardins member is the holder of a personal current account in a Desjardins caisse affiliated with the Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec. A member must have received confirmation of account opening from an authorized Desjardins representative.

³ 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 an Attestation of Vocational Studies (AVS) issued by a School Service Center (SSC) or an English-language or Special-Status School Board (SSB).

⁴ To be recognized, the participant's educational institution must be listed by [liste du ministère de l'Éducation du Québec](#).

AWARDS

The ten (10) bursaries, worth a total of \$5,000, will be distributed as follows:

- ▣ 10 \$500 bursaries for Desjardins member and non-member students

The amount of the bursary won will be deposited in the personal chequing account of the Desjardins member student, and a cheque will be sent to the address of the non-Desjardins member student.

Winners have the right to choose whether or not to send a photo to the Organizer for use in the various promotional tools mentioned above, with certain exceptions. 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 winners.

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. For further details on the taxation of scholarships, candidates may consult the following website www.fondationdesjardins.com/bourses.

DRAWING

Winners are determined by a computerized random draw. The draw will take place on August 1, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. (EDT), in the presence of witnesses, at the Organizer's offices, located at 1050 Côte du Beaver Hall, Suite 340, Montreal, Qc, H2Z 0A5.

Only scholarship winners will be contacted by telephone or e-mail in the days following the draw. Odds of winning depend on the number of eligible entries received over the course of the program.

Terms & conditions

To be declared a winner, each person selected must:

- Be reached by telephone or e-mail 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. The prize will then be awarded to the next participant whose name has been drawn at random, and the same procedure will be followed until the winner has been designated;
- Confirm that it meets the eligibility and other requirements of these regulations.
- Correctly answer, unaided, a time-limited mathematical skill-testing question at the end of the online form.

- d. Sign the Declaration and Waiver of Liability Form (hereinafter referred to as the "Declaration Form") sent to him/her by e-mail and return it to the Program Organizer within five (5) business days of the date of receipt.
- e. Provide a document attesting to his or her status as a student in a technology-related field during the winter 2024 session.

Failure to comply with any of the above conditions or any other condition mentioned in these rules will result in the selected entrant being disqualified and a new entrant being selected in accordance with these Contest Rules until such time as an entrant is selected and declared the winner of this prize. The same conditions will remain applicable with the necessary adaptations, where applicable.

1. Award ceremony

Within ten (10) days of receipt of the Declaration Form, the Organizer will send an e-mail to the winner informing him or her of how to take possession of the prize. Should the selected person refuse to accept the prize, the Caisse will be released from any obligation to award the prize and may, at its discretion, hold a new draw as described in this document.

2. Checks

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

3. Disqualification

Any person taking part in this program or attempting to do so in a way that is contrary to these rules and unfair to other participants (e.g. hacking, use of a voting group, use of a nominee) will be automatically disqualified and may be referred to the appropriate legal authorities.

4. Program sequence

Any attempt to sabotage the legitimate operation of the program constitutes a violation of civil and criminal laws. Should such attempts be made, the Organizer reserves the right to reject the participant's entries and obtain compensation 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 or she is selected and declared

the winner. In the event of a dispute as to the identity of the person who completed the entry form, the entry form will be deemed to have been sent by the authorized account holder associated with the e-mail address provided at the time of entry, where applicable. Authorized account holder" means 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. Price acceptance

Prizes must be accepted as described in these rules and under no circumstances may they be transferred in whole or in part to another person, nor may they be exchanged and/or replaced by another prize, subject to the provisions of these rules.

7. Limitation of liability

If the Organizer is unable to award the prize as described in these rules, it reserves the right to award a prize of the same nature and equivalent value or, at its sole discretion, the value of the prize indicated in these rules. In all cases, the Organizer may not be required to award more prizes or award a prize other than in accordance with these rules. Should the number of prizes offered exceed the number of eligible entrants, the Organizer reserves the right to cancel the excess prizes.

8. Limitation of liability – use of prize

The winner releases the Organizer and the persons for whose benefit this program is held from any liability for damages that may arise from 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, performance of the obligations associated with 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 of Liability Form to this effect. The prize winner acknowledges that the only warranty applicable to the prize is the manufacturer's standard warranty.

9. Limitation of liability – program operation

The Organizer and the persons for whose benefit this program is maintained disclaim all liability 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 which may limit or prevent any person from reading the entry rules. 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 Internet page or any software or by the transmission of any information relating 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, the Organizer reserves the right, without notice, to cancel, modify, extend or suspend the Program.

10. Limitation of liability – Facebook.

Participants acknowledge and accept that the Facebook site is not owned or operated by the Organizer. Nevertheless, they acknowledge that they are subject to Facebook's terms of use. Personal information collected in the context of this contest is for the exclusive use of the Organizer and will not be communicated in any way to Facebook. The contest or promotion is not sponsored, endorsed, administered or associated in any way with Facebook. No responsibility can be attributed to Facebook in this regard. In addition, by entering the contest, entrants confirm that they indemnify and hold Facebook harmless from any liability or claim for damages arising from their participation in the contest.

11. Limitation of liability – LinkedIn.

Participants acknowledge and agree that the LinkedIn site is not owned or operated by the Organizer. Consequently, they agree to be bound by LinkedIn's terms of use. Personal information collected in connection with this contest is for the exclusive use of the Organizer and will not be disclosed to LinkedIn in any manner whatsoever. The contest or promotion is not sponsored, endorsed, administered by, or associated with LinkedIn. LinkedIn cannot be held responsible in any way in this regard. Furthermore, by participating in the contest, entrants confirm that they release LinkedIn from all liability and agree to indemnify and defend the company against any claim or demand for damages resulting from their participation in the contest.

12. Limitation of liability – receipt of entries

The Organizer and the persons 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 duration of this program, including any damage to a participant's computer or mobile device.

13. Limitation of liability - out-of-control situation

The Organizer and the persons for whose benefit this program is held will assume no liability whatsoever in any case where their inability to act results from an event or situation beyond their control or from a strike, lockout or any other labour dispute in the establishments of the organizations or companies whose services are used for the holding of this program.

14. Program modification

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 of an event or any human intervention that may alter or influence the administration, security, impartiality or conduct of the program as provided in these rules. No responsibility can be imputed to it.

15. End of program participation

In the event that, for any reason whatsoever, participation in the program should be terminated in whole or in part prior to the termination date provided for in these rules, the awarding may be made, at the Organizer's discretion, from among the entries duly registered and received up to the date of the event that terminated participation in the program.

In all cases, the Organizer may not be required to award more prizes or to award a prize other than in accordance with these rules.

16. Limitation of liability - program participation

By participating or attempting to participate in this program, all persons release the Organizer and the persons for whose benefit this program is held from any liability for any damage they may suffer as a result of their participation or attempted participation 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 Organizer's initiative or to obtain the eligible Participant's consent to the use of his/her entry without purchase or consideration.

18. Copyright

Eligible Participants agree that the Organizer may use, produce or reproduce the text submitted for the purposes of the Program free of charge for internal use in Canada, without time limits, in whole or in part, without obligation on the part of the Organizer to cite the name of the author of the text. Eligible Participants also agree that the Organizer may translate the text as required, without having to obtain the Eligible Participants' authorization regarding the accuracy and precision of the translation. Eligible Participants also agree that the Organizer may, if necessary, correct the spelling of the text.

19. Personal information

20. To participate in the contest, we need to collect, use and share personal information about you. For more details, consult the Desjardins Group Privacy Policy at <http://www.desjardins.com/politique-confidentialite>.

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 purposes of administering the Program and awarding prizes in accordance with applicable regulations and the Organizer's Privacy Policy.

By accepting the prize, subject to consent, all winners authorize the Organizer, the member caisses of the Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec and Caisse Desjardins Ontario Crédit Union Inc. to collect, use, disseminate and share, if necessary, his/her name, place of residence (city, province), prize declaration, photograph, image, voice or other representations and recordings in which the participant appears in connection with 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. I hereby assign the rights to use and reproduce, in whole or in part, the visual content captured by Desjardins for the purposes of the program.

21. Intellectual property and copyright

By submitting a text, photo, composition, drawing or other work (the "Work") for this program, the entrant warrants that the Work is free of third-party rights and that the entrant, as owner of all necessary rights, submits the Work and authorizes, among other things, its use, modification, transfer, adaptation, publication, communication or distribution in any format, media or technology, including television, wireless or online information technologies. The participant undertakes to provide, on request, proof that he/she is the owner of the intellectual property rights or copyright in the Work, and to indemnify and hold harmless the Organizer against any claim, action or lawsuit arising from use of the Work.

22. Property

All information and documents relating 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 remain the exclusive property of the Contest Organizer. No such information or documents will be returned to entrants.

23. Decisions

By participating in the program, you agree to abide by these rules and the final and unappealable decisions of the Organizer, who administers the program.

24. If a paragraph of this regulation

is declared or deemed illegal, unenforceable or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then that paragraph shall be deemed invalid, but all other unaffected paragraphs shall be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

25. These rules and regulations are available at [I Think Tech scholarship](#) or contact the Caisse Desjardins des Technologies team. For further information, please send an e-mail to caissetech@desjardins.com.

26. **In the event of any discrepancy between the French and English versions of the regulations, the French version shall prevail.**
27. The program is subject to all applicable laws.