

Legal Last/Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Legal First/Given Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

## The 2021-2022 MELD Community Access Award

Established in 2019 by the McMaster English Language Development (MELD) Office. A tuition, course materials, and fees waiver to attend the MELD Diploma program, valued at approximately \$30,000, to be awarded to up to 10 individuals living in the City of Hamilton that demonstrate financial need and are looking to improve their English language skills to achieve their personal, academic, or career goals.

### Application Eligibility Requirements -

- Currently hold at least a high school diploma or expect to complete their high school diploma by June 2021
- Have obtained a minimum IELTS score of 5.0 (or equivalent CLB 5 or CEFR B1)
- Permanently reside in the City of Hamilton
- Demonstrate financial need

### Documentation Requirements

#### 1) A 250-word Statement of Interest

*How could the MELD program help you achieve your personal, academic and/or career goals?*

#### 2) Proof of High School Completion or Current High School Enrolment

*Official transcript or letter from your high school*

#### 3) A Nominator's Letter of Recommendation from a school or community partner who is able to confirm your family circumstances and your fit for the MELD program

#### 4) Proof of IELTS Score of 5.0 (or equivalent CLB 5 or CEFR B1)

#### 5) Evidence of Financial Need:

a) A Description of your/your family's financial situation and details of any special circumstances that would be helpful in the evaluation of your application (maximum of 200 words)

b) Proof of 2020 Family Income for you/your parent(s)/your partner

*Please provide one of the following: Notice of Assessment(s) issued from CRA, final pay stubs with year-to-date earnings, signed letter from employers, Social Assistance Benefit Statements, etc.*

- *Proof of parental income is required if you have been less than 4 years out of high school and living with your parent(s)*
- *If you are married/living common-law, please also include proof of your partner's income*
- *If you have any dependent children, please include their names and ages*

#### 6) A Completed MELD Community Access Award Admission Information Form

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Please provide the following information:

Former Last Name	Legal Last/Family Name		Legal First/Given Name(s)		
Date of Birth (yyyy/mm/dd)	Gender	E-Mail Address			
No. & Street Address	Apt.#	City	Prov.	Country	Postal Code
Telephone/Cell #	Status in Canada (circle one)				
	Canadian Citizen / Permanent Resident / Study Permit / Other (specify) _____				
Country of Citizenship	Date Arrived in Canada (if applicable)		O.E.N Number if available		
Education (secondary and/ or post-secondary)					
From (year/month)	To (year/month)	Name of School	Grade	Address	

Have you applied to a McMaster Undergraduate program through the OUAC ([www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca))? YES  NO

If yes, please provide your OUAC Reference Number and McMaster Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

*I certify that all information provided to be considered for the MELD Community Access Award is correct and complete, including my declaration of status in Canada. I understand that I may be asked to provide documentation at some future date to substantiate my information and that any misrepresentation of my information may result in cancellation of my MELD Community Access Award application, tuition waiver, admission offer and/or enrolment.*

*I consent to the release of this application form and all documentation that I submitted in support of this application to the Selection Panel. I understand the Selection Panel will have University representatives, as well as members external to the University. I also consent to the release of this application form and documentation to University departments processing this application and any resulting award/tuition waiver. Should I be selected, I understand the MELD Community Access Award has no cash value and will be applied directly to my tuition and fees upon enrolment in the MELD program at McMaster University.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_