



Best Buddies Canada

Because everyone deserves a friend!

A Message from the Best Buddies Team

Hello Best Buddies Community,

May is a time of growth—and that includes the friendships, leadership, and community we're building together at Best Buddies. As the school year winds down, we're proud to highlight all the milestones our chapters have reached. Let's keep the spirit of inclusion going strong—summer is just around the corner!

A reminder that the James Raymond Cowling Foundation Scholarship applications are open to Best Buddies Canada participants registered in the 2024-2025 academic year. Applications are due May 30, 2025. [Click here for more details.](#)

Year End Reports will be sent shortly to all primary and secondary chapter contacts. **Please be sure to submit your Year End Report as soon as possible!**

Lastly, we are hosting an Ambassador Training Session in partnership with Edelman Canada on May 30th. Any interested buddies in the greater Toronto area, [please click here.](#)

Thank you for being part of the Best Buddies community—your support and enthusiasm help us continue spreading friendship, inclusion, and joy across the country!

Check Out Our Chapters!





Wilfrid Laurier University making
Easter crafts



Brock University's "Country Semi-Formal"

James Raymond Cowling Foundation Scholarship NOW OPEN

The James Raymond Cowling Foundation Scholarship recognizes participants who have made outstanding contributions to their Best Buddies Chapter in Canada. Two scholarships valued at \$750 each will be awarded: one to a peer buddy at the high school or post-secondary level and the other to a buddy seeking to advance their skills.

The criteria for scholarships:

- Have been noticeably involved with Best Buddies Canada for at least one school/program year.
- Have made significant contributions toward advancing the Best Buddies mission and message in their school and/or wider community.
- Open to only Canadian Best Buddies participants registered in the current academic year, 2024-2025.
- Will be pursuing post-secondary studies or other developmental courses in the upcoming year, September 2025.

To submit your application, please fill out the [James Raymond Cowling Scholarship 2024-2025 Form](#) and submit it along with your essay and reference letter to info@bestbuddies.ca. The deadline is **May 30, 2025**.



Mississauga, Kingston, and Vancouver—with more communities joining soon!

Join us for:

- **Family-friendly fun:** Snacks, local vendors, a Kids Zone, and a *celebration dance party at the finish line!*
- **Virtual Participation**
- **Early Bird Prizes**
- **Exclusive Walk T-shirt:** Raise \$100 or more and receive our one-of-a-kind *Friendship Walk* t-shirt on walk day!

Let's walk together—because every-buddy deserves a friend. We can't wait to celebrate with you and your family!

2024-2025 AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to the recipients of our 2024-2025 Award of Excellence! These chapters have demonstrated incredible commitment to our program and always go above and beyond in their efforts to spread friendship and inclusion.



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We are grateful to the Gloria Baylis Foundation for their support of our program. Their contribution allows us to launch new programs across Canada and promote our message of inclusion.

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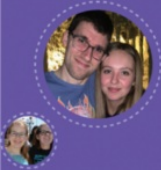
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