

# #DesjardinsFoundation Prizes

## ENTRY RULES

The “**#DesjardinsFoundation Prizes**,” held by Desjardins Foundation, award financial assistance for projects with a direct impact on young primary and secondary school students.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for the #DesjardinsFoundation Prizes, candidates must belong to one of the following two categories:

- Duly authorized representatives of a public or private primary or secondary school
- Duly authorized representatives of a charity registered with Canada Revenue Agency located in the provinces of Quebec or Ontario (hereinafter the “eligible candidates”).

The following are not eligible for the #DesjardinsFoundation Prizes:

- Preschools
- Postsecondary educational institutions
- Religious organizations and groups
- Political organizations
- Special interest groups
- Organizations not registered as charities with Canada Revenue Agency.

The following conditions must be met for a project to be eligible for a #DesjardinsFoundation Prize:

- The project must directly benefit school-age children from Grade 1 to Secondary V.
- The project must directly target more than one primary or secondary student.
- The #DesjardinsFoundation Prize must be used solely to carry out a project for young people.
- The project must contribute to the self-esteem, motivation or engagement of youth.
- The project must be carried out in the provinces of Quebec or Ontario.
- There is a limit of one entry per project.

### ENTRY PERIOD

Eligible candidates can submit their project from 9 a.m. on October 20 to 5 p.m. on November 7, 2016 (hereinafter the “entry period”).

### HOW TO ENTER

To submit a project, eligible candidates must, during the entry period, complete the form available at [www.desjardinsfoundation.com](http://www.desjardinsfoundation.com) and include their name, telephone number, the name and contact information of the school or organization they represent, a brief description of the project (no more than five hundred [500] words), the estimated project cost, the amount requested and a visual representing the project in jpg, png or gif format. The amount requested must exclude administrative fees, loan repayments and labour costs.

Entries are the property of Desjardins Foundation and will not be returned.

## PRIZES

A cheque equal to the lesser of the following two (2) amounts:

- The amount requested
- Three thousand dollars (\$3,000)

will be presented to the schools and organizations in a given region whose projects receive the most votes from Desjardins Group officers and employees.

**Desjardins Foundation reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to award more than one prize per region. If no eligible projects have been submitted for a region, the prize for this region may be cancelled or, at Desjardins Foundation's sole discretion, awarded to another region where demand is higher.**

## SELECTION

Upon receipt of the duly completed entry form, the project will be evaluated by an independent committee of volunteers who will determine the project's eligibility. In addition to the conditions given in these rules, the committee or Desjardins Foundation reserve the right to reject any project submitted, even if it meets the eligibility criteria, if it goes against the values of Desjardins, if the language used is vulgar or inappropriate or if the individuals involved in the project could harm the image or reputation of Desjardins.

If the committee deems that the submitted project meets the eligibility criteria, it will forward it to Desjardins Foundation, which will divide the projects by the administrative region where said project will take place or, as needed, the closest regions, and will submit eligible projects by region for a vote by Desjardins Group officers and employees.

In the event that over 30 eligible projects are submitted for a given region, Desjardins Foundation will select which projects to submit for a vote by Desjardins Group officers and employees. In such a case, the eligible projects that affect the most children will be selected. Eligible projects will then be submitted for an electronic vote by Desjardins Group officers and employees.

The vote by officers and employees will be held on the Desjardins Group internal portal from November 28 to December 9, 2016. Desjardins Group officers and employees will be asked to vote for their preferred projects based on the following criteria: the project description, the number of young people affected and the amount requested.

Each of the officers and employees can vote for as many projects as they like, but can only submit one vote per project.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REGIONS

As part of the selection process, as described in more detail above, projects will be divided up and considered based on the following administrative regions:

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| • Bas-Saint-Laurent – Gaspésie – Îles-de-la-Madeleine | • Ontario  |
| • Cantons-de-l'Est                                    | • Ouest de Montréal                                    |
| • Centre-du-Québec                                    | • Outaouais – Abitibi-Témiscamingue and Nord-du-Québec |
| • Est de Montréal                                     | • Québec-Est   |
| • Kamouraska – Chaudière-Appalaches                   | • Québec-Ouest – Rive-Sud                              |
| • Lanaudière  | • Richelieu - Yamaska                                  |
| • Laval - Laurentides                                 | • Rive-Sud de Montréal                                 |
| • Mauricie  | • Saguenay – Lac-Saint-Jean – Charlevoix and Côte-Nord |

## GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. The list of finalists will be published on the Desjardins Foundation website by December 16, 2016. To be declared a winner, finalists must:
  - a) be reached by telephone by Desjardins Foundation within thirty (30) days of the vote by officers and employees, and will have a maximum of seventy-two (72) hours to return Desjardins Foundation's call if a message is left on their voice mail, if applicable, failing which they will no longer be entitled to the prize;
  - b) confirm that they have met the eligibility conditions and other requirements herein;
  - c) sign the declaration and liability release waiver (hereinafter the "Declaration Form") sent by email and return it to Desjardins Foundation within thirty (30) business days of its receipt.

If the finalists fail to comply with any of the abovementioned conditions or any other conditions herein, they will be disqualified and, at Desjardins Foundation's discretion, the prize will be cancelled or awarded to a different project, in accordance with these rules until an eligible candidate is selected and declared the winner of the prize. The same conditions will apply, subject to any necessary modifications, if required.

2. **Awarding of prizes.** Within thirty (30) days of receiving the Declaration Form, Desjardins Foundation will send the prize. If the finalist refuses to accept his or her prize, Desjardins Foundation will be relieved of any obligation regarding awarding of the prize and may, at its discretion, cancel the prize or hold a new draw in accordance with the procedures set out in the previous paragraph.
3. **Verifications.** All entries, including submitted projects and all Declaration Forms, may be subject to verification by Desjardins Foundation. Any entry that is incomplete, incorrect, illegible, mechanically reproduced, mutilated, fraudulent, registered or submitted late, contains an invalid telephone number or is otherwise non-compliant may be rejected and will not entitle the candidate to the prize.
4. **Disqualification.** Anyone who applies or tries to apply for the #DesjardinsFoundation Prizes by any means that violate these rules or are unfair to other candidates (e.g., software piracy, use of voting groups or use of a nominee) will be automatically disqualified and may be reported to the appropriate legal authorities.
5. **Prize awarding process.** Any attempt to sabotage the legitimate operation of the #DesjardinsFoundation Prizes constitutes a violation of civil and criminal laws. If such an attempt is made, Desjardins Foundation reserves the right to reject the candidate's entry and take legal action.
6. **Acceptance of prizes.** Prizes must be accepted as described herein and cannot, under any circumstances, be transferred to someone else, in whole or in part, substituted for another prize or redeemed for cash, except by decision of Desjardins Foundation and at its sole discretion.
7. **Authorization.** By taking part in the #DesjardinsFoundation Prizes, candidates authorize Desjardins Foundation and its representatives to use their name, the name of the school or organization they represent, their photograph, likeness, voice or project description or visual for the purpose of the employee vote without any remuneration whatsoever.
8. **Limitation of liability.** Should Desjardins Foundation be unable to award the prize as described herein, it reserves the right to award a prize of the same type and equivalent value or, at its sole discretion, the cash value of the prize indicated herein. In all cases, it cannot be required to award more prizes or to award any prize other than in accordance with these rules.
9. **Limitation of liability: Use of the prize.** The winners release Desjardins Foundation and persons on whose behalf the prize is held of all liability for any damages that may occur as a result of taking part in the #DesjardinsFoundation Prizes or accepting or using the prize. Winners agree to sign a declaration and release form to this effect.
10. **Limitation of liability: Conduct of the Prizes.** Desjardins Foundation is not liable for any faulty computer components, software or line of communication, or for the loss or absence of network communication capability, or for any faulty, incomplete, incomprehensible or erased computer or network transmissions that make it difficult or render an individual unable to read these rules. Desjardins Foundation shall also not be held liable for any damage or loss that may be caused, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, by the downloading of any web page, software, etc., or by the transmission of any information related to taking part in the #DesjardinsFoundation Prizes. Specifically, if the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper operation of the #DesjardinsFoundation Prizes is compromised or seriously impacted, particularly due to a virus, bug, tampering, unauthorized action, fraud, technical glitch or any other cause, Desjardins Foundation reserves the right to cancel, modify, extend or suspend the #DesjardinsFoundation Prizes without advance notice.
11. **Limitation of liability: Receipt of entries.** Desjardins Foundation will not be held liable for any lost, misdirected or late entries, including due to problems related to any failure, for any reason whatsoever, of the website, including any damage to candidates' computers or mobile devices.
12. **Limitation of liability: Situation beyond Desjardins Foundation's control** Desjardins Foundation will not be held liable in any way whatsoever in the event it is unable to act due to an event or situation beyond its control, a strike, lock-out or any other labour conflict at the organizations or businesses whose services are used to hold the #DesjardinsFoundation Prizes.

13. **Modification of the #DesjardinsFoundation Prizes.** Desjardins Foundation reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the #DesjardinsFoundation Prizes in whole or in part in the event that an event or any human intervention occurs that could alter or affect the management, security, impartiality or operation of the #DesjardinsFoundation Prizes as provided for herein. Desjardins Foundation shall not be held liable.
14. **End of participation.** If participation in the prizes must be terminated, in whole or in part, for whatever reason, before the closing date provided in these rules, Foundation Desjardins may proceed, at its sole discretion, with the draw from among the entries duly received and registered up to the date of the entry period.
15. In all cases, Desjardins Foundation cannot be required to award more prizes or to award any prize other than in accordance with these rules.
16. **Limitation of liability: Participation in the #DesjardinsFoundation Prizes.** Persons who participate or attempt to participate in the #DesjardinsFoundation Prizes release Desjardins Foundation from any and all liability for damages they may incur as a result of their participation or attempted participation in the #DesjardinsFoundation Prizes.
17. By accepting the prize, the winners authorize Desjardins Foundation to use, if required, their name, photo, image, voice, place of residence and/or statement regarding the #DesjardinsFoundation Prizes for publicity purposes, without any form of compensation.
18. **Personal information.** The personal information collected on candidates will be used solely for the purpose of managing the #DesjardinsFoundation Prizes. No communication, commercial or otherwise, that is not related to the #DesjardinsFoundation Prizes will be sent to candidates, unless candidates have otherwise given their consent.
19. **Ownership.** The registration forms and release forms are the property of Desjardins Foundation and will not be returned to candidates under any circumstances.
20. **Decisions.** All persons who take part in the #DesjardinsFoundation Prizes agree to be bound by these rules and to the final and binding decisions by Desjardins Foundation, which administers the #DesjardinsFoundation Prizes.
21. If a section of these rules is declared or deemed illegal, unenforceable or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, that section will be considered null and void, but all other sections that are not affected will be enforced to the extent permitted by law.
22. These rules are available online at [www.desjardinsfoundation.com](http://www.desjardinsfoundation.com).
23. In case of any discrepancy between the English and French version of these rules, the French version will prevail.
24. The #DesjardinsFoundation Prizes are subject to all applicable laws.