

Desjardins Foundation Prizes

2020 CONTEST RULES

The **Desjardins Foundation Prizes**, organized by Desjardins Foundation, award financial assistance for small projects with a direct impact on kindergarten, elementary and secondary school students.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Organizations will be eligible for the Desjardins Foundation Prizes if they belong to one of the following categories:

- Public or private kindergartens, elementary schools or secondary schools that are recognized by the Ministry of Education in Ontario, Alberta and New Brunswick or the Ministère de l'Éducation in Quebec.
- [Charity organizations registered with the Canada Revenue Agency](#), located in Alberta, New Brunswick, Ontario or Quebec and whose activities support initiatives that encourage kids to stay in school and get an education.
(the "Eligible Participants")

Other organizations are not eligible, including:

- Post-secondary educational institutions
- Preschools and daycares
- Religious organizations and groups
- Political organizations
- Special interest groups
- Organizations not registered as charities with the Canada Revenue Agency

Eligible Participants must present a project that meets the following conditions:

Project: An undertaking that is carefully planned and designed to achieve a particular aim and carried out within a pre-determined period and budget.

- The Desjardins Foundation Prizes must be used solely to carry out a project for young people.
- The project must actively encourage young people to stay in school and engage students in their education by contributing to their motivation, self-esteem, mental health, association with peers, safe and healthy lifestyles or any other decisive factor.
- The project must directly benefit young people enrolled in pre-school or kindergarten (4 or 5 years old), elementary school, secondary school or an adult learning program to obtain a high school diploma.
- The project must directly target more than one young person.
- The amount requested must cover more than half the total cost of the project and cannot be part of a fundraising campaign.
- Young people must be actively engaged in carrying out the project; there is no limit on the number of participants who can be involved in this project.
- The project must be carried out in Alberta, New Brunswick, Ontario or Quebec.
- The amount requested must be used between January 1 and December 31, 2021.
- Eligible Participants must be represented by a duly authorized representative.
- Limit one (1) project per applicant.
- The project may already be in the development phase, as long as it is completed between January 1 and December 31, 2021.

INELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

A project is not eligible in any of the following cases:

- The project is connected to for-profit commercial activities
- The funding will be used to cover the school's or the organization's operating costs, to reimburse loans or to acquire capital property (e.g., computer equipment, furniture)
- The requested funding will be used to pay the salary of an employee at the school or school board
- The requested funding will be used exclusively to buy equipment (pedagogical or other) without being tied to a specific project (e.g., purchasing books for a library, purchasing an iPad, purchasing desks for classrooms, etc.)
- The project only targets one person
- The project is not inclusive (e.g., projects for high achievers only)
- The project has already been completed
- The project is submitted by someone who has already submitted a different project for the current award year.

The following individuals cannot participate:

- Employees and directors of Desjardins Foundation, and any individuals living with them
- Employees and directors of Fédération des Caisses Desjardins du Québec, Caisse Desjardins Ontario Credit Union, Desjardins Insurance agents and any individuals living with them
- Selection committee members and any individuals living with them

CONTEST PERIOD

Eligible Participants must submit their project between 9:00 a.m. on October 5, 2020 and 5:00 p.m. on October 26, 2020 (the "Contest Period").

HOW TO ENTER

To submit a project, Eligible Participants must, during the Contest Period, complete the form available at www.desjardinsfoundation.com/prizes and include the name, telephone number of the duly authorized representative, the name and contact information of the school or organization they represent, a brief description of the project, the estimated project cost, the amount requested and a visual representing the project in JPG, PNG or GIF format. Only one project entry per Eligible Participant. Desjardins Foundation will not accept any other documents. 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:

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

will be presented to the schools and organizations whose projects receive, in a given administrative region, the most votes from Desjardins Group directors and employees and Desjardins Insurance agents. The odds of winning depend on the number of entries received and the number of projects submitted to a vote.

Desjardins Foundation reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to award more than one prize per region. If no eligible project is 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 reserves 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 projects by the administrative region where they will take place or, as needed, the closest region, and will submit eligible projects by region for a vote by Desjardins Group directors and employees and Desjardins Insurance agents.

In the event that more than 30 eligible projects are submitted for a given region, Desjardins Foundation will select which projects to submit for a vote by Desjardins Group directors and employees and Desjardins Insurance agents. In such a case, Desjardins Foundation will give priority to projects with the greatest reach, projects affecting a particular client group and projects for schools with high levels of disadvantaged students or organizations located in underprivileged communities. Desjardins Foundation reserves the right to limit the number of projects per school or organization in order to achieve wider diversity.

Desjardins Group directors and employees and Desjardins Insurance agents will then vote electronically among finalists.

Desjardins Group directors and employees and Desjardins Insurance agents will be asked to vote for their favourite projects based on the following criteria: the project description and the amount requested.

The vote will take place on the internal Desjardins portal and the portal used Desjardins Insurance agents from November 16 to 11:59 p.m. on November 27, 2020.

Each Desjardins Group director and employee and Desjardins Insurance agent can vote for as many projects as they'd like but may only submit one vote per project.

A list of projects selected for a prize will be published on the Desjardins Foundation website no later than December 11, 2020.

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:

Alberta

- Airdrie
- Edmonton
- Medicine Hat
- Sherwood Park
- St. Albert
- Calgary
- Lethbridge
- Red Deer
- Spruce Grove
- Stony Plain

Nouveau-Brunswick

- Dieppe
- Moncton
- Rothesay
- Sussex
- Fredericton
- New Maryland
- Saint John

Ontario

- Hamilton-Niagara Peninsula
- Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie
- Muskoka-Kawarthas
- Ottawa
- Toronto
- Kingston-Pembroke
- London
- Northeast and Northwest
- Stratford-Bruce Peninsula
- Windsor-Sarnia

Quebec

- Abitibi-Témiscamingue
- Capitale-Nationale
- Chaudière-Appalaches
- Estrie
- Lanaudière
- Laval
- Montérégie
- Nord-du-Québec
- Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean
- Bas-Saint-Laurent
- Centre-du-Québec
- Côte-Nord
- Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine
- Laurentides
- Mauricie
- Montréal
- Outaouais

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. To be declared a winner, each selected participant must:
 - a) be reached by email by Desjardins Foundation within thirty (30) days of the vote by directors and employees;
 - b) confirm that they have met the eligibility conditions and other requirements in these contest rules;
 - c) sign the declaration and liability release waiver (the "Declaration Form") sent by email and return it to Desjardins Foundation within fifteen (15) business days of its receipt.

Should the selected participant fail to meet the above-mentioned conditions or any other condition mentioned in these contest rules, they will be disqualified and, at Desjardins Foundation's discretion, the prize will be cancelled or given to the Eligible Participant who received the next highest number of votes, in accordance with these contest rules, until a participant is declared the prizewinner. The same conditions will apply, subject to any necessary modifications.

2. **Awarding of prizes.** Prizes will be awarded by 11:59 p.m. on February 12, 2021. Winners will be notified of the place and terms for receiving the prize when winners have been selected. If the recipient refuses the prize, Desjardins Foundation will be free from any obligation related to the awarding of this prize, and the recipient will be eliminated. At its discretion, Desjardins Foundation can cancel this prize or award it to the Eligible Participant who received the next highest number of votes, in accordance with the conditions described above.
3. **Verification.** 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 participant to the prize.
4. **Disqualification.** Anyone who applies or tries to apply for the Desjardins Foundation Prizes by any means that violate these rules or are unfair to other participants (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 Desjardins Foundation Prizes constitutes a violation of civil and criminal laws. If such an attempt is made, Desjardins Foundation reserves the right to reject the participant's entry and take legal action.
6. **Acceptance of prizes.** The prizes must be accepted as described in these rules and may not, in any case, 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 Desjardins Foundation Prizes competition, participants and their duly authorized representatives 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.** If Desjardins Foundation cannot award the prize as described in these rules, it reserves the right to award a similar prize of equal value, or, at its entire discretion, to award the monetary 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.** Recipients and their authorized representatives release Desjardins Foundation and the 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 Desjardins Foundation Prizes competition or accepting or using the prize. Recipients agree to sign a declaration and release form to this effect.
10. **Limitation of liability: Contest operation.** 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 Desjardins Foundation Prizes competition. Specifically, if the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper operation of the Desjardins Foundation 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 Desjardins Foundation 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 participants' 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 Desjardins Foundation Prizes.
13. **Modification of the Desjardins Foundation Prizes.** Desjardins Foundation reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Desjardins Foundation 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 Desjardins Foundation Prizes as provided for herein. The Contest Organizer cannot be held liable for any such decision under any circumstances.
14. **Early end to the Contest Period.** If the Contest Period must be terminated, in whole or in part, for whatever reason, before the closing date provided in these rules, Desjardins Foundation may proceed at its sole discretion with the draw from among the entries duly received and registered up to the date of the event that caused the Contest Period to end early.
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 Desjardins Foundation Prizes competition.** Persons and organizations who participate or attempt to participate in the Desjardins Foundation Prizes competition release Desjardins Foundation from any and all liability for damages they may incur as a result of their participation or attempted participation in the Desjardins Foundation Prizes competition.
17. By accepting the prize, the recipients and their duly authorized representatives authorize Desjardins Foundation to use, if required, their name, photo, likeness, voice, place of residence and or statement regarding the Desjardins Foundation Prizes for publicity purposes, without any form of compensation.
18. **Personal information.** The personal information collected on participants will be used solely for the purpose of managing the Desjardins Foundation Prizes. No communication, commercial or otherwise, that is not related to the Desjardins Foundation Prizes will be sent to participants, unless participants have otherwise given their consent.

19. **Property.** Registration forms and Declaration Forms are the property of Desjardins Foundation and will not be returned to participants under any circumstances.
20. **Decisions.** All persons who take part in the Desjardins Foundation Prizes competition agree to be bound by these rules and to the final and binding decisions by Desjardins Foundation, which administers the Desjardins Foundation Prizes.
21. If a paragraph of these rules is declared or judged illegal, unenforceable or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the paragraph in question will be considered void but all other unaffected paragraphs will remain applicable to the extent permitted by law.
22. These rules are available online at www.desjardinsfoundation.com/prizes.
23. In the event of a discrepancy between the French and English versions of these rules, the French version shall prevail.
24. The Desjardins Foundation Prizes are subject to all applicable laws.