

Local student wins prestigious epilepsy scholarship June 8, 2012

Epilepsy Ontario is proud to announce that Kanata's Chelsea Ellis won an OBCL Epilepsy Scholarship. At A.Y. Jackson Secondary School, she gained recognition for active leadership roles, a skill set she intends to use as a future television producer. Ellis, 17, has been accepted to Carleton University's Bachelor of Arts Honours program for Communications and Film Studies.

"What really strikes me is that they [the scholarship applicants] all admit that they live with epilepsy, and they all see a positive side to it," said Lawton Osler, founder of the OBCL Scholarships and chair of the awards ceremony on June 6.

Ellis is one of eight recipients across Ontario to receive an award funded by Osler Business Consulting Ltd. Each applicant submitted a personal essay under the theme, "How Epilepsy has Shaped My Life." The OBCL Epilepsy Scholarship awards students who are transitioning from high school to college or university.

Epilepsy is the second most common neurological disorder after headache, and can develop at any age. One in 100 Canadians lives with epilepsy, including 1.4 million in Ontario.

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