



## Investing in Our Diversity Scholarship Program

The *Investing in Our Diversity Scholarship Program* recognizes the commitment of young people involved in anti-racism, diversity initiatives, and in building safe and healthy communities.

### **WHAT DOES THIS PROGRAM OFFER ME AS A STUDENT?**

#### **A scholarship recipient can receive:**

- Up to a \$4,000 scholarship award towards tuition fees for the first year of postsecondary education or training (college, university, trade school, or apprenticeship)
- Opportunity for second-year scholarships of up to \$4,000 to be applied directly to tuition fees, if you attend one of the following institutions:
  - *Ryerson University, University of Toronto, York University, Humber College, George Brown College, Seneca College or OCAD University*

Applications must be received no later than:  
**Friday, February 23, 2018 at 5 p.m.**

Please mail or drop off your completed application package to:

Toronto Community Housing  
Attn: Investing in Our Diversity Scholarship  
931 Yonge Street  
Toronto, ON M4W 2H2



Toronto Community Housing



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#### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

High school students and/or recent high school graduates involved in anti-racism, diversity and/or building safe and healthy communities, AND those who can answer yes to all of the following:

- A Canadian citizen or permanent resident?
- 25 years old or younger in May 2018?
- Entering into your first year of postsecondary education or training?
- Planning to attend a recognized Canadian postsecondary education or training program (i.e., college, university, career academy or apprenticeship) in the upcoming academic year?
- Able to demonstrate a need for financial assistance?

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Review this checklist carefully to ensure that a **completed package** is submitted. Please note that an incomplete package will not be considered.

- Personal Information Form** (pages 4, 5, and 6)
- Essay or Artistic Entry** – Two-page essay or video/poem/art piece with written description that shows your involvement in anti-racism, diversity and/or in building safe and healthy communities. If you choose to submit a video/art work, please include an online link.
- Brief Bio** – Tell us about yourself (page 7)
- Additional Materials** (optional)
- Budget and Financial Statement** – Outline your financial need on the budget table. Include your plans for securing funds to pay for your postsecondary program, and up to a one-page letter describing your financial need and how this scholarship would address that need.
- Two Reference Letters**
- Certification Form** (page 12)
- Résumé**
- Official Academic Transcript** (photocopy accepted)
- Submit FIVE (5) copies of each page of the application and supporting documents**

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### PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Last name

First name

Middle name

	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Identify
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Date of birth (year/month/day)

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Street Number and Name

Unit number

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Postal code

Telephone number

Email address

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Name of high-school currently attending or recently graduated from

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Address of above high school

Postal code

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Name of recognized Canadian postsecondary educational or training institute (college, university, career training academy, or apprenticeship) you hope to attend in the upcoming academic year

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Program of study

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#### WHICH SCHOLARSHIP DO YOU WANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR?

Some scholarships will be awarded based on where you live, while others are open only to TCHC residents. In order to increase your chances of winning a scholarship, please read the scholarship descriptions below and check off all the ones that apply to you.

- [A] TCHC Diversity Scholarship:** A person living in any Toronto Community Housing community, and involved in community leadership, anti-racism or diversity initiatives in school or in the community and who can demonstrate financial need.
  
- [B] SCCC Anti-Racism Scholarship:** A resident of Toronto, living in the Scadding Court Community Centre (SCCC) catchment area (Lake Ontario to the south, Bloor Street to the north, Yonge St. to the east, and Lansdowne Ave. to the west), and with demonstrated work in leadership, anti-racism or diversity initiatives in school or in the community and/or a current SCCC program participant.
  
- [C] 14 Division CPLC Community Safety Scholarship:** A resident of Toronto, living and/or attending school within Toronto Police Service 14 Division service boundaries (North-CP Railway line/Dupont to the north, Lake Ontario to the south, Spadina to the east, and Jameson/Lansdowne to the west), and who has demonstrated leadership and involvement in community safety within 14 Division neighbourhoods. Boundary map available at: [www.torontopolice.on.ca/d14/neighbourhoods.php](http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/d14/neighbourhoods.php)
  
- [D] 41 Division CPLC Community Safety Scholarship:** A resident of Toronto, living and/or attending school within Toronto Police Service 41 Division service boundaries (Highway 401 to the north, Lake Ontario to the south, Brimley Rd. to the east, and Victoria Park Ave. to the west), who has demonstrated leadership and involvement in community safety within 41 Division neighbourhoods. Boundary map available at: [www.torontopolice.on.ca/d41/neighbourhoods.php](http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/d41/neighbourhoods.php)

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- [E] 53 Division CPLC Community Safety Scholarship:** A resident of Toronto, living and/or attending school within the Toronto Police Service 53 Division service boundaries (Lawrence Ave W. to the north, Bloor St. E/Bloor St. W. to the south, Don River to the east, Spadina Rd. / Eglinton Ave. W, Bathurst St. to the west), who has demonstrated leadership and involvement in community safety within 53 Division neighbourhoods. Boundary map available at: [www.torontopolice.on.ca/d53/neighbourhoods.php](http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/d53/neighbourhoods.php)
  
- [F] 22 Division CPLC Community Safety Scholarship:** A resident of Toronto, living and/or attending school within the Toronto Police Service 22 Division service boundaries (north to Eglinton Ave., south to Lake Ontario, east to Humber River, and west to Etobicoke Creek), and who has demonstrated leadership and involvement in community safety within 22 Division neighbourhoods. Boundary map available at: [www.torontopolice.on.ca/d22/neighbourhoods.php](http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/d22/neighbourhoods.php)
  
- [G] DECA Young Leaders Scholarship:** A resident of Toronto living and/or going to school within the boundaries of Danforth East Community Association (DECA) (Lumsden/Mortimer to the north, the train tracks to the south, Main Street to the east, and Monarch Park to the west), and who has demonstrated leadership and is actively involved in improving their community. Boundary map available at: <http://deca.to/aboutus/>

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#### **ESSAY OR ARTISTIC ENTRY**

**You must submit an entry that addresses the following:**

- Show leadership roles you have taken in your school and/or community that involve promoting and celebrating diversity and inclusion (i.e., gender empowerment, ability, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity and religious beliefs).
- Describe how your involvement contributes to building safe and healthy communities.

**You may do this by choosing one of the following options:**

- a) Essay (500 words)
- b) Video (1.5 minutes with 150-word summary). Include a link to your online video.
- c) Poem with 150-word summary
- d) Art piece with 150-word summary. Include either:
  - Option A:** High-res photographs of the art (5 copies)
  - Option B:** Low-res printer copies of the art (5 copies) and the web-link

#### **BRIEF BIOGRAPHY (100 words max.)**

**Answer the following questions using third person format**

- a. What high school did you attend?
- b. What school and community projects/initiatives/issues you have been involved with?
- c. Where do you plan on attending postsecondary education? What do you plan on studying/training for?
- d. What people or events have inspired you?
- e. How will receiving the scholarship impact your life?
- f. What are your future goals?

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**ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS (Optional)**

You may attach additional relevant visuals and supporting documentation (including but not limited to newspaper clippings, letters of support, samples of work, and relevant audio or video recordings).

**BUDGET AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Using the **proposed budget table** below, outline your expected sources of income (e.g., student loans, earned income, family contribution, etc.) and your projected expenses for the upcoming academic year.

Also, submit **up to one page outlining your financial need, your plans for securing funds to pay for your postsecondary program, and how this scholarship would address that need.**

**Proposed Budget Table:**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Part-time job or summer job	\$
Student loans	\$
Registered Education Saving Plan (RESP)	\$
Family contribution	\$
Bursary and/or scholarship	\$
Other:	\$
Other:	\$
<b>Total</b>	\$



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<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Tuition	\$
Textbooks	\$
Residence fees (if applicable)	\$
Transportation	\$
Food, clothing and entertainment	\$
Monthly bills (phone, gym membership fee, etc.)	\$
Other:	\$
Other:	\$
<b>Total</b>	\$

**TWO REFERENCE LETTERS REQUIRED**

Please have each of your references provide a letter (two pages max) which outlines your involvement in local anti-racism and diversity work, building safe and healthy communities, and your commitment to a successful postsecondary career.

*Note: At least one reference letter must be from a representative of your school or a community agency.*

	<b>Reference name</b>	<b>Relationship to you</b>	<b>Telephone number</b>
1.			
2.			

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### EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT FOR APPLICANTS

#### **St. Stephen's Employment and Training Centre**

All applicants can get resume building support and be added to a job list-serve through St Stephen's Community House Employment and Training Centre, and/or can access the Youth Job Connection Summer program or the Youth Job Link program.

If you have any questions about St. Stephen's Employment and Training Centre please call 416-925-2103 ext. 4000 or email [infoETC@sschto.ca](mailto:infoETC@sschto.ca). More information available at [www.jobhouse.ca](http://www.jobhouse.ca)



#### **Youth Employment Services (YES) Student Services**

YES help students find a part-time job during the school year, or a full-time job during the summer through Summer Jobs Service and Summer Company programs.

During the school year (September to May), students can use the Resource and Phone Centre (RAP) to find a part-time job. Other services include:

- Personal assistance with job searching, resumes, cover letters and interviewing
- Access to job board with full-time and part-time job postings
- Free use of computers with Internet access and Wi-Fi
- Use of a fax machine, photocopier, and phone

For more information, visit [www.yes.on.ca/student-services](http://www.yes.on.ca/student-services)



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#### HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP?

Please check all that apply:

- Poster in TCHC building
- Poster at SCCC
- TCHC website
- SCCC website
- From a friend/family member
- From my school
- Through the CPLC
- Through DECA
- Social media
- Searched online
- Other (please describe: \_\_\_\_\_)

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**CERTIFICATION**

**Please read and make sure that you understand and agree to the following:**

- I certify that the above information is accurate and complete and understand that any false or incomplete information may invalidate my application.
- I accept that scholarship decisions may only be made by the Investing in Our Diversity Scholarship Program Selection Committee, and all decisions are final.
- I understand that scholarship funds will only be granted to me when:
  - I submit all of the documents included in the “Scholarship Claim Package,” and
  - Attend all required orientation sessions, and
  - Present proof of enrolment in a recognized Canadian postsecondary educational program for the upcoming academic year.
- I understand that second-year matching scholarships are not guaranteed. I may be eligible for a second year scholarship of up to \$4,000 *if* I attend one of the partnered academic institutions and if I meet the criteria set out by that institution.
- I agree to the public release of my name, short bio and photograph should I be awarded a scholarship.
- I understand that requests for scholarship deferrals will not be granted, and that scholarships will be held no later than January 2019.

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**Signature of the applicant**

**Date**