



## 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 building safe and healthy communities.

### WHAT DOES THIS PROGRAM OFFER?

#### Scholarship recipients receive:

- Up to a \$4,000 scholarship towards tuition fees for the first year of post-secondary education or training (college, university, trade school, or apprenticeship)
- Opportunity for second year scholarships of up to \$4,000 to be applied directly to your tuition 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*

#### Anyone who applies for a scholarship is also eligible to receive:

All applicants can get resume building support and be added to a job list-serve through St Stephen's Community House Employment & Training Centre, and/or can access the Youth Job programs through St Stephen's or Youth Employment Services (YES).

**Applications must be received no later than:**

**Friday, March 24 2017, 5:00pm**



Toronto Community Housing



## ***Investing in Our Diversity Scholarship Program***

### ***Application Form***

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Please mail or drop off your five completed application packages to:

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

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

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

- A Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- 25 years old or younger (as of May 31, 2017)
- Entering into your first year of post-secondary education or training
- Planning to attend a recognized Canadian post-secondary educational or training program (college, university, career academy, apprenticeship...) in the upcoming academic year
- Able to demonstrate a need for financial assistance

#### **Who Do I Contact With Questions?**

If you have any questions about the application process please contact

Nadia Gouveia: 416 981-4090 or [nadia.gouveia@torontohousing.ca](mailto:nadia.gouveia@torontohousing.ca),

**OR**

Rebecca Keenan: 416 392-0335 or [rebecca@scaddingcourt.org](mailto:rebecca@scaddingcourt.org)

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### **Application Checklist**

- Personal Information / Scholarship Choices**
- Essay or Artistic Entry** – 2-page essay or video/poem/art piece **with written description** that shows your involvement in building healthy communities. If choosing a video/art, include a web link to your work / photographs of the art
- Brief Bio** – In third person format, answer the questions provided
- Additional Materials (optional)**
- Budget and Financial Statement** – Outline your financial need on the budget form regarding your plans for securing funds to pay for your post-secondary program, and up to one-page letter describing your financial need and how this scholarship would address that need
- Two Reference Letters**
- Certification Form**
- Résumé**
- Official Academic Transcript (*photocopy accepted*)**
- Submit FIVE (5) copies of each page of the application and supporting documents**

**Please review this checklist carefully to ensure that a completed package is submitted. Incomplete packages will not be considered.**

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### **Personal Information**

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Last name

First name

Middle name or initial

	<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 high school currently attending

Postal code

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Name of recognized Canadian post-secondary 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 SCHOLARSHIPS 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. To increase your chances of winning a scholarship, please read all the scholarship descriptions below and check off all the ones that apply to you.**

**[A] TCHC Diversity Scholarship:** A resident living in any Toronto Community Housing community across the City of Toronto, and demonstrates financial need with demonstrated work in leadership, anti-racism or diversity initiatives in school or community.

**[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) with demonstrated work in leadership, anti-racism or diversity initiatives in school or 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 with issues of 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) with demonstrated leadership and involvement with issues of community safety within 41 Division neighbourhoods. Boundary map available at: <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) with demonstrated leadership and involvement with issues of community safety within 53 Division neighbourhoods. Boundary map available at:  
<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,) with demonstrated leadership and involvement with issues of community safety within 22 Division neighbourhoods. Boundary map available at:  
<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://www.scaddingcourt.org/images/uploads/deca\\_boundary.jpg](http://www.scaddingcourt.org/images/uploads/deca_boundary.jpg)

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### **Essay or Artistic Entry**

You may submit your entry by answering the following questions discussing your involvement with building healthy communities.

You may do this by:

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

Show leadership roles you have taken in your school and/or community that involve promoting diversity and inclusion, safe neighbourhoods, and initiatives that value and celebrate differences including gender, ability, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity and religious beliefs.

Show how your volunteer or paid work reflects these values. Please describe how your involvement contributes to building healthy communities, community safety, and the fight to eradicate racism.

### **Brief Biography**

Submit a brief (maximum 100 words) biography, in third person, answering the following questions:

- 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 post-secondary? What do you plan on studying/training for?
- d. What people or events have inspired you?
- e. How will receiving the Diversity Scholarship impact your life?
- f. What are your future goals?

### **Additional supporting materials (OPTIONAL)**

You may choose to 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) to further highlight your work.

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### **Budget and Financial Statement**

Using the **proposed budget form** below, outline your expected sources of income (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 for your post-secondary program, and how this scholarship would address that need.

### **PROPOSED BUDGET FORM:**

<b>INCOME</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>	\$

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



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### **Two Reference Letters**

**Two reference letters are required.**

Please have each of your references provide a letter (maximum 2 pages) which outlines your involvement in local anti-racism/ diversity and building healthy communities initiatives and speaks to your likelihood of success in your chosen post-secondary 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>
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### **Investing in Our Diversity Employment Support For All 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 & 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 contact Lucas Berman, Youth Job Link Specialist, at 416 925-2103 x 4339 or email: [blucas@sschto.ca](mailto:blucas@sschto.ca) and website: [www.jobhouse.ca](http://www.jobhouse.ca)*



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

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

During the school year (September-May) students can use the Resource and Phone Centre (RAP) for help finding a part-time job. Services include:

- Personal assistance with job searching, resumes, cover letters and interviewing
- Access to our 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 about YES, visit: <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 Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC) building
- Poster at Scadding Court Community Centre (SCCC)
- From the TCHC website
- From the SCCC website
- From a friend/family member
- From my school
- Through the Community Police Liaison Committee/Toronto Police Service
- Through Danforth East Community Association
- 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 post-secondary 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 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 2018.

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**Signature of applicant**

**Date**

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Attend one of our info sessions to learn how to make your application stand out:

#### **EAST**

Saturday, January 28  
Scarborough Civic Centre  
2-4pm

#### **NORTH**

Saturday, January 21  
North York Civic Centre  
2:30-4pm

#### **WEST**

Saturday, January 21  
Etobicoke Civic Centre  
10am - 12pm

#### **CENTRAL**

Monday, January 23  
Scadding Court Community Centre  
5:30-7:30pm

For more info, visit: [www.torontohousing.ca/IIODS](http://www.torontohousing.ca/IIODS)

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