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Find Your Path Scholarship 2023

Students who do not have any family members that have pursued post-secondary education have been known to experience unique challenges in applying to, matriculating to, and graduating from university and college. These may include practical challenges such as unfamiliarity with the application process and financial barriers as well as psychological challenges such as anxiety about academic and social preparedness. These challenges can greatly deter such students from pursuing post-secondary education. Each year, the Find Your Path Scholarship Program recognizes and supports courageous individuals who have overcome such obstacles and been accepted to an accredited post-secondary institution. Winners of the Find Your Path Scholarship receive a \$500 award and mentorship support from a current university or college student. Preference is given to students who demonstrate academic excellence and have positively contributed to their school and/or local communities.

Eligibility

- Must be a graduating twelfth grade student in a high school located in the Greater Toronto Area
- Must have been accepted to an accredited post-secondary institution (i.e. university or college)
- Must be the first member of family to pursue post-secondary education
- Must demonstrate financial need

Application Requirements:

- The application form below fully completed and signed
- An official transcript of your academic record with school stamp
- Personal Statement (up to 300 words) including:
 - Your academic goals and achievements
 - Description of your community involvement
 - Description of the challenges you faced in pursuing a post-secondary education and how you overcame them
 - Description of how this scholarship will help address your financial need
- One reference letter from a teacher, administrator, employer, or other adult outside of your family who knows you well
- Scan of parent(s) tax returns/ T4 document
- *Optional:* Provide proof of residence or identification (e.g. driver's license, school student ID card). Preference given to applicants living or attending school in one of Toronto's 31 Neighbourhood Improvement Areas
 - For more information, please visit: <https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/data-research-maps/neighbourhoods-communities/nia-profiles/>

All applications must be emailed to scholarships@fypcanada.com by Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 11:59pm. Referees have the option to send their reference letters directly to us or through the applicant.

APPLICATION FORM

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____ Primary Phone Number: _____

Alternative Phone Number: _____ Date Of Birth (yyyy/mm/dd): _____

By checking this box I confirm that my parents/guardians and siblings have not attended post-secondary education in any country.

Job Title(s) of Parent/Guardian(s) _____

How did you hear about this opportunity (circle): Website - Flyer - School - Other: _____

High School Name: _____ High School Phone Number: _____

High School Address: _____ City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Name of Post-Secondary Institution: _____ Intended Major: _____

Enrolment Date (yyyy/mm/dd): _____

Reference's First Name: _____ Reference's Last Name: _____

Relationship to Reference: _____ How long have you known your reference: _____

Reference's Email: _____ Reference's Phone Number: _____

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The Find Your Path Scholarship Program reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to modify, amend or cancel the Find Your Path Scholarship (the "Scholarship") at any time without notice, and the administration of the terms and conditions of the Scholarship.
2. Pursuit of post-secondary education is defined as attending an accredited college or university and attaining a diploma or degree.
3. By submitting an application, the applicant authorizes the scholarship program judges to use and confirm information about the applicant provided on the application submitted for the purposes of administering and promoting the program.
4. The recipient(s) cannot defer enrolment.
5. By signing this application form, the recipient(s) of the Scholarship hereby release the Find Your Path Scholarship Program to use the recipient's name, photograph and city for any publicity carried out by Find Your Path with respect to the program.
6. All family members of Find Your Path Staff, Board members and Members of the Find Your Path Scholarship Program Committee are ineligible to apply for the Scholarship.
7. By signing this application form, the recipient declares that the information in this application is correct and complete. The recipient acknowledges that if evidence of submission of fraudulent or falsified documentation is found Find Your Path reserves the right to revoke the scholarship offer.

I, _____ understand and agree with the above terms and conditions.

(Print Full Name)

Applicant Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____