



Scholarship

The Greater Toronto Apartment Association is an association of apartment owners and property managers who own and manage over 150,000 units in purpose-built rental buildings across the GTA. In 2005, we created the Greater Toronto Apartment Association Charitable Foundation (CRA Registered Charity # 86644 2494 RR0001). To date, the GTAA and our Charitable Foundation have donated more than \$1,000,000 to local organizations that help those who require assistance.

The Greater Toronto Apartment Association and our Charitable Foundation are proud to introduce this brand new initiative. Our first scholarship is now open for applications and three winners will be selected in July 2015.

The Greater Toronto Apartment Association recognizes the commitment of young people involved in local initiatives that work towards building safe, healthy and enriching communities. GTAA has created a scholarship to help three young residents wishing to further their educations.

Three recipients will each receive a **\$3000** scholarship to cover tuition fees for first year of post-secondary education or training at a recognized **university** or **college** or **trade school** or **apprenticeship program**.



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Eligibility:

High school students and/or recent high school graduates who are involved in their local communities AND able to answer “yes” to ALL of the following criteria:

- Reside in a GTAA Member building. Note that participating GTAA Members have announced this scholarship in their buildings, and have indicated their participation in these scholarships. If you are unsure, please check with the property management office.
- Canadian citizen or permanent resident?
- 25 years old or younger as of May 31, 2015?
- Entering into your first year of post-secondary education or training in a recognized Canadian post-secondary educational or training program in the upcoming academic year?
- Able to demonstrate a need for financial assistance?

How are winners chosen?

The **GTAA Scholarship Program Selection Committee** will evaluate the completed applications. This committee places a high value on community involvement, academic achievement, volunteer work and work experience or efforts to secure summer employment as part of financing the applicant's post-secondary education. Our committee prefers applicants that make an effort to secure other sources of funding for their education such as through employment, other scholarships and bursaries, etc. Please state in your financial statement ways you are trying to prepare financially for school.

Completed applications are DUE by Friday, July 3, 2015, 4 PM.



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Application Form

Personal Information

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Date of Birth (YYYY/MM/DD): _____ / _____ / _____ Gender: _____

Address (Number, Street Name): _____

Unit Number: _____ City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Name of High School: _____

Address of High School: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Graduation Year and Month: _____

Name of recognized Canadian post-secondary educational or training institute
you will attend in the upcoming academic year:

Program of Study: _____



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References

Two reference letters are required. Please have each of your references provide a letter (maximum 2 pages) which outlines your involvement in local community initiatives and speaks to your likelihood of success in your chosen post-secondary career.

	Reference Name	Relationship to You	Telephone Number
1.			
2.			

Résumé

Please provide a copy of your résumé.

Academic Transcript

Please provide an official academic transcript. A photocopy is acceptable.

Essay

Write a two-page essay (approximately 500 words) discussing your involvement with building healthy communities: leadership roles you have taken in your school and/or community that involve promoting diversity and inclusion, safe neighbourhoods, etc. Your volunteer work should reflect these values. Please describe how your involvement contributes to building healthy communities, community safety, and the fight to eradicate racism.



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Biography

Provide a brief bio (in third person format) answering the following questions
How were you involved in your high school?

1. What school and community projects/initiatives/issues you have been involved with?
2. Where do you plan on attending post-secondary? What do you plan on studying/training for?
3. What people or events have inspired you?
4. How will receiving the GTAA Scholarship impact your life?
5. What are your future goals?

Budget and Financial Statement

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

Please also submit **up to one-page outlining your financial need, your plans for securing funds** to pay for your post-secondary program, and **how this scholarship** would address that need.

Sample Budget:

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
P/T or Summer Job	\$2000	Tuition	\$5000
Family contribution	\$1000	Books	\$200
Student loans	\$2000	Accommodation	\$6000
TOTAL	\$5000	TOTAL	\$11200



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Certification

Complete and sign the provided Certification Form. It is on the next page.

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.

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

I certify that the submitted 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 Greater Toronto Apartment Association Scholarship Program Selection Committee, and 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 any required orientation sessions AND;*
- *Present proof of enrolment in a recognized Canadian post-secondary educational program for the upcoming academic year.*

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 2016.

Signature of applicant

Date



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Checklist

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

The following materials are required to complete the application form:

1. Completed and signed Application Form
2. Two reference letters
3. Résumé
4. Official Academic Transcript (photocopy accepted)
5. Essay
6. A brief bio
7. Budget and Financial Statement
8. Completed and signed Certification Form
9. Additional supporting materials (OPTIONAL)

Application Submission

In some cases, applications can be submitted to your property management office for forwarding to the GTAA office. Please check in advance to see if this option is available, OR submit your completed application and all supporting documents in a sealed envelope, directly to GTAA by mail or in person to:

Greater Toronto Apartment Association
20 Upjohn Road, Suite 103
Toronto ON M3B 2V9
Attention: Scholarship Program

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact Lorraine Fisher: lfisher@gtaaonline.com 416.385.3435x37

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