

Minutes of Somerville Municipal Scholarship Committee - Open Meeting (Virtual)

Monday, March 31, 2025 at 7pm via Zoom

In Attendance:

Cindy Lee (Vice-President)

Darci Hanna (Secretary)

Melanie Kessler, Representative of the Superintendent

Matt Iglesias (new committee member)

Linda Dubuque

Quorum Attained

- Approval of past minutes from 2/20/25
- New applications are coming in still, 37 so far
- We reviewed the scoring rubric that we used last year and made minor adjustments
- Deadline is today for the applicants; we'll review them by next meeting
- Melanie suggests that we update the application and review the rubric again after this award season and before we break for the summer so that we can make improvements before we forget details
- Discussed Cambridge's scholarship program as a point of comparison, 80 scholarships given in 2024 of \$3000 each (see screenshot below), discussed reaching out for suggestions about how their award program functions as we rebuild Somerville's
- Melanie will look into what we need to do to include our awardees in the Somerville High School scholarship award ceremony and report back
- Next meeting: April 17, 2025 at 6pm (in person)
 - Agenda: Review applicants

Notes submitted by Darci Hanna, SMSC Secretary