



2023 CHFT Diversity Scholarship Application

Deadline: Tuesday February 7, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

CHFT recognizes that the strength of our membership is reflected in the many cultures and identities represented within our co-ops. CHFT encourages applications from these diverse communities.

Our Goal

The purpose of the CHFT Diversity Scholarship is to recognize people living in co-ops who are actively promoting diversity through work within their community. We want to help them with their post-secondary education by providing them with award money and assistance with financial planning.

The Scholarships

You could be eligible for a scholarship if you are going to attend a publicly funded Canadian college, university or approved apprenticeship-training program. We offer scholarships for students who are just graduating from high school or are currently enrolled in a post-secondary program or are returning to school after a break to complete an undergraduate program.

We have special scholarships that are awarded to people who have shown exceptional leadership in their school and community, or who have taken an active role in mentoring young people or have demonstrated a commitment to social justice.

We also have the *Success Becomes You* scholarship. This scholarship recognizes people who are determined to succeed at the post-secondary level or in a skilled trade and who did not have the opportunity to finish their schooling due to family, financial or other circumstances.

Scholarships are \$5000 distributed over four years.

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Eligibility - Applicants Must

- live in a CHFT member co-op
- plan to attend a recognized, publicly funded, Canadian, post-secondary education institution - community college, university or approved apprenticeship-training program on a full-time basis in the 2023/2024 academic year
- have used their knowledge and understanding of diversity to make a positive contribution to their school and/or local community
- have demonstrated a financial need.

If you are already attending college or university

The scholarship is pro-rated for your undergraduate program. For example, someone part way through a program would be funded for the remaining years of that program.

Students will have to show us

- they are already registered full time
- a transcript, showing passing marks for the program
- accounts with the college or university are up to date.

Starting in second year, several colleges and universities provide additional money to CHFT Diversity Scholarship winners. These scholarships average \$3,000 per student. (**Please note:** Some conditions apply. Recipients' average must meet standard requirements.)

We accept applications from graduate students.

Important information

- fill out the application clearly
- gather all required documents from their sources ahead of time
- please attach supporting documents as PDFs.

Please contact us at info@coophousing.com if you have any questions.

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Part A	
Personal Information	
First Name	Initial
Last Name	Date of Birth Day / Month / Year
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Phone Number	Cell Phone Number
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Social Insurance Number (S.I.N.)	
E-mail Address	
Name of the co-op you live in Please note: The co-op must be a member of Co-operative Housing Federation of Toronto	
Home Street Address Please complete the unit # if applicable	Unit #
City	Postal Code
Are you a member of your co-op?	Are you a Director of your co-op?
(Yes) (No) Please circle one	(Yes) (No) Please circle one
Secondary Contact Information	
Name	Relationship
Phone Number	Cell Phone Number
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Part B	
Education / Work	
In September 2023 Please write in which year you will be in	
College: What year will you be enrolled in September 2023? 1, 2 or 3?	University: What year will you be enrolled in September 2023? 1, 2, 3 or 4?
Apprentice Program: What year will you be enrolled in September 2023? 1 or 2?	
What program are you enrolled in or plan to enroll in?	
What is the name of the high school you are graduating or have graduated from?	
In which year will you graduate or did you graduate?	
What post-secondary institution do you plan to attend?	
If you are already in a college or a university program, please provide your student number.	

About the Scholarship
How did you hear about the scholarship?
<input type="checkbox"/> Previous winner <input type="checkbox"/> Website
Other _____ _____

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Part C

Volunteer Activities

Please list the 2 most recent volunteer activities you have participated in that promote diversity. It is **mandatory** to list 2 activities.
Please attach a separate page and type your response.

Organization 1

What was the name of your organization?		What was your role there?
Start date	End date	# of hours per week
Please provide a detailed description of each activity, including your responsibilities. Please attach a separate page and type your response.		

Organization 2

What was the name of your organization?		What was your role there?
Start date	End date	# of hours per week
Please provide a detailed description of each activity, including your responsibilities. Please attach a separate page and type your response.		

Explain how your volunteer activities promote diversity.
Please attach a separate page and type your response.

Part D

Essay

Please attach a separate page for the essay. You will find reading materials on our website to assist with this portion of the application.

Please write a short essay (500 words) on the following subject:

The pandemic has worsened the existing gaps between low-income people and the rest of the country. People from diverse backgrounds were particularly impacted.

What do you think we can do together to even out these gaps as we recover from the pandemic?

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Part E

Financial Situation

Please fill in the chart below with approximate amounts. Include all of your expenses and income sources for the upcoming academic year, not including the diversity scholarship. Please remember, you are calculating for the entire year and not just the school year. **Misrepresentation of your financial situation will result in your application being disqualified.**

Expenses	
Housing	\$
Travel (car, public transit)	\$
Tuition and fees	\$
Books and supplies	\$
Personal expenses (personal care items, etc.)	\$
Other (please specify)	\$
Total expenses	\$
Income	
Personal Savings	\$
Student loans or grants	\$
Awards and bursaries	\$
Family contribution	\$
Employment income	\$
Other (please specify)	\$
Total expenses	\$

Part F

Transcript Please attach your transcript as a scanned document.

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Part G

Consent and Declaration

I certify that the above information is accurate and complete. I understand that any false or incomplete information may cancel my application.

I, _____ agree that:

1. Scholarship decisions may only be made by the Co-operative Housing Federation of Toronto and that these decisions are final.
2. Scholarship funds will only be granted to me if I am enrolled full-time, in a publicly funded Canadian college or university or approved apprentice-training program for the upcoming academic year.
3. If I am successful, my name and photograph will be published.
4. I will participate in CHFT functions if attendance is requested.

Applicant's name (please print)

Applicant's signature

Parent/guardian's signature
(if under 18 years old)

Date

A Last-Minute Checklist

- I have filled out the application form completely
- I have signed and dated the application
- I have also attached an up-to-date academic transcript
- I have attached supporting documents as PDFs
- The application can be
 - completed on-line
 - e-mailed to info@coophousing.com
 - mailed in to 658 Danforth Ave, Unit 306, Toronto, ON, M4J 5B9

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Keep In Mind...

Application Deadline is **Tuesday February 7, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.**

1. You may be contacted to attend a virtual interview.
2. If you are invited to an interview, you will be asked to provide two reference letters.

We will not process any incomplete, late or faxed applications.

You are not eligible to reapply if you have already won a CHFT Diversity Scholarship.

There is no minimum or maximum age to apply.

If your co-op falls out of membership at any time, you will not be eligible for any funds.



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The CHFT Diversity Scholarship program is a project of the Co-operative Housing Federation of Toronto and the CHFT Charitable Fund.