



2017 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

FOR

CLEARVIEW AND MULMUR STUDENTS

\$20,000

payable \$5,000/year for 4 years

Final Submission Date: May 1, 2017

Mail to: RAY'S Place Scholarship Committee

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Welcome to the RAY'S Place Scholarship application process. The purpose of this document is to explain the nature of the scholarship, the eligibility criteria, the application process and the selection criteria and process. Please complete all parts of this application in a legible manner. If you have any questions about any of the content in this document or the application please contact James McSherry, Scholarship Selection Committee Chair at jrmcsherry@gmail.com.

THE RAY'S PLACE SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year a number of community members dedicated to supporting post-secondary education for local youth, commit to fund university scholarships. The number of scholarships and the individual value vary from year to year. At this time, we have funding for one scholarship to award in 2017. The 2017 RAY'S Place Scholarship has a potential value of \$20,000, payable over a four-year course of study to a maximum amount of \$5,000 per year (subject to academic requalification each year as described below). It is possible that other scholarship funding may become available in the next few months.

Scholarship payments are made twice yearly – up to one half the value on September 1st and the remainder by December 31st. Continued awards are contingent on the recipient maintaining an overall university academic average of 65% in year one, 70% in year two and 75% in years three and four.

The recipient of a RAY'S Place scholarship may accept other scholarships, bursaries or awards, but must disclose these as part of this scholarship application process. Recipients will be required to sign a letter agreeing to the terms and conditions of the scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To qualify for a RAY'S Place Scholarship a student must meet all of the following criteria:

- The student must be entering first year at a publicly funded University in Canada.
- The student must be currently attending, or have graduated within the last year, from Stayner CI, Collingwood CI, Jean Vanier Catholic HS, or Centre Dufferin District HS, and must be a resident of Clearview Township or Mulmur Township.
- The student must have a minimum 80% average in Grade 12, based on College or University preparatory courses (initial evaluation will be conducted on the basis of final Grade 12 marks, if Grade 12 has been completed, or on Grade 12 first term final marks and second term interim marks, with the latter to be confirmed at the end of the school year).

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

All applications must include the following:

- A personal essay (of approximately 500 words) outlining why you have chosen your course of study and career plans or inspiration for continuing education.
- A completed RAY'S Place Scholarship Application with all sections completed including the Educational Funding Form.
- A letter of recommendation from a teacher, principal, or guidance counsellor, with his/her telephone number.
- A letter from an employer, volunteer organization or a character reference (non-family), who has known you for at least two years with his/her telephone number.
- Proof of academic achievement that includes all of: first term Grade 12 final marks, second term interim marks and an Ontario Student Transcript.
- A University acceptance letter.
- An Ontario Student Assistance Plan printout exactly in the format that is attached to this document. Financial need is one of the most important criteria for allocating the RAY'S Place Scholarship and all of the information included in the OSAP template is required so that we can accurately measure applicant need. The OSAP Aid Estimator can be found at : <https://osap.gov.on.ca/AidEstimatorWeb/enterapp/enter.xhtml>

SELECTION CRITERIA

Successful scholarship recipient(s) will be chosen on the basis of the following criteria:

Financial Need – this is the most important criteria for the RAY'S Place Scholarship. We want to assist students who might otherwise struggle to pursue post-secondary education in the absence of our scholarship. We assess financial need based upon the information submitted to OSAP and our understanding of the costs of your post-secondary education

Funding Initiative – we expect our scholarship applicants to contribute to the cost of their post-secondary education. Many recipients have been saving for many years. Some have support from family. Others are not able to make a contribution as their work earnings have been used to support family expenses. The Educational Funding Form and Work Experience Forms are used to evaluate this criteria.

Academic Achievement – our applicants have performed very well in high school. The minimum average in Grade 12 is 80%.

Leadership and Community Support – we look for applicants who have demonstrated the ability to manage the demands of school and making a contribution to their community – either at school or more broadly. You have the opportunity to tell us about your activities. The Community Leadership – Volunteer Experience Form is used to evaluate this criteria.

Essay – we want to see that our scholarship applicants have a “plan” and a strong rationale for pursuing post-secondary education along with the ability to articulate these in a compelling manner.

Interview – members of the Scholarship Selection Committee will interview finalists for the RAY'S Place Scholarship. The primary objective of the interview is to learn more about the details provided in the applicant's submission and assess their maturity and preparedness for post-secondary education.

SUBMISSION

The attached scholarship application must be completed in its entirety. Please complete it clearly and legibly - the essay must be typed. Completed applications are due by May 1, 2017. Mail to:

RAY'S Place Scholarship Committee,
PO Box 2052,
Creemore, ON L0M 1G0.

The Scholarship Selection Committee reviews all applications. The top six or eight applicants are chosen for interviews. Interviews will be scheduled before the end of May. Successful applicant(s) will be notified of their **conditional** scholarship award by June 9.

Final confirmation of awards will come in early July once final marks are received and the Selection Committee has completed any due diligence on the conditional scholarship recipient(s). The Scholarship Selection Committee will, at their sole discretion, verify any information in the successful conditional applications including financial need, other financial support such as scholarships or tuition waivers, and contact references or employers and volunteer organizations.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT

(Please type or print clearly)

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____ Text _____

High School _____



EDUCATIONAL FUNDING FORM

As you are aware, one of the criteria for the RAY'S Place Scholarship aware is Financial Need. In order to determine each applicant's need fairly, more information is required using a standard measure.

Accordingly, please complete the following form to the best of your knowledge and belief to permit an unbiased assessment. At this point in time, most of this information should be readily available to you. Financial Information will be kept confidential to the Scholarship Selection Committee and the scholarship donor.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT (Please type or print clearly)

Applicant's Name: _____

Where are you planning to live this academic year? Residence A room/apartment off campus
 w/Parents Other _____

Will you be applying for a Canada Student Loan/Provincial Loan for the up-coming academic year?
 Yes No

1st Year Estimated Costs:

Tuition Fees \$ _____
Living Expenses – accommodation and meals \$ _____
Cost of book and supplies \$ _____
Travel (to/from/frequency) \$ _____

TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS FOR 1st YEAR \$ _____

Overall 1st Year Funding Sources:

Savings (See note below) \$ _____
Estimated Summer Income \$ _____
Tuition Waiver Offer from University \$ _____
Family assistance – gifts, RESP's etc. \$ _____
Other scholarships and/or bursaries \$ _____
Anticipated employment during school year \$ _____
Calculated OSAP Eligibility \$ _____
OSAP Repayment Requirement \$ _____
Other \$ _____

TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES \$ _____

NOTE ON SAVINGS: The amount included should be the total amount saved for university at present divided by the number of years in your chosen undergraduate program. For example, if you are taking a four-year degree include one quarter or your current total savings for education on this line.

ATTESTATION:

The foregoing information provided by me is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

N.B.: Should the foregoing information prove to be subsequently inaccurate, in the sole opinion of the Scholarship Selection Committee, any and all scholarship fund received by the applicant may be withdrawn and/or recovered.



WORK EXPERIENCE

CRITERIA RATIONALE: We want to support students who have been planning for post-secondary education for some time. Everyone knows that post-secondary education is expensive and the vast majority of scholarship recipients must contribute to the cost, given their family financial circumstances. A number of scholarship recipients have worked, but used their earnings to assist with family expenses. Juggling work experience and school is also an excellent indication of organizational and prioritization skills: two key behavioural factors for post-secondary success.

Having said this, not all of our recipients have part-time or summer work experience. This can be the result of significant family, volunteer, sports or other commitments. If you do not have work experience, use the space available to explain why.

Please report work experience chronologically, from your most recent experience.

Employer:	Start Date:	End Date:	Hours per Week:
What are, or were, your duties?			
What have you learned from this position?			

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Do you have specific works plans for this summer? If not, do you plan to find work for the summer?
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COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP – VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

CRITERIA RATIONALE: We look for recipients who have demonstrated some of the skills needed to be successful in university. Maturity and a commitment to the broader community are two of these skills. The richness of a university experience can be greatly enhanced by being an active contributor in the academic and social community on campus.

Having said this, not all of our recipients have the opportunity to take on volunteer commitments. This can be the result of significant family, part-time work, sports or other commitments. If you have not had the chance to volunteer, use the space available to explain why.

Please report volunteer experiences chronologically from your most recent experience and focus on your most important opportunities.

Organization:	Start Date:	End Date:	Hours per Week:
What are, or were, your duties?			
What have you learned from this position?			

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What are, or were, your duties?			
What was, or is, the most rewarding aspect of this position?			

Organization:	Start Date:	End Date:	Hours per Week:
What are, or were, your duties?			
What was, or is, the most challenging aspect of this position?			

Do you have any other volunteer experiences you would like to note?

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

CRITERIA RATIONALE: Post-secondary programs are demanding and require appropriate preparation to succeed. While strong secondary school achievement is no guarantee of post-secondary success, it is certainly one of the strongest indicators. An applicant's academic record throughout secondary school provides a window into their learning strengths, challenges and changes over time.

GRADE 9	AVERAGE MARK:
What was the hardest part of adapting to secondary school?	

GRADE 10	AVERAGE MARK:
What was your toughest course this year? Why?	

GRADE 11	AVERAGE MARK:
What course did you enjoy the most this year? Why?	

GRADE 12 First Semester	AVERAGE MARK:
How do your elective course choices fit in with your choice of post-secondary program?	



SAMPLE FOR APPLICANT REFERENCE ONLY

OSAP: Aid Estimator

Your Estimate

This is an estimate only. The actual amount of OSAP you can get will be determined when you apply online – it may be a different amount and a different mix of grants and loans.

Your OSAP Funding

Provincial grants:	\$	100
Federal grants:	\$	1,150
30% Off grant:	\$	1,900
Total grants:	\$	3,150
Provincial portion of student loan:	\$	5,180
Federal portion of student loan:	\$	6,930
Total loan:	\$	12,110
Total OSAP Funding:	\$	15,260

Your Debt

Total loan:	\$	12,110
Ontario Student Opportunity Grant:	\$	-4,610
Total Loan Debt:	\$	7,500

You may also be eligible for Education, Tuition, and Textbook Tax Credit of \$2,524.

Your Debt Payments

Find out what your monthly loan debt payments will be when you leave school.

Repayment Calculator

Your Costs and Information

Listed below are your estimated costs and the information you provided, which was used to calculate your estimate and debt.

Tuition and Education Costs (Estimated)

Tuition:	\$	8,000
Compulsory fees:	\$	
Books, supplies and other costs:	\$	3,000
Travel and living allowances:	\$	9,286
Total Estimated Costs:	\$	20,286

School, Personal and Financial Information

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY – Economics

Sept 08/17 – Apr 30/18

2 Term program

Entering year 1 of 4

Bachelor

33 weeks long

Co-op Study Term

Current status: None of the above statements applies to me (You are a single high school student, with no dependent children)

Permanent disability: No

Last attended high school full-time: June, 2017

Taken full-time postsecondary studies: No

Where living during most of the 16-week period before study period starts: With parents

Living with parent(s) during study period: No

Total gross yearly income from all sources: \$0

Income for 16 weeks prior to start of study period: \$2,000

Income from all sources during the study period: \$0

Planning on cashing in a RESP: No

RRSP Value: \$0

Other assets value: \$0

Parents marital status: Married

Parents dependent children: 3

Parents dependent children taking postsecondary studies: 2

Total gross yearly income of Parent 1 from all sources: \$50,000

Total gross yearly income of Parent 2 from all sources: \$30,000