Award Amount: $ 3,000 Deadline: May 31, 2024

HISTORY

The Mildred and Jeremiah Coughlan Scholarship was first established in 1997, by local businessman Jerry Coughlan in memory of his parents Mildred and Jeremiah Coughlan.

In 1958 Coughlan Homes founder, Jerry Coughlan, received a small loan from his mother to launch a real estate development company. He aptly named it Coughlan Homes. Jerry built his first home in East York. He focused on moving east as the GTA rapidly expanded, and he recognized great potential. Jerry began developing in Scarborough, then added Pickering, and soon after, Ajax. From the beginning of his career, Jerry established a reputation for building a quality product and fostering a corporate culture that focused on customer service and a keen attention to detail.

Honouring the legacy of their Father, the children of Jerry established The Mildred and Jeremiah Coughlan Scholarship endowment fund at Durham Community Foundation in 2017.

PURPOSE

Available to a student graduating from a high school in the Region of Durham and entering their first year of a post-secondary education program, this $3,000 scholarship supports students who require financial assistance to pursue their education goals and considers strong academic achievement, engagement in extra-curricular activities and active involvement in the community.

REQUIREMENTS

* Immediate relatives of the Coughlan family, or relatives of members of the Selection Committee for that particular year, are not eligible to apply.
* Only complete applications using this application form and emailed to the Foundation will be reviewed.
* All submitted materials become the property of Durham Community Foundation.
* Final decision on all awards rest with Durham Community Foundation’s Board of Directors. Access to its decisions is restricted.
* Scholarship funds will be issued by Durham Community Foundation directly to the post secondary institution which the successful recipient is enrolled.

Note: If qualifications are successfully met, one $3,000 scholarship may be awarded over the summer.

Please email the completed application form, along with the requested documents to:

Vivian Curl, Executive Director, Durham Community Foundation

Email: [Vivian@DurhamCommunityFoundation.ca](mailto:Vivian@DurhamCommunityFoundation.ca)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name

Which pronouns do you use?

(e.g., She/her/hers, He/him/his, They/them/theirs, Other)

Home Address

Telephone

Email

EDUCATION INFORMATION

Name of High School

Name of School Board

Anticipated Graduation Date

Name of the post secondary institution you plan to attend

Program of Study

SHARE WITH US

Why are you applying for this scholarship?

*(e.g., provide information about expenses you will face in your post secondary education or briefly describe what financial support would mean to you)*

Career Goals

Volunteer Work

Extra-Curricular Activities/Special Interests

ESSAY/WRITTEN SUBMISSION

The Coughlan Family is recognized as both community builders and philanthropists. Tell us about the goals and dreams, and how you plan to build a better community? (Recommended word count: 500 words, must be typed; double-spaced; maximum of one page (PDF). Applications not following these requirements will not be considered.)

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

Letter of Reference (PDF)

Please provide us with one brief, signed letter of reference from a school representative (e.g., teacher, guidance counsellor, principal, or vice-principal) OR a community member (e.g., coach, extra-curricular teacher, mentor).

Contact information for the person providing your reference letter (please include their e-mail and phone number).

Academic Record (PDF)

Please upload your most recent official high school transcript.

Ready to Submit?

Is there anything else you would like us to know? (optional)

By providing us with your signature below you declare that all information on this application is accurate, and you need financial assistance to pursue your post secondary education goals.

Signature Date

NEXT STEPS

Thank you for aspiring to make the world better and thank you for inspiring us!

We appreciate the time and effort you have put into your submission.

Please email the completed application form, letter of reference, academic record, and essay to:

Vivian Curl

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**Note:** Application Committee reviews take place in June with notifications in July.