Award Amount: $ 500 Deadline: May 31, 2024

PURPOSE

Every individual has a different life path to follow and different destinations to reach along the way. Each goal you set out to achieve is your own unique true north – not a fixed star in the sky, but your star, set right where you want it to be.

The purpose of the True North Scholarship is to help you take that first step on your journey towards reaching your true north. Hard work, ambition, perseverance, and dreams will be the motivation and the fire to push you forward and to keep trying, despite the obstacles that life will put in your way, and education will be a tool that helps you stay on course.

Established by Anna Naud, founder and lawyer at True North Law Professional Corporation, the True North Scholarship celebrates the youth of Durham Region and their journeys toward true north. Up to four (4) scholarships may be awarded to qualifying Grade 12 students attending a Durham Region high school who will be starting full or part-time post-secondary studies in the Fall Semester following graduation: one youth who self-identifies as a member of the BIPOC community, one youth who self-identifies as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community, one youth studying within Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir, and one youth with the intent to pursue business or legal studies.

If you are a Durham Region youth leader who is ready to start the journey towards reaching your true north, please apply for a True North Scholarship!

REQUIREMENTS

* Immediate relatives of Anna Naud or relatives of members of the Selection Committee for the particular year, are not eligible to apply.
* Only complete applications using this application form and emailed to the Foundation will be reviewed.
* Applicants must include the following along with this application form:
  + most recent grade transcripts
  + letter of recommendation by the applicant’s guidance counsellor
  + short essay
* 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 the Durham Community Foundation directly to the post-secondary institution in which the successful recipient is enrolled.

Note: If qualifications are successfully met, four scholarships 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)

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a True North Scholarship, you must meet all of the criteria in one of the following categories:

Category One

You are a student enrolled in Grade 12 within the Region of Durham who:

* intends to start a part-time or full-time post-secondary program in the Fall Semester following graduation from Grade 12; and
* self-identifies as a Black, Indigenous, and/or Person of Colour.

Category Two

You are a student enrolled in Grade 12 within the Region of Durham who:

* intends to start a part-time or full-time post-secondary program in the Fall Semester following graduation from Grade 12; and
* self-identifies as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community.

Category Three

You are a student enrolled in Grade 12 at a school within *Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir* located in the Region of Durham, who

* intends to start a part-time or full-time post-secondary program in the Fall Semester following graduation from Grade 12.

Category Four

You are a student enrolled in Grade 12 within the Region of Durham who:

* intends to start a part-time or full-time post-secondary program in the Fall Semester following graduation from Grade 12, with a focus on legal or business studies.

I confirm that I meet all the eligibility criteria for (pick one of the following categories):

Category One

Category Two

Category Three

Category Four

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

Some people dream of saving the world. Others dream of inventing something new, or starting a business, or taking care of their loved ones, or supporting a certain cause. No dream is too small. And every positive impact on another person is to be celebrated. So please tell us what goals you have, how you plan on achieving them, and what you will do along the way to make a positive impact on others.

Tell us about the goals and dreams that are your true north and how you intend to help others once you reach true north. (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

Executive Director, Durham Community Foundation

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

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