

Investing In Our Diversity Scholarship Program

General Information



Toronto Community Housing



The ***Investing in Our Diversity Scholarship Program*** recognizes the commitment of young people involved in anti-racism, diversity initiatives and building healthy communities.

WHAT DOES THIS PROGRAM OFFER?

Scholarship recipients receive:

- \$4,000 scholarships to cover costs of tuition fees, books, tools, etc for your first year of post secondary education or training (college, university, trade school)
- Second year scholarships of up to \$4,000 if you attend Ryerson University, University of Toronto, York University, Centennial College or the Ontario College for Art and Design

Everyone who applies for a scholarship can receive:

- Assistance in looking for and getting a job - workshops to assist you with resume writing, job searching, and job matching to connect you with employers offering jobs in your area of interest. These services are offered by St. Stephen's Community House's Employment Centre.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You are eligible to apply for a scholarship if you are a graduating Ontario secondary school student involved in anti-racism, diversity and/or leadership on building a healthy community, and you are:

- A Canadian citizen, permanent resident, convention refugee or refugee claimant
- 25 years old or younger in May 2010
- Entering into your first year of post-secondary education or training.
- Living in a Toronto Community Housing community OR the SCCC Anti-Racism Scholarship catchment area (**Lake Ontario** to the south, **Bloor Street** to the north, **Yonge Street** to the east and **Lansdowne Ave** to the west).
- Planning to attend a recognized Canadian post secondary educational or training program (college, university, career academy, apprenticeship...) in the upcoming academic year.
- Able to demonstrate a need for financial assistance.

WHEN IS THE APPICATION DUE?

Monday, March 1, 2010

HOW ARE WINNERS CHOSEN?

Winners will be chosen by an impartial adjudication committee that includes an educator, a sponsor, youth representative, a community partner and a staff member from Scadding Court Community Centre or Toronto Community Housing.

Investing In Our Diversity Scholarship Program Application Form

Depending on where you live, there are two ways to apply for a scholarship:

- 1) If you live in a Toronto Community Housing community, you should apply for the SCCC/TCHC Diversity Scholarships.
- 2) If you live in the Scadding Court catchment area (**Lake Ontario** to the south, **Bloor Street** to the north, **Yonge Street** to the east and **Lansdowne Ave** to the west), you should apply for the Scadding Court Anti-Racism Scholarships.

Note: If you live in a TCHC community that lies within the SCCC catchment area, you may select either option.

I am applying for the following scholarship (please check one):

- SCCC/TCHC Diversity Scholarship** **Scadding Court Anti-Racism Scholarship**

Personal Information

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name or Initial

	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Date of Birth (Year/Month/Day)	

Street Number and Name	Unit Number

Postal Code	Telephone Number	Email Address

Name of high-school currently attending

Address of high school currently attending	Postal Code

Name of recognized Canadian post secondary educational or training institute (college, university, career training academy, apprenticeship...) you hope to attend in the upcoming academic year

Program of Study

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References

Two reference letters are required. Please have each of your references provide a letter (maximum 2 pages) which outlines your involvement in local anti-racism/ diversity/leadership on building healthy community initiatives and speaks to your likelihood of success in your chosen post-secondary career.

Note: At least one reference letter must be from a representative of your school or a community agency.

	Reference Name	Relationship to you	Telephone Number
1)			
2)			

Additional Material Required

The following materials are required to complete the application form:

1) Résumé

2) Academic Transcript

3) Essay

Write a two-page essay (approximately 500 words) discussing your involvement in anti-racism initiatives in the community and the importance of those activities.

4) Budget

Provide a **proposed budget** for the upcoming academic year outlining expected your sources of income (e.g. student loans, earned income, family contribution, etc.) and your projected expenses.

Please also submit **up to one typed page outlining your financial need** and how this scholarship would address that need.

Sample Budget:

Income	
Summer Job	\$2000
Family contribution	\$1000
Student loans	\$2000
TOTAL	\$5000

Expenses	
Tuition	\$5000
Books	\$200
Accommodation	\$6000
TOTAL	\$11200

5) Additional supporting materials (OPTIONAL)

You may attach additional relevant visuals and supporting documentation (including but not limited to newspaper clippings, letters of support, samples of work and relevant audio or video recordings). Five (5) copies of each piece of supporting material must be submitted.

If you have any questions about the application process or the scholarship program, please contact Sawitri Mardiyani at Scadding Court Community Centre: 416-392-0335 ext. 233 or e-mail Sawitri@scaddingcourt.org.

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Investing In Our Diversity Employment Program

Please note that this part of the Investing in our Diversity Scholarship Program is available to ***everyone who applies*** for a scholarship, not just scholarship winners.

St. Stephens Employment Centre and Summer Jobs

By submitting an application to the Investing in our Diversity Scholarship Program, you will automatically be pre-registered for the Summer Jobs Service at St. Stephens Employment Centre. We invite and encourage you to take advantage of this great opportunity!

This job matching and placement program connects students with interested employers offering summer and part-time employment. St. Stephen's can also help you identify your individual skills and interests as well as put together a winning resume and successful job search.

Please answer the following questions to give us a better idea of what your employment interests and/or needs are.

1. The goal of this employment program is to match you with jobs that relate to and support your studies. Please list the post-secondary institution(s) you have applied to and the program(s) you applied for. This will help us to identify relevant job opportunities for you:

Institution	Program

2. What type(s) of careers interest you?

3. Which of the following job skills would you like to develop (check all that apply):

- Resume writing
- Job searching or networking
- Cover letter writing
- Interview preparation
- Other _____

If you have any questions about the Investing in Our Diversity Employment Program, please contact Sury Zuniga at 416-531-4631 ext. 225, zsury@ststephenshouse.com.



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Certification

Please read and make sure that you understand and agree to the following:

- I certify that the above information is accurate and complete and understand that any false or incomplete information may invalidate my application.
- I accept that scholarship decisions may only be made by the Investing In Our Diversity Scholarship Program Selection Committee and are final.
- I understand that scholarship funds will only be granted to me when I present written proof of enrolment in a recognized Canadian post secondary educational program for the upcoming academic year.
- I understand that I am eligible for a continuation grant of up to \$4,000 in my second year, should I attend one of the partnered academic institutions and provided that I meet the criteria set out by that institution.
- I understand that my contact information and the employment-related information that I have provided in this form will be provided to the St. Stephen's Community House Employment Centre for the purpose of pre-registering in the Investing in our Diversity Scholarship Employment Program.
- I agree to the public release of my name and photograph should I be awarded a scholarship.

Signature of applicant

Date

Investing In Our Diversity Scholarship Program Application Checklist

Please review this checklist carefully to ensure that a **complete package** is submitted. ***Incomplete packages will NOT be considered.***

- Completed and Signed Application Form**
- Two Letters of Reference**
- Résumé**
- Academic Transcript (up to date)**
- Essay** – 2-page essay on your involvement in diversity, anti-racism and/or building a healthy community and the importance of those activities.
- Budget** - a proposed budget with expected sources of income and AND a written description of your financial need and how this scholarship would address that need.
- Additional Materials (OPTIONAL)** - provide 5 copies of each item

Applications must be received no later than March 1st, 2010, 4:30pm

If you are applying for a **SCCC/TCHC Diversity Scholarship** (see page 2), please send your application to:

Att: Sherwin Modeste
Toronto Community Housing
931 Yonge St., 2nd Floor
Toronto, ON M4W 2H2

If you are applying for a **Scadding Court Anti-Racism Scholarship** (see page 2), please send your application to:

Att: Sawitri Mardyani
Scadding Court Community Centre
707 Dundas St. West
Toronto, ON M5T 2W6