



Golden Horseshoe CHF 2020 Diversity Scholarship

The Golden Horseshoe CHF recognizes that the strength of its membership is in the many cultures and identities represented within its co-ops. **The Golden Horseshoe CHF** encourages applications from these diverse communities.

Our Goal

The purpose of the **Golden Horseshoe CHF** 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.

The Scholarship: You could be awarded up to \$5,000.00

Our Scholarship is intended to help those co-op members cover their costs of obtaining a higher education and is open to the following:

- students graduating from high school and entering a Canadian college or university.
- students who are currently enrolled in a Canadian college or university
- are returning to a Canadian college or university after a break.
- there is no age limit

Our 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.

Note: the return deadline for this application is: **Monday, May 11, 2020**

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- be living in a **Golden Horseshoe CHF** member co-op
- **be planning to attend a publicly funded, Canadian community college or university or approved apprentice training program on a full-time basis in the 2020/2021 academic year**
- **have used their knowledge and understanding of diversity to make a positive contribution to their school and/or local community**
- **have a demonstrated financial need.**

Please fill out the application clearly. Your essay should be word processed. Remember to gather all the required documents from their sources ahead of time.

Before completing this application, please **make sure you are eligible.**

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 they are already registered/enrolled full time
- attach a transcript showing passing marks for the program
- show that accounts with the college or university are up to date
- **maintain communication with the GHCHF office when required**

The Golden Horseshoe CHF will distribute and award scholarships according to a formula.

You could receive up to \$5,000.00 towards your education.

Part A

Personal Information

First Name Initial Last Name

Gender: M F Date of Birth: ____/____/____
Day Month Year

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Phone number Cell phone number

E-mail address

Name of the **Golden Horseshoe CHF** member co-op where you live:

Home address

City Postal Code

Education

In September 2020

(Please check off which year you will be in)

Will you be enrolled in college 1st ___ 2nd ___ or 3rd year _____

Will you be enrolled in university 1st _____ 2nd ___ 3rd ___ or 4th year _____

Apprentice program 1st ___ 2nd year _____

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? _____

Post-secondary institution you plan to attend? _____

What will you study? _____

Have you been accepted?

Note you will have to prove your enrollment at a later date.

If you are already in a college or a university program,
please provide your student number _____

Was your education interrupted?

_____ Yes, for _____ years between high school and post-secondary

Part B

Volunteer Activities

On a separate sheet of paper please list the three most recent activities you participated in that promoted diversity.

Please include:

the name of the organization

- a detailed description of each activity
- your role and responsibilities
- the start and end dates and hours per week, for example,
January 2012 - June 2012, 3 hours per week

Essay

On a separate piece of paper please write a short essay (500 words and word processed) on the following subject.

“How have your volunteer experiences prepared you to assist with initiatives that promote diversity within the wider co-op housing sector?”

No handwritten essays will be accepted.

Part C

Financial Situation

Please fill in the chart below as accurately as possible. It should reflect any expenses and income sources for the upcoming year. Remember you are calculating for the entire year and not just the school year.

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 income | \$ _____ |

Part D

References

Please provide **two written reference letters**. The letters should be no more than one page in length and single-spaced.

One letter must be from a teacher, guidance counselor or administrator from your school and on school letterhead. Both letters should illustrate your character, community contributions and the likelihood of your future academic success.

Adult members, (25 years+) returning to school may supply references from non-family members who have known you for more than 5 years, your co-op manager or a social worker.

Part E

Resume and Transcript

1. Please provide an up-to-date employment resume.
2. Please provide an up-to-date academic transcript.
3. **Provide proof of enrolment**

Part F

Consent and Declaration

I certify that this application has been honestly and accurately completed. **I understand that any false or incomplete information may cancel my application.**

I, _____ agree that

- Scholarship decisions may only be made by the **Golden Horseshoe Co-operative Housing Federation** and that those decisions are final.
- **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.**
- If I am successful my name and photograph will be published.
- I will **participate** in **Golden Horseshoe CHF** functions if attendance is requested.
- I could lose my scholarship if the GHCHF Board feels I am not fulfilling my part of the agreement

Applicant's name (please print)

Applicant's signature

Parent/guardian's signature

Date

(If under 18 years old.)

Keep In Mind

Application deadline: **Monday, May 11, 2020**

You may be asked to come in for an interview a few weeks after the application deadline.

A Last Minute Checklist

_____ I have filled out the application form completely.

_____ I have signed and dated the application.

_____ I have enclosed an up-to-date employment resume

_____ I have also enclosed an up-to-date academic transcript

_____ I have provided 2 reference letters, one from my school on letterhead.

_____ **The application needs to be mailed in time for the deadline:**

May 11 2020

Please remember, we will not process any incomplete, late, emailed or faxed applications.

Mailing Address:

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Hamilton, ON.

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The Golden Horseshoe CHF will not be responsible for lost or late applications.

**The Golden Horseshoe CHF
Diversity Scholarship Program
2020
Notes**

We highly recommend that you read this fully before starting the application process.

- it provides scholarships for people attending full time college or university in Canada
- you must choose a publicly funded school
- students can apply for the program in any year of their higher learning but will receive a pro-rated amount
- applicants must be living in a Golden Horseshoe CHF member co-op and plan to attend college or university full time
- there is no age limit
- scholarship winners must be active in community projects
- ***you should have been active in at least 3 projects over the last 2 years***
- *your activities should promote diversity*
- *you can volunteer in a food bank; work with seniors; coach young people; be on a committee in your co-op; work on Black History Month for example*

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1. *the scholarship deadline is closer than you think*
 2. *successful applicants prepare a draft of their application early*
 3. *be sure you approach people for references early*
 4. ***the scholarship is a competition***
 5. *we cannot award scholarships to everyone*
 6. *not everyone will receive an interview*
 7. ***You should know what the *Golden Horseshoe CHF* is and what it does***
- read the application carefully and make sure you fill it out entirely
 - **deadline for return is: Monday May 11 2020**
 - use the last minute checklist to make sure you did not miss anything
 - *we will not consider incomplete, late, emailed or faxed applications*
 - **if you choose to deliver your application and no-one is in the office, you may leave it in the mailbox at the front door**
 - Applications **will be graded** in all areas of the application and in the interview, if you get that far
 - you will be required to sign a contract/agreement and attend designated federation events.

Good luck