



Ontario Educational Credit Union Scholarship

In an effort to promote learning and advance the academic opportunities of OECU members and their families, the Ontario Educational Credit Union is providing post-secondary education scholarships to deserving students who are members or relatives of Credit Union members.

The Scholarship

The scholarship is a one-time payment of \$1,500.

The Credit Union Board of Directors will determine the number of scholarships to be awarded in any given year.

The Applicant

An applicant must be ...

- i. the relative of an active member of OECU in good standing* for one complete year prior to the application deadline, **or**
- ii. an active member of OECU in good standing* for one complete year prior to the application deadline.

OECU staff, their relatives, and the relatives of OECU directors are eligible to apply as long as they meet the posted eligibility requirements.

(An active member is one who makes regular use of his/her account.)*

The Application Process

Each applicant must submit, by **Friday March 30, 2012** (applications received **after March 30, 2012 will regrettably not be accepted**):

- i. a completed application form;
- ii. his/her most recent secondary school, college or university transcript;
- iii. written confirmation of enrollment or acceptance into a full-time undergraduate post-secondary program at an accredited community college or university;
- iv. a letter of reference from a school official (principal, vice-principal or guidance counselor, professor or college/university teaching assistant) attesting to the applicant's degree of commitment to academic success, contribution to the life of the school, leadership skills and likelihood of success in the post-secondary program to which he/she has applied; **or**

- v. a letter of reference from the supervisor of a community/volunteer organization or program attesting to the applicant's degree of commitment to the organization/program, the success of the applicant's efforts, and his/her demonstrated leadership skills and/or initiative.

The Selection Process

Scholarship recipients will be chosen according to their merit.

- i. While financial need may be one of the factors considered, it will not be the prime determinant.
- ii. Other factors, such as dedication to learning, commitment to community, leadership, initiative, and likelihood of success will be considered heavily.

Recipients will be chosen by a selection committee consisting of OECU members and suitable arbiters from outside the organization.

The selection process will be "blind" and will include the following features:

- a. OECU directors will not sit on the selection committee;
- b. applicants' personal information will appear only on the cover sheet of the application form;
- c. the cover sheet will be removed before the applications are forwarded to the selection committee;
- d. applicants will be identified to the Selection Committee only by an assigned number appearing on all pages of the application form;
- e. letters of reference must be hand-written on the supplied forms, **or** typed in a format that duplicates the format of the supplied forms; *(The point is to ensure that the applicant's personal information is on the first page of the letter and the body of the text is on the successive page(s).)*
- f. the field of applicants will be reduced by the Selection Committee to a list of finalists who will be interviewed, by appointment, by the Committee.
- g. interview for finalists is **mandatory** and will take place by appointment on Tuesday **May 8, 2012** at 6435 Edwards Boulevard, Mississauga.

Submitting the Application

Ensure that all sections of the application form are completed.

Ensure that all required documents are enclosed in the envelope:

- ✓ completed application form (typed as per instructions on the form),
- ✓ most recent secondary school, college or university transcript,
- ✓ written confirmation of college/university enrollment/acceptance,
- ✓ letter of reference – school official, or community/volunteer program supervisor.

Deliver the complete package on or before March 30, 2012 to ...

**Scholarship Application
Ontario Educational Credit Union
6435 Edwards Blvd.
Mississauga ON L5T 2P7**