

Toronto Youth Equity Strategy Scholarship Program

About the Scholarship

The Toronto Youth Equity Strategy (TYES) is a City of Toronto strategy that includes 28 recommendations and 110 actions aimed at creating more supportive systems and building resiliency of youth most vulnerable to involvement in serious violence and crime. TYES Action 9E reads: *"Social Development, Finance and Administration will work with the Province of Ontario and the Council of Educators to improve investments in targeted supports for education such as building skills, scholarships and network development for incarcerated youth."*

The City of Toronto formed a Scholarship Committee with representatives from: Amadeusz; The John Howard Society, and; Storybook Parents – Toronto Public Library.

2015 TYES Scholarships will be awarded as follows:

- Five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to incarcerated youth
- Four \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded to recently released youth

Who Can Apply?

The scholarship is for youth who are:

- 18 to 29 years old
- pursuing post-secondary education (in-process/accepted to a Canadian college, university, trade or other institution)
- current residents of Toronto (or previous/future Toronto residents for incarcerated youth)
- currently incarcerated at the Toronto South Detention Centre, Toronto East Detention Centre or Vanier Centre for Women **OR**;
- recently released from incarceration (within the last 2 years)

All applications must be submitted through an **eligible referral source**. Referral sources can include:

- Non-profit, community based organizations
- Governmental bodies

What is the Deadline?

The applications are due by **November 16, 2015**. Successful applicants will be notified early December, 2015.

TYES Scholarship Application

1. CONTACT INFORMATION

Youth Applicant			
Name <i>(print below)</i>		Phone <i>(print below)</i>	
Email Address <i>(print below)</i>			
Address <i>(print below, if you don't have a current address, please list previous address)</i>			
Street Address		City	Province
			Postal Code
Age:		Date of Birth:	
Referring Organization			
Name of Referring Organization <i>(print below)</i>			
Contact Name <i>(print below)</i>		Phone <i>(print below)</i>	
Email Address <i>(print below)</i>			
Address <i>(print below)</i>			
Street Address		City	Province
			Postal Code

2. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

2a) Name of post-secondary institution currently attended or to be attended:	<i>(Trades school, college or university):</i>		
2b) Program or course of study:			
2c) Currently enrolled in post-secondary studies?	Yes: ()	No: ()	
2d) If you answered yes <i>(currently enrolled in post-secondary studies):</i>			
I am attending full-time:	Yes: ()	No: ()	
I am attending part-time:	Yes: ()	No: ()	
I am studying by correspondence:	Yes: ()	No: ()	
2e) If you answered no <i>(not currently enrolled in post-secondary studies):</i>			
Date program or course will start:			
What is the length of the program or course?			
Will you be studying by correspondence?	Yes: ()	No: ()	
2f) Date the funding will be required:			
2g) Estimated cost of program or course:			
2h) Estimated cost of books/materials:			

3. APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

3a) Currently incarcerated?	Yes: ()	No: ()
3b) If you answered yes <i>(currently incarcerated):</i>		
Name of facility:		
3c) If you answered no <i>(not currently incarcerated):</i>	Yes: ()	No: ()
What was the date of your release?		
What facility were you incarcerated at?		
3d) Why do you want to pursue post-secondary education? Why is education important to you? <i>(attach additional pages if necessary, max. 300 words):</i>		
3e) How will this program or course help you? What skills do you have that will help you to be successful in this program or course? <i>(attach additional pages if necessary, max. 300 words):</i>		

3f) What are your future aspirations? *(attach additional pages if necessary, max. 300 words):*

4. REFERENCE'S INFORMATION

This section is to be completed by the contact person from the Referring Organization.

One additional optional reference may be submitted, as an attached reference letter. This reference may be personal (family, friend, etc.) or professional (social worker, employer, etc.)

4a) What is your relationship to the applicant? *(social worker, community worker, PO, etc.)*

4b) Why do you feel the applicant would be an ideal recipient of this scholarship?

(attach additional pages if necessary, max. 300 words):

4c) What do you feel the impact of the scholarship will be on the recipient? *(assist applicant in overcoming challenges, provide motivation, etc. Attach additional pages if necessary, max.*

500 words):

5. CERTIFICATIONS AND SIGNATURES

Youth Applicant		
I certify that:		
The information included in this application is accurate:		Yes: ()
I accept that scholarship decisions are final:		Yes: ()
I agree that scholarship funds will only be granted to me if I am enrolled in a Canadian college, university, trade or other institution for the upcoming year:		Yes: ()
Name (<i>print below</i>)	Date (<i>print below</i>)	Signature (<i>sign below</i>)
Referring Contact Person		
I certify that:		
The information included in this application is accurate:		Yes: ()
I accept that scholarship decisions are final:		Yes: ()
Name (<i>print below</i>)	Date (<i>print below</i>)	Signature (<i>sign below</i>)

Privacy Statements:

The City of Toronto recognizes that this record may contain information about a young person, which is defined by and subject to the *Youth Criminal Justice Act*. As such, the City of Toronto recognizes that all use of information about the young person is subject to publication, use and access restrictions set out in the *Act* to protect the privacy of the young person.

The personal information on this form together with the required information is collected under the authority of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, s. 136(c), and By-law No. 886-1998 and No. 592-2002. The information is used by City staff to process your application for the Toronto Youth Equity Strategy Scholarship. Questions about this collection can be directed to Laura Metcalfe, 15th Floor, East Tower, City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, ON M5H 2N2, or by telephone at 416-397-4496.