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SCHOLARSHIP Application Form

Scholarships are awarded once a year through a competitive process and decisions are made by The Children's Foundation. Scholarships for the 2022-23 school year range from **\$2,500 to \$12,000**.

Scholarship application forms, transcripts, and worker references (if required) are due no later than 5:00 pm on **June 30th**.

To apply for a scholarship, students must submit the following documents:

- Scholarship application
- Your latest academic (unofficial or official) transcript
- Child protection worker reference (if this is your first application or if you have not been granted a Foundation scholarship or bursary in the past), or reference from a school counselor, teacher, coach, etc.
- Before receiving the bursary, proof of enrollment must be provided

Incomplete applications will not be considered

SCHOLARSHIP Eligibility

To be eligible for a **scholarship**, applicants must be:

- A youth who has had past or present involvement with CAS (Temporary Care Agreement (TCA), Voluntary Youth Services Agreement (VYSA), Continued Care and Support for Youth (CCSY), Renewed Youth Supports (RYS), Adoption, and Kin Care. This also includes youth who have received protective services from Children's Aid at some point in their life, youth who have been impacted in some way by Children's Aid, or youth who have unusual family hardships, as identified by a CAS PSW or other agent, guidance counselor or teacher (through reference letter in the application process)
- **Under 26 years** of age at the start of their current school program, or under 30 years of age if they have received a scholarship or bursary funding from The Children's Foundation for the same program in previous years
- Registered at or planning to **attend school either full time** for a full academic year at an accredited post-secondary school or trade school
- Resides in Hastings, Northumberland, or Prince Edward County (**before attending school, and/or when not attending school**)
- Scholarship applications are reviewed by The Children's Foundation staff to ensure that applicants meet the eligibility criteria. Bursary applications are given based on **financial need**
- Before receiving a scholarship, **proof of enrollment** must be provided by **September 15th and January 15th**



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Criteria

Scholarship applications are reviewed by The Children's Foundation staff to ensure that applicants meet the eligibility criteria, but the applications are scored by our Awards Committee. This Awards Committee is made up of 5-10 friends of the Foundation, including Board members, a youth committee representative, a foster parent representative, and community members. Scholarship applications are scored on **Individual Attributes** (eg. personal and academic challenges and progress), **Academic Achievement** (eg. high grades and/or significant gains despite individual limitations), **Personal Contribution** (eg. strengths and coping skills demonstrated in personal life and commitments outside of school), **Potential for Success** (eg. whether goals are clear and realistic) and **Financial Need**.

SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFYING QUESTIONS

Have you had past or present involvement with CAS at some point in your life, been impacted in some way by Children's Aid, or currently have or had unusual family hardships?

Yes	No
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Will you be under age 26 at the start of the upcoming academic year, or are you under age 30 and continuing a post-secondary program you started before your 26th birthday?

Yes	No
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Are you planning on attending a full-time post-secondary program for at least two semesters of the upcoming academic year (i.e., September 2022 to April 2023, or January to August 2023)? If you will not be attending school full-time for two semesters, please exit and complete a bursary application.

Yes	No
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Do you reside in Hastings, Northumberland, or Prince Edward County (Before attending school and/or when not attending school)

Yes	No
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Pick one:

Hastings	Northumberland	Prince Edward County
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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

BEFORE STARTING YOUR APPLICATION, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- The final deadline for bursary applications is June 30. Payments are completed twice a year, September, and January, so proof of enrollment must be submitted no later than Sept 15th or Jan 15th. Payment will be made directly to the school. Payment will be returned to The Children's Foundation if you withdraw from the program voluntarily. There is a one-time forgiveness policy for program withdrawal *conditions apply
- The deadline for the transcript (either an unofficial or official academic transcript is acceptable.) and worker reference (if required) is June 30th, at 5 pm
- An online reference form will need to be filled out by a social worker or other reference for all first-time Foundation Bursary Applicants, or for any applicant who has not been granted a Foundation bursary in the past. Instructions on how to request a reference from your worker or school counselor, teacher, or coach can be found on the Foundation bursary page of The Children's Foundation Website and will also be emailed once an application is submitted
- We will contact you about this award using the e-mail address you provide in this application, by individual emails, and through a mass mailing list. It is strongly recommended that you add tcf@highlandshorescas.com to your e-mail contacts to ensure that messages from these addresses are delivered. If your e-mail address or contact details change, please send your updated information to tcf@highlandshorescas.com. If we cannot contact you, we may not be able to review your application, you will miss updates regarding due dates for required documents, and your award may be reallocated to another deserving student
- It is your responsibility to make sure all your documents are received by The Children's Foundation before the deadlines. If you do not submit your online form, have your worker complete a reference, or submit a transcript before the deadlines, your application will not be reviewed by the Scholarship Awards Committee.

To consider an unofficial transcript, with your application, it must,

- Be from your school's online student portal, or the University or College application website(s)
- Clearly state your name
- Clearly state the name of your school and the date that it was printed
- Clearly state your entire academic history (all the course grades you have achieved at that school)
- Be attached to this application or emailed to tcf@highlandshorescas.com.

If sending an Official transcript (check first if an unofficial one is not available), mail it to The Children's Foundation from the school you attended most recently. Transcripts should be sent to:

The Children's Foundation
363 Dundas Street West
Belleville ON K8P 1B3

Any questions regarding transcripts should be directed to tcf@highlandshorescas.com



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START EARLY AND TAKE YOUR TIME! Complete your application carefully, providing the Awards Committee with as much information as possible. Grammar, capital letters, punctuation, and spelling are important (avoid using all lower-case letters and abbreviations)

- Incomplete applications will not be accepted
- When you are ready to submit your application form, you must click 'Review and Submit', then click 'Submit'. Once your application has been submitted, you will receive an e-mail confirmation containing the contents of your application. Please keep this e-mail as your proof of submission. You may be asked to provide this e-mail in case of difficulties
- Your application will be assessed by the Awards Committee using the following criteria: Individual Attributes, Academic Achievement, Personal Contribution, Potential for Success, and financial needs. The application is divided into sections including the questions the Awards Committee may use to decide on their score for each criterion
- We will contact you about this award using the e-mail address you provide in this application, by individual e-mails. It is strongly recommended that you add tcf@highlandshorescas.com to your e-mail contacts to ensure that messages from these addresses are delivered. If your e-mail address or contact details change, please send your updated information to tcf@highlandshorescas.com. If we cannot contact you, the Awards Committee may not be able to review your application, you will miss updates regarding due dates for required documents, and your award may be reallocated to another deserving student

CONDITIONS CONCERNING ACCEPTING A CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

By submitting this application, you are agreeing to the following conditions: Information in this application is confidential, but complete applications will be read by The Children's Foundation staff and/or TCF Board of Directors and/or selection committee for consideration of any awards you may be eligible for. As well, non-identifying information about you may be shared with bursary donors after bursary recipients are matched with an award. **All recipients are encouraged to attend The Children's Foundation's Reach for Success Award event in August to receive their award and may be prepared to be photographed with the donor of their award if requested. Photographs are optional.** These photographs are used for Children's Foundation materials and a copy is given to donors and recipients of the award. Any use of the photographs beyond these parameters will be discussed with the recipient(s).

If you have additional questions, please visit our website (www.thechildrensfoundation.ca/scholarship) for more information. If you have difficulty completing or submitting the form, please e-mail tcf@highlandshorescas.com



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Scholarship Application for the school year 2022-2023

Student Information

Last Name:	First Name:
Middle name:	(If you prefer to be known by a name different from your legal name or the name that you applied with, please enter it here.) Preferred name:
Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY):	
Address: (Please remember to include your apartment number, if applicable.)	
City:	Province:
Postal Code:	Telephone Number:
Email: (PLEASE NOTE: This is the address that we will use to contact you about this award. please check your account regularly and let us know of any changes)	
Preferred Pronouns:	Marital status:
Ethnic/cultural/racial background you most strongly identify with:	

PLEASE NOTE: Answering these questions will in no way affect any award that you may be eligible for. We ask for this information to better understand the diversity of our applicants and you are welcome to select the prefer not to answer option.

Which child welfare agencies are you or were you in the care of?

Required

Please provide the name of your current or former child protection worker.

Please provide the current e-mail address for the child protection worker listed above.



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Please provide the current phone number for the child protection worker listed above.

If your worker is no longer with that agency, please provide the agency's phone number.

Individual Attributes

To determine a score for this section, the Awards Committee may consider whether you've demonstrated a sustained commitment to your educational and career goals, what you've overcome or achieved educationally to get to where you are today, and how you've overcome challenging experiences.

Please answer the following questions:

Required

Please tell us about yourself, including your background, hobbies, interests, or extracurricular activities:

Everyone has qualities and interests that make them unique. Describe what you are interested in, how you spend your time outside of school, and topics that you are passionate about. Only discuss when and how you came into care, or your experience in care, if you are comfortable sharing that information, it is not a requirement.

Word count 0 of 200

Required

Please describe a personal challenge you have overcome:

Choose to share something that you felt you handled well and are proud of the outcome, or that you may not have handled well, but through which you learned something valuable. Why did this situation represent a challenge for you? Why are you particularly proud of this accomplishment? This could be any difficult experience, only discuss when and how you came into care, or your experience in care if you are comfortable sharing that information.

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Required

If currently in school, please tell us about your most recent academic year.

How was your last year? Did you do well? How did you cope in school during the pandemic? Did you experience any difficulties that interfered with your schoolwork, such as adjusting to a new school or program or personal difficulties? If not in school tell us what you've been doing this past year.

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Required

What are your educational strengths?

Please feel free to use point form

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Required

What are your educational challenges?

Please feel free to use point form

Word count 0 of 100



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Academic Achievement

To determine your score for this section, the Awards Committee may consider whether you have made significant gains despite personal limitations, your overall average, or, if you have a lower grade point average, whether there are circumstances beyond your control. The Awards Committee will also assess your marks, so please ensure that a copy of your transcript has been attached to this application or sent to The Children's Foundation before June 30th.

Please provide the following details about your secondary/ high school studies:

Required

Please list the high school you last attended, your year of completion, and your final average.

School	Year of completion	Average (In percent)

Please provide the following details about your post-secondary academic history:

Please list any former schools or programs that you have previously enrolled in or completed
Please do not fill in your upcoming program and leave blank if you've no other programs or schools to list.

School	Enrolled or completed (and when month & year)	Did you receive funding support from The Children's Foundation? How much?

IF YOU ARE ENROLLED IN A CURRENT PROGRAM THAT YOU ARE CONTINUING IN 2022, OR HAVE ALREADY BEEN ACCEPTED TO A SCHOOL FOR FALL 2022 - COMPLETE SECTION A.

IF YOU HAVE APPLIED, BUT HAVE NOT YET BEEN ACCEPTED TO ONE OR MORE SCHOOLS - PLEASE FILL OUT SECTION B.

Section A - Complete this section if you have already accepted an offer of admission or if you are continuing in the same program as last year:

Post-Secondary Institution

Student Number

Program of Study

Length of Program (in academic years)

1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years
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What year of the program will you be entering in September 2022, or January 2023?

September 2022	January 2023
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Section B - If you have not yet been accepted into a program, please list the schools and programs to which you have applied:

School Applied to	Program	Expected start date

Have you changed programs from last year?

Yes	No
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If you have switched programs from last year, please tell us about the change.

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Personal Contributions

To determine your score for this section, the Awards Committee may consider your strengths and management skills in your personal life and commitments outside of school (for example, if you work or volunteer if you are active in sports, student council, or extracurricular activities.

Please provide the following information on your family:

Are you currently caring for a child you have custody of? (Or anyone else that may be a dependent for you? Please explain further)

If yes, how many children are you caring for?

How old are these dependent children?

Please provide the following information about your work history:

Are you currently working:

Yes	No
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If you are working, where do you work?

How long have you worked at this job?

How many hours do you work in an average week?

What is your role in this position?

What sorts of tasks and responsibilities do you have in your position? Please feel free to use point form.

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Does this position relate to your future career?

If yes, how does your job relate to your future career?

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Required

Do you intend on working while you are at school?



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Information about your work history may help the Awards Committee assess your application. If you are not working, or have never worked, it might be beneficial to explain why, for example, if this is due to the pandemic, a personal challenge, your living situation, or other school or volunteer commitments.

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Please provide the following information about your volunteerism and community involvement

Required

Please tell us about any volunteer or community work you have done and/or an example of a way you have made difference in someone else's life

If you have had any experience volunteering or assisting in an informal way in your community, please tell us about what you did, how often you went, and how much time you invested in these commitments. If you have recently graduated from high school this can include your required community service hours. Please feel free to use point form.

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Potential for Success

To determine your score for this section, the Scholarship Awards Council may consider whether you have clear and realistic goals, whether your work and school history is aligned with your career goals, and whether you have the potential to succeed in your career of choice.

Please provide details about your career goals:

Required

Does your program relate to your future career goals? How?

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Required

What are your career goals and what would you like to do after graduation?

If you have an idea of what career you would like to pursue, you might also explain how you became interested in that area, why it interests you, and why you think you are suited to that career.

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Required

When do you expect to graduate from your post-secondary program? If you are taking additional time to complete your program, please explain why:

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Impact of Funding Required

Will this funding result in any academic gains?

(e.g., course completion, improved grades, increase likelihood of graduation)

Required

Will this funding result in any behavioral gains?

(e.g., improve school attitude, improve school attendance, reduce # of hours worked)

Required

Will this funding result in any emotional gains?

(e.g., improve confidence in school, with self)

Required

Will this funding result in any social gains?

(e.g., improve peer relations, improve instructor relations)

Required

What would happen in the absence of this funding?

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Program Evaluation

Required

The Children's Foundation would like to evaluate our scholarship program, and we may invite some students to provide feedback and views on your experiences. Your feedback helps us improve the program and supports we offer. Your participation is optional, and your decision to participate and the feedback you provide will in no way influence current or future grants you may be eligible for. If you are willing to provide feedback, please answer below. By doing so you are giving The Children's Foundation permission to provide your contact details to researchers at the Child Welfare Institute.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS THOROUGHLY AS YOU CAN.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A SCHOLARSHIP, YOU MUST DEMONSTRATE FINANCIAL NEED BY PROVIDING US WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RELATED TO YOUR INCOME FROM ANY SOURCE (GRANTS, SPONSORSHIPS, SUPPORT FROM FAMILY, WORK, ETC.), AS WELL AS YOUR ANTICIPATED EXPENSES FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR.

THIS PAGE IS ALSO A TOOL TO ASSIST YOU IN PLANNING HOW YOU ARE GOING TO FINANCE YOUR SCHOOL YEAR.



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Please provide the following information about your savings and income:

INCOME:

Required

Savings from summer employment:

Estimate the total amount you will be able to save during the summer (May-August)

Required

Wages from part-time work or co-op placements during the school year:

Estimate the total amount you will earn between September 2022 and April 2023.

Required

Continued Care and Support for Youth, or Living and Learning Grant, per month

Please fill in this section if you expect to receive CCSY or LLG by the time school commences.

Required

Continued Care and Support for Youth, or Living and Learning Grant, for 8 months

Please fill in this section if you expect to receive CCSY or LLG by the time school commences.

Will you be applying for Provincial Student Assistance (eg. OSAP):

Note: Provincial grants such as the Ontario Tuition Aid for Youth Leaving Care are only available to students who apply for OSAP.

Yes	No
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If you are not applying for OSAP or your provincial student assistance program, please explain why:

Any award you are granted will not cover all your expenses related to school. If you have other savings to make up the difference, or if you are ineligible to apply, please let us know. Your answer will help assess your financial need, and your ability to plan and budget.

Please name any other scholarships or awards you have applied for:

If you have been approved for another award, how much do you anticipate receiving?

Award	Amount receiving



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Other sources of income (including savings not entered above, contributions from family, etc.)

Source	Amount

Please complete the following information, as best you can, about your expenses during the school year:

EXPENSES:

Annual Expenses:

Required

Tuition and related fees

Tuition or related fee	Cost

Required

Books, equipment, and other expenses, required for your program:

Item	Cost

Monthly Expenses:

Please enter the costs per month.

Required

Monthly Rent

Required

Monthly Food

Required

Monthly Personal Expenses

Required

Monthly Utilities



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Required

Monthly Phone

Required

Monthly Travel

Required

Monthly Entertainment

Required

Monthly Prescription Medication

Only enter costs not covered by a school or other health plan

Debt Repayment - Do you have any monthly credit cards or loan repayments? Please specify.

Debt Repayments, per month

Debt	Payment

Any other expenses? Please specify.

Expense	Cost

If there have been any significant changes in your expenses or income since your last application, please explain:

Word count 0 of 100



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Student Biography

Successful scholarship recipients are matched with scholarship donors and donors receive a brief non-identifying, confidential biography about that student based on the information in their application.

Required

Using the information that you have already provided on your application or anything else you think is important for a donor to know about you, please write a brief (5-7 sentences) biography of yourself.

What do you want a donor to know about you? Your background, hobbies, interests? Your educational or career goals? What do you enjoy about your program or your educational strengths? Do you work or volunteer? There is no right or wrong information, format, or length for the biography. Only provide information that you are comfortable sharing with a donor.

Word count 0 of 500

Declaration

I hereby apply for a Children's Foundation Scholarship and declare that the information provided on this form, the budget form, and all required attachments are complete with no misrepresentation. I authorize The Children's Foundation to submit my full application, (Application Form, Reference Form, and transcript) to the Awards Committee for consideration. If awarded a scholarship I authorize The Children's Foundation to share non-identifying information about me with the donor of my award. I also agree to the conditions with respect to accepting a Children's Foundation Scholarship as outlined at the beginning of this application.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Once you submit the online portion of your application, you will receive an automatically generated message containing a copy of your application. You must keep this message for your records. By submitting this application, you consent to receive information by e-mail from Children's Foundation about other Foundation opportunities and grants you may be eligible for. We will contact you about this award using the e-mail address you provide in this application, by individual e-mails, and through a mass mailing list. It is strongly recommended that you add tcf@highlandshorescas.com to your e-mail contacts to ensure that messages from this address are delivered. If we cannot contact you, your award may be reallocated to another deserving student. If your e-mail address or contact details change, please send your updated information to tcf@highlandshorescas.com

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR TRANSCRIPT HERE

Your most recent transcript is a required part of your application, and a clear copy of either an unofficial or official transcript can be attached here.



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Option #1 Unofficial Transcripts

Typically, unofficial transcripts are available from your high school guidance counselor, through your school's online student portal, or through the University or College Application websites and must: Clearly state your name, clearly state the name of your school, and the date that it was printed, clearly state your entire academic history (all the course grades you have achieved at that school).

A clear copy of your unofficial transcript can also be emailed as a pdf attachment to tcf@highlandshorescas.com if not attaching it to this application.

*Please note, we are unable to open documents from Google Docs. PDF is preferred.

Option #2- An Official Transcript

Typically, official transcripts can be ordered through your student portal, at the registrar's office, or if you are in high school through your school office, and if not given to you directly to scan and email to tcf@highlandshorescas.com, will need to be mailed to; The Children's Foundation, 363 Dundas St W, Belleville ON, K8P 1B3

ALL TRANSCRIPTS MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE June 30th.

Tips for Writing a Successful Application

- The Foundation Scholarship is a competitive process, which means not every application will be awarded a scholarship. Full instructions are found in the Application Guide but keep these tips in mind when filling out your forms
- Apply early and take your time! Save your online application and come back to it as many times as you like before submitting it. Applications that are thoughtful, complete, and well written generally receive higher scores than applications that leave out capital letters, have spelling mistakes and one-word answers
- Tell us about yourself and share your successes! Though it can be difficult to write about yourself, this is your chance to celebrate your successes with the Awards Committee and explain why you deserve an award
- When in doubt apply! Undecided if you will be going to school in fall 2022? If there is a possibility – APPLY! – If you do not end up going to school, it will not impact your chances of receiving an award in the future, and if you do end up going to school you will already be in the running for an award
- Ask for help. If you are having difficulty with the online form or have questions about what you should write and what you need to include, be in touch with your Worker or Foundation staff for help