

## Past President's Scholarship 2021 Application Form

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY AND COMPLETELY.**

### Scholarship Details

**Four (4) Scholarships are awarded annually. One first-place winner from each of the two (2) essay topics (see 4 a. below) will be awarded \$5,000.00 each, and one second-place winner from each of the same two (2) essay topics (see 4 a. below) will be awarded \$2,500.00 each, for a grand total of \$15,000.00 annually.**

### Eligibility Requirements

1. This scholarship is applicable to **students currently in their final year of an Ontario secondary school** who are pursuing post-secondary education after graduation, for example, at college, university, or a trade school. Students must currently reside in the province of Ontario and be registered with a secondary school within the province. Applicants must also be a Canadian citizen or have been given permanent resident status. Applicants applying to a post-secondary school outside of Ontario (or even Canada), are still eligible for the scholarship. **NOTE:** Students must currently be enrolled and attending their final year of secondary school – individuals currently taking a gap year are not eligible to apply.
2. Applications must be submitted via email to [scholarships@trebnet.com](mailto:scholarships@trebnet.com) before **3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 26, 2021.**
3. Applicants must have a record of academic achievement and possess a range of leadership qualities and community involvement experience.
4. **Applicants must complete the Personal Information section (Page 3) of this application form and submit it together with the following documents:**
  - a. A written essay (**minimum of 1500 words**, typed and double-spaced) on one of the following subjects:
    - i. For many young Canadians, the dream of home ownership feels like an impossible reality. After graduating and starting your desired career, do you think home ownership will be attainable for you?
    - ii. The GTA's population is expected to grow to more than 10 million people by 2041. How do you think local governments should address the housing needs of a growing population?

If applicable, citations must be present; however, they are not included in the word count. The style of citation is your choice, for example, MLA or APA.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** In order to facilitate the judging process, please **do not** include any personal information, for example, your name and email address, on the individual essay pages (on the optional cover page is fine).

- b. A detailed resume outlining academic achievements, work experience, volunteer work, and extracurricular activities.
- c. Two (2) brief letters of reference (including current contact information for each reference). The resume and letters of reference may be in paragraph, chart, bullet point, etc., format. **NOTE:** The two reference letters do not have to be from a past or current secondary school teacher; you may also consider, for example, the parent(s) of children you babysit, neighbours that you help out, a leader in the sport(s) you participate in, a lifelong family friend who knows you very well, or your supervisor at a past or present after-school job.

- d. Your secondary school academic transcript. (Photocopies, phone screenshots or scans of transcripts are sufficient as they will not be returned.) **NOTE:** We understand that the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted how you are attending secondary school and may also impact the required procurement of your academic transcript. Therefore, we will accept the academic transcript that you *last received* from your secondary school.
  - e. A photocopy, phone screenshot, or scan of offer(s) of admission to a post-secondary institution(s).
5. You may enter one essay for each topic; however, one person cannot be awarded more than one scholarship. Duplicate and incomplete submissions will not be considered. If you are submitting an essay for each topic, only *one* application is required. All application materials must be submitted in one email. (Email submissions will receive **a one-time** confirmation.) Submissions can be individual PDFs or Word documents, or one file, for example, a single PDF. **NOTE:** Please do not submit your documents as links.
  - 6) All answers must be submitted in English. Answers in other languages will not be read or considered.
  - 7) All contact information including the applicant's names and email address, etc., will be removed from all documentation presented to the judges; however, per 4. a. above, we ask that you **do not** include personal information on the individual essay pages (on the optional cover page is fine).
  - 8) **Only the four (4) scholarship award recipients will be contacted via telephone before June 1, 2021, concerning the status of their application. All other applicants will be contacted via email after June 1, 2021.**
  - 9) A scholarship award of \$5,000.00/not to exceed \$5,000.00 will be paid to each first-place award recipient and a scholarship award of \$2,500.00/not to exceed \$2,500.00 will be paid to each second-place award recipient prior to the start of the first semester of post-secondary studies.
  - 10) The decision of the judges is final and is not subject to an appeal.
  - 11) Please note that if any information provided by the applicant is determined by The Toronto Regional Real Estate Board (TRREB) to be inaccurate or misleading, TRREB may cancel or revoke any grant, if awarded, in its sole discretion and the applicant will be required to reimburse TRREB for the full amount of the grant, if paid.
  - 12) Recipients of the scholarship awards must agree to:
    - Sign a use and disclosure consent form, and/or provide consent via an email to:
      - Permit the use of their name/image/essay/secondary school name, etc., to be used for promotional purposes by TRREB, and
      - Freely participate in up to six (6) hours of promotional events on behalf of TRREB. **NOTE:** Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this requirement is currently suspended.



All application materials will be kept strictly confidential. The information provided in this application will be used by TRREB's judging panel to select the four (4) successful scholarship recipients.

Your phone number, mailing address and/or email may be used by TRREB to contact you. This information will not be shared, distributed or sold to any third party. Should you be awarded a scholarship, information from your application will be used in the media to publicize your win and the award.

**Essays will be judged on the following criteria:**

- Knowledge of the topic,
- Grammatical accuracy and organization of essay,
- Originality in approach and treatment of topic,
- Ability to establish a coherent, convincing response to the topic, and
- Adherence to format and length rules.

A minimum scoring standard is in effect. If this minimum standard is not met, TRREB has the right to not award any or all of the four (4) scholarships.

**Application Package Checklist**

- Completed Personal Information (Page 3) section of this application form
- Essay\* (**minimum 1500 words**, typed and double-spaced) with citations, if applicable (these are not included in the word count), in Word or PDF format
- Detailed resume
- Two reference letters
- Current academic transcript(s)\*\*
- Offer(s) of admission to post-secondary institution(s)\*\*

The completed application package must be **received via email before 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 26, 2021, to [scholarships@trebnet.com](mailto:scholarships@trebnet.com). All application materials must be submitted together. (Your email submission will receive one automatic reply confirmation.)**

**NOTE:** Please do not submit your documents as links.

**\*IMPORTANT NOTE:** Please ensure that your essay pages (except for the optional cover page) do not contain any personal information, such as name, email address, or address, etc.

\*\*Photocopies, phone screenshots or scans are sufficient.

***TRREB is not responsible for any submissions that are not received, whether confirmed or not.***

All scholarship enquiries should be directed to Christine Shallhorn at [cshallhorn@trebnet.net](mailto:cshallhorn@trebnet.net)