

TRREB: Seven Students Join Growing List of Scholarship Winners

TORONTO, ONTARIO, August 13, 2024 – The Toronto Regional Real Estate Board (TRREB) and its Member REALTOR® are supporting high school students pursuing post-secondary education with the TRREB Past President’s Scholarship. Since the 2007 inception of the program in, 73 deserving students have now received a total of \$264,500 to put towards realizing their dreams. Each student must write a compelling essay dealing with key issues in the real estate industry, and the winners can win one of two \$5,000 first-place, \$2,500 second-place, \$2,000 third-place, and \$1,500 fourth-place prizes.

“TRREB Member REALTORS® are helping to open doors beyond real estate. We’re empowering students to pursue their dreams with our Past President’s Scholarship. The longevity of this initiative is a testament to how the real estate industry truly cares about giving back and making a difference,” said TRREB President Jennifer Pearce.

Award-Winning Essays

The first-place winners are Tejiri Inikori and Dev Katyal. [Tejiri’s essay](#) addressed the challenges of housing affordability in the Greater Golden Horseshoe and the flexibility renting offers individuals and families. Tenji is heading to Queen’s University for their Kinesiology program. In [Dev’s essay](#), revisiting zoning, more purpose-built rentals, and providing support for vulnerable households are three solutions he proposed to tackle the housing affordability crisis. In the fall, Dev will study Computer Science at the University of Waterloo.

Daniel Tan and Jaden da Silva are the second-place winners. [Daniel’s essay](#) takes a deep dive into what’s needed to accommodate our growing population. Daniel is attending the University of Western Ontario for Computer Science and Ivey Business School in the fall. [Jaden’s essay](#) compares housing in Tokyo and Austria and how these regions address building more homes and affordability. Jaden has chosen to attend the University of Toronto and major in Neuroscience and Economics.

Our third-place winners are Elisa Gabriele and Ethan Berger. [Elisa’s essay](#) uncovers if the rental market is keeping up with the growing demand for housing. Elisa is heading to the University of Waterloo this fall for Architectural Engineering. [Ethan’s essay](#) looks at the government and their efforts to get more shovels in the ground. Ethan has a passion for animals and will attend the University of Guelph to study Animal Science.

The fourth-place award winner is Yulia Senyuk. [Yulia’s essay](#) highlights the rising cost of renting and the impact this is having on consumer debt. Yulia has enrolled in the Schulich School of Business at York University.

[Learn more](#) about TRREB’s Past President’s Scholarship, including more about the winners and when to apply for the 2025 scholarship program.

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