

# Past President's Scholarship 2026 Application Form

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

## Scholarship Overview

The Toronto Regional Real Estate Board's (TRREB) Past President's Scholarships are awarded annually to graduating secondary school students pursuing higher learning who show an interest in a field related to the real estate industry\* while possessing leadership qualities and community service experience and/or volunteerism.

## Scholarship Details

**Eight (8) Scholarships totalling \$22,000 are awarded annually.** Each of the two essay topics (see 4.a. below) may have a first-, second-, third- and fourth-place winner. The scholarships include:

- Two first-place awards of \$5,000 each,
- Two second-place awards of \$2,500 each,
- Two third-place awards of \$2,000 each, and
- Two fourth-place awards of \$1,500 each.

## Eligibility Requirements

1. This scholarship is applicable to **students currently in their final year at an Ontario secondary school** who are pursuing post-secondary education after graduation, for example, at a college, university, or trade school. Students must currently reside in the province of Ontario and be registered with a secondary school within the province of Ontario. 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@trreb.ca](mailto:scholarships@trreb.ca) before 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2026.**
3. Applicants must have a record of academic achievement, show an interest in a field related to the real estate industry (\*see 4.e. for details) and possess leadership qualities and community service experience and/or volunteerism.

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/maximum of 1800 words, typed and double-spaced) on one or both (see 5.) of the following topics:
    - i. Technology and innovation are rapidly transforming the real estate industry. How do you think emerging technologies (such as AI, virtual tours, or digital transactions) are changing the way people buy and sell homes in the GTA? Discuss both the opportunities and potential challenges.
    - ii. The housing market in the GTA affects more than just buyers and sellers—it impacts communities. In what ways has the current real estate landscape impacted local neighbourhoods, and how can REALTORS® and community members work together to promote more inclusive, sustainable neighbourhoods?
  - b. If applicable, citations must be present. The style of citation is your choice, for example, MLA, APA or Chicago. **NOTE:** Please ensure your essay meets the required 1500-word count minimum/1800-wordcount maximum) to avoid disqualification. The **word count includes** your personalized essay title and the main body text, including section titles, in-text citations and quotations. The word count does **not include** the i. or ii. essay topic questions, outline, tables, figures, footnotes, references, or works cited. After double-checking, adding your word-count total on your optional cover page or at the beginning or end of your essay is highly recommended.
  - c. To facilitate the judging process, please **do not include any personal information (e.g., your name, address, email address) on the individual essay pages** (on the optional cover page is fine).
  - d. A detailed **resume** in your choice of format outlining academic achievements, work experience, volunteer work, and extracurricular activities.
  - e. In a separate Word or PDF document, in three to five sentences, please **explain how your chosen post-secondary studies and career goals could impact the real estate industry in the future**. For example, whether you are planning to study medicine; engineering; geography; urban planning; law; a trade, such as plumbing or construction; graphic design; app development, etc., how might your studies and your career goals affect one or more of the following: future housing and neighbourhood design and/or development, the home buying and selling processes, or the advancement of the real estate profession.
  - f. Two (2) brief **letters of reference** (including current contact information for each reference) outlining why they feel that you are a good candidate to apply for this scholarship opportunity. **NOTE:** The two reference letters do not have to be from a past or current secondary school teacher. You may also consider, for example, neighbours that you help, a coach or leader in the

sport/s or club/s you participate in, a lifelong family friend who knows you very well, or your supervisor at a past or present part-time job.

g. Your secondary school academic **transcript**. (Phone screenshots, scans, etc., of the original transcripts are sufficient.) **NOTE:** We understand that public health concerns and March Break may impact the required procurement of your academic transcript; therefore, we will accept the academic transcript that you last received from your secondary school.

h. A phone screenshot, scan, PDF, etc., 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 to [scholarships@trreb.ca](mailto:scholarships@trreb.ca). Email submissions will receive a one-time confirmation. **NOTE: Submissions should be sent as individual Word or PDF documents and not as links or in one single PDF.**

6. All answers must be submitted in English. Answers in other languages will not be read or considered.

7. **ONLY the eight (8) scholarship award recipients will be contacted via telephone on June 5, 2026, or a few days prior, concerning the status of their application. All other applicants will be contacted via email after June 15, 2026.**

a. A scholarship award of \$5,000/not to exceed \$5,000 will be paid to each first-place award recipient, a scholarship award of \$2,500/not to exceed \$2,500 will be paid to each second-place award recipient, a scholarship award of \$2,000/not to exceed \$2,000 will be paid to each third-place award recipient, and a scholarship award of \$1,500/not to exceed \$1,500 will be paid to each fourth-place award recipient prior to the start of the first semester of post-secondary studies.

b. A minimum scoring standard is in effect. If this minimum standard is not met, TRREB has the right to not award one or more of the eight (8) scholarships.

8. The decisions of the judges are final and are not subject to an appeal.

9. Please note that if any information provided by the applicant is determined by The Toronto Regional Real Estate Board 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. Writing your essay with the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is prohibited.

10. Recipients of the scholarship awards must agree to:

a. Provide consent via an email to permit the use of their name/image/essay/post-secondary institution name, etc., to be used for promotional purposes by TRREB, and

b. Freely participate in up to six (6) hours of in-person or remote promotional events on behalf of TRREB. **NOTE:** Due to COVID-19 or seasonal health concerns, this time requirement may be shortened or suspended.

## 2026 PERSONAL INFORMATION

Although your social insurance number is not required to consider your application, we will request that you provide this information to TRREB if you are selected to receive the scholarship, at which time, TRREB will be required to report the award to the Canada Revenue Agency.

Please review the “Consent to collect, retain, and use my personal information” clause that follows. If you agree to TRREB using the information contained in your application form for the purposes set out in that clause, please sign and date the application form where indicated.

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First Name		Last Name	
_____			_____
Residence Address			City or Town
_____	_____	_____	_____
Province	Postal Code	Telephone Number	Personal Email Address
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Name of Secondary School			City or Town

Where did you hear of the scholarship?

- At my high school                       From a parent or friend                       Through the media
- SeekingScholarships.com                       ScholarshipsCanada.com                       GrantMe.ca
- BFCN                       Other \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify)

I am submitting essay Topic i. “The Impact of Techonology and Innovation on Real Estate”.

Word Count \_\_\_\_\_

I am submitting essay Topic ii. “The Current Housing Market in the GTA and Its Affect on Local Communities”. Word Count \_\_\_\_\_

*I hereby certify that the information I have provided in this application and in the enclosed documents is complete and true in all aspects. I am aware that if any of the information I have provided is determined by TRREB to be inaccurate or misleading in any way, the grant of any award to me may be revoked and cancelled by TRREB in its sole discretion. I understand that this scholarship, if awarded to me, will be paid only upon proof of acceptance at a post-secondary institution.*

**Consent to collect, retain, and use my personal information**

*I understand and hereby consent to TRREB collecting, retaining, and using the information provided in this application form for the purposes of:*

- *Considering me for a scholarship award, and*
- *TRREB announcing to its membership, staff, and the general public that I am a scholarship award winner, if that is the decision of the judging panel, and*
  - *for the promotional purposes of TRREB and of the Scholarship Program.*

*I further understand that if my application is accepted for a scholarship, I will be required to provide my social insurance number in order that I may receive the award, as this information will be required by TRREB for reporting the scholarship award to Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).*

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Student Name (Please Print)	Student Signature	Date
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Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print)	Signature	Date
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(If applicant is 17 years of age or younger)

All application materials will be kept strictly confidential; your application will be vetted for the eligibility requirements, and your essay will then be reviewed by TRREB’s judging panel to select the eight (8) successful scholarship recipients.

Your phone number, mailing address and email address will 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.

**NOTE:** Writing your essay with the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is prohibited.

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### **IMPORTANT: Application Package Checklist**

- Completed Personal Information (Page 4 and 5) section of this application form
- Essay/s (minimum 1500 words/1800 words maximum, typed and double-spaced) in individual Word or PDF documents (see 4.b. for important word-count information)
- Detailed resume (see 4.d.)
- Three to five sentences that explain how your chosen post-secondary studies and career goals could impact the real estate industry in the future (see 4.e. for details)
- Two reference letters (see 4.f.) Academic transcript (see 4.g.)
- Offer/s of admission to a post-secondary institution/s (see 4.h.)

The completed application package must be **received via email BEFORE 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, to [scholarships@trreb.ca](mailto:scholarships@trreb.ca)**. All application materials must be submitted together. Your email submission will receive one auto-reply confirmation..

**IMPORTANT NOTES:** To facilitate judging, submission documents should be sent as individual Word or PDF documents, and not as links or in a single PDF. Please ensure that your essay pages (except for the optional cover page) do not contain any personal information, such as your name, address, email address, etc.

All scholarship applications must be sent to [scholarships@trreb.ca](mailto:scholarships@trreb.ca)

All scholarship enquiries may be directed to Elvan T. Karatas at [Elvan.Karatas@trreb.ca](mailto:Elvan.Karatas@trreb.ca)