2008 CHFT Diversity Scholarship Application

CHFT recognizes that the strength of its membership is in the many cultures and identities represented within its co-ops. CHFT encourages applications from these diverse communities.

Our Goal

The purpose of the CHFT Diversity Scholarship is to recognize young people living in co-ops who are actively promoting diversity through work within their community. We want to help them with their post-secondary education by providing them with award money, credit counseling and employment services.

This year we have 10 scholarships available for young people entering their first year of college or university. In addition, we will be awarding the **Success Becomes You Scholarship**. This scholarship recognizes youth who are determined to succeed at the post- secondary level or in a skilled and who did not have the opportunity to finish high school due to family, financial or other circumstances.

Please fill out the application clearly. Your essay should be word processed. Remember to gather all the documents from their sources ahead of time.

Requirements

Applicants must:

- be living in a CHFT member co-op
- be planning to attend first year at a recognized, publicly funded, Canadian community college or university on a full-time basis in the 2008/2009 academic year
- have used their knowledge and understanding of diversity to make a positive contribution to their school and/or local community
- have a demonstrated financial need.

Part A

Personal Information

_____ _____ _____
First Name Initial Last Name

Gender: M F Date of Birth: _____/_____/_____
Day Month Year

(____)_____ (____)_____
Phone Number Alternate Phone Number

_____
E-mail Address

_____
Name of the CHFT member co-op you live in

_____
Home Address City

_____
High school you are graduating/have graduated from

_____
Post-secondary institution you plan to attend

Will you be attending first-year on a full-time basis? Yes No

Part B

Volunteer Activities

List the three most recent volunteer you participated in. Please highlight the community activities that promoted diversity.

Your role and responsibilities	Organization/team	Amount of time spent (hours)
1.		
2.		
3.		

Essay

On a separate piece of paper

In one page (250-500 words) please write about your most enriching role or the role in which you assumed a position of leadership. Please detail your experiences and describe how your activities promoted diversity.

Part C

Financial Situation

Please fill in the chart below as accurately as possible. It should reflect any expenses and income sources for the upcoming academic year. Remember you are calculating for the entire year

Expenses Please answer each category with a corresponding amount then total the amounts.	**Income Sources** Please list the amount and then total the amounts.
Housing *(housing charge)*	Personal Savings
Travel *(car/public transit/other):*	Student Loans/Grants
Tuition & Fees	Awards & Bursaries
Books & Supplies:	Family Contribution
Personal Expenses *(e.g. personal care items)*:	Employment Income
Other *(please specify):*	Other *(please specify):*

Expenses Total **$_____**

Income Total **$_____**

Part D

References

Please provide two written reference letters. The letters should be one page in length and single-spaced. One letter must be from a teacher, guidance counselor or administrator from your school and be typewritten on school letterhead. Both should illustrate your character, community contributions and the likelihood of your future success.

Part E

Resume and Transcript

1. Each applicant must provide an up-to-date employment resume.

2. Each applicant must provide an up-to-date academic transcript.

Part F

Consent and Declaration

I certify that the above information has been honestly and accurately completed. I understand that any false or incomplete information may invalidate my application.

I, _____ agree that:

1. Scholarship decisions may only be made by the Co-operative Housing Federation of Toronto and that those decisions are final.
2. Scholarship funds will only be granted to me if I am enrolled full-time in a publicly-funded Canadian college or university for the upcoming academic year.
3. If I am successful my name and photograph will be published.
4. I will participate in CHFT functions if attendance is requested.

_____	_____
Applicant's name (please print)	Applicant's signature
_____	_____
Parent/guardian's signature	Date

Keep In Mind

Application Deadline: **Tuesday, February 19, 2008, 4:00 P.M.**

If you are selected, you will be asked to come in for an interview a few weeks after the application deadline.

We will forward the scholarship funds to successful recipients by Sunday, August 31, 2008

Please double check the tuition payment deadline dates for the school you plan to attend. They may be before Sunday, August 31, 2008.

A Last Minute Checklist

I have filled out the application form completely.

I have signed and dated the application.

I have also enclosed
an up-to-date employment resume, and
an up-to-date academic transcript.

I have provided 2 reference letters, one from my school on letterhead.

The application needs to be mailed in time for the deadline:
Tuesday, February 19th, 2008.

Otherwise, I will come in person by:
Tuesday, February 19th, 2008, 4:00 P.M.

Please remember, we will not process any incomplete, late or faxed applications.

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