



## **2012 CHFT Diversity Scholarship Application**

### **Deadline: Thursday, February 9, 2012**

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 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.

### **The Scholarships**

You could be eligible for scholarships in any of these different categories.

We will award scholarships to students graduating from high school and entering college or university. We also offer scholarships for students who are currently enrolled in college or university undergraduate program or are returning to college or university after a break to complete an undergraduate program.

There are other named scholarships awarded to those people who have shown exceptional leadership in their school and community or taken an active role in mentoring young people or demonstrated a commitment to social justice.

We will award two *Success Becomes You Scholarships*. This scholarship recognizes people who are determined to succeed at the post-secondary level or in a skilled trade and who did not have the opportunity to finish their schooling due to family, financial or other circumstances including being a sole support parent.

## Eligibility

Applicants must

- be living in a CHFT member co-op
- be planning to attend a publicly funded, Canadian community college or university or approved apprentice training program on a full-time basis in the 2012/2013 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.

Please fill out the application clearly. Your essay should be word processed. Remember to gather all the required documents from their sources ahead of time. Before completing this application, please contact **Angela Calderone at 416 465-8688, extension 206 to make sure you are eligible.**

Here is how the scholarship is distributed if you are entering first year.

### **Four year program**

*First year \$2,000, second year \$1,000, third year 1,000, fourth year \$1,000*

### **Three year program**

*First year \$2,000, second year \$1,000, third year \$1,000*

### **Two year program**

*First year \$2,000, second year \$1,000*

Centennial College, George Brown College, Humber College, Ontario College of Art and Design, Ryerson University, Seneca College, University of Toronto and York University provide additional scholarship money to CHFT Diversity Scholarship winners. These scholarships average \$3,000 per student.

### **If you are already attending college or university -**

The scholarship is pro-rated for your undergraduate program. For example, someone part way through a program would be funded for the remaining years of that program.

Students will have to show us

- they are already registered full time
- a transcript showing passing marks for the program
- accounts with the college or university are up to date.



## Education

### In September 2012

(Please check off which year you will be in)

Will you be enrolled in college 1st\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_or 3rd year \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be enrolled in university 1st \_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_or 4th year \_\_\_

Apprentice program 1st\_\_\_ 2nd year\_\_\_

What is the name of the high school you are graduating or have graduated from

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In which year will you graduate or did you graduate?

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Post-secondary institution you plan to attend

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If you are already in a college or a university program,  
please provide your student number

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Was your education interrupted?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, for \_\_\_\_\_ years between high school and post-secondary

# **Part B**

## **Volunteer Activities**

**On a separate sheet of paper** please list the three most recent activities you participated in that promoted diversity.

Please include

- the name of the organization
- a detailed description of each activity
- your role and responsibilities
- the start and end dates and hours per week, for example,  
January 2011 - June 2011, 3 hours per week

## **Essay**

**On a separate piece of paper** please write a short essay (500 words and word processed) on the following subject. No handwritten essays will be accepted.

“What are the benefits of volunteering and promoting diversity within your communities?”

# 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 year. Remember you are calculating for the entire year and not just the school year.

### Expenses

Housing	\$ _____
Travel (car, public transit)	\$ _____
Tuition and fees	\$ _____
Books and supplies	\$ _____
Personal expenses (personal care items, etc.)	\$ _____
Other (please specify)	\$ _____
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

### Income

Personal savings	\$ _____
Student loans or grants	\$ _____
Awards and bursaries	\$ _____
Family contribution	\$ _____
Employment income	\$ _____
Other (please specify)	\$ _____
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

## **Part D**

### **References**

Please provide two written reference letters. The letters should be no more than one page in length and single-spaced.

If you are graduating from high school, one letter must be from a teacher, guidance counselor or administrator from your school and on school letterhead.

If you are part way through your college or university program, one letter should be from an instructor or professor on letterhead.

If you are returning to school after an interruption, your letters could be from your co-op co-ordinator, or an employer.

Both letters should illustrate your character, community contributions and the likelihood of your future academic success.

## **Part E**

### **Resume and Transcript**

1. Please provide an up-to-date employment resume.
2. Please provide an up-to-date academic transcript.

# Part F

## Consent and Declaration

I certify that this application has been honestly and accurately completed. I understand that any false or incomplete information may cancel 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 or approved apprentice training program 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)

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Applicant's signature

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Parent/guardian's signature  
(If under 18 years old.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Keep In Mind

Application deadline: **Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 4:00 P.M.**

You may be asked to come in for an interview a few weeks after the application deadline.

## **A Last Minute Checklist**

\_\_\_\_\_ I have filled out the application form completely.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have signed and dated the application.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have enclosed an up-to-date employment resume

\_\_\_\_\_ I have also enclosed 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:

**Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Otherwise, I will come in person by:

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



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