



2022 Application Guide

FOR

CENTRAL CLEARVIEW AND NORTH MULMUR STUDENTS

UP TO \$20,000

payable up to \$5,000/year for 4 years

Submission Deadline : **May 2, 2022 Midnight**

Send with all mandatory files to: scholarship@raysscholarships.com

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RAYS 2022 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDE

Application for University Bound Students

Welcome to the RAYS Scholarship application process. The purpose of this Guide is to provide an overview of the mandatory components of the Scholarship Application. Note: the Application itself is a separate document – it's the one you must complete.

If you have any questions about any of the content in this document or the application please contact Barbara Lemaire, Chair, RAYS Scholarship Selection Committee at scholarship@raysscholarships.com.

RAYS SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year community members, dedicated to supporting post-secondary education for local youth, commit to fund university scholarships. The number of scholarships and the individual value vary from year to year. The 2022 RAYS Scholarship has a potential value of \$20,000, payable over a four-year course of study to a maximum amount of \$5,000 per year (subject to academic re-qualification each year as described below). Each RAYS student is offered a Mentor who assists and supports the student, as needed, through each year of university.

Scholarship payments are made twice yearly – up to one half the annual value on September 1st and the remainder by the end of that same year on December 31st. Continued awards are contingent on the recipient maintaining an overall university academic average of 65% in year one, 70% in year two and 75% in years three and four.

The recipient of a RAYS Scholarship may accept other scholarships, bursaries, or awards, but must disclose these as part of this scholarship application process. Recipients will be required to sign a letter agreeing to the terms and conditions of the scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To qualify for a RAYS Scholarship a student must meet all of the following criteria:

- The student must be entering first year at a publicly funded University in Canada.
- The student must be currently attending, or have graduated within the last year, from Stayner CI, Collingwood CI, Our Lady of the Bay Catholic HS, or Centre Dufferin District HS, Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School.
- The student must be a resident within the boundaries identified on the map on Page 5 of this application. Broadly speaking the catchment area encompasses the central part of Clearview Township and the north-central part of Mulmur Township. The western boundary is Highway 124 from Poplar Sideroad south to the Clearview-Mulmur border and then follows the Mulmur-Melancthon Townline to Mulmur 20th Sideroad. The northeastern boundary is Highway 26 from Poplar Sideroad south to Nottawasaga Sideroad 27/28 then east to County Road 7. The eastern boundary is County Road 7 at the north end continuing south to Highway 26 and then east to County Road 10 following it south to Concession 2 and then west to Centre Line Road and its continuation as Mulmur Tosorontio Townline. The southern border is the Mulmur 20th Sideroad/River Road to the western and eastern boundaries as described above. (see enclosed map).
- This area is chosen based on the geographic location of the scholarship donors and an effort to focus on those students who would see Creemore as part of their regular activities. Any student who resides just outside this catchment area, or is concerned whether they are inside the boundaries, should contact the Scholarship Committee through the Chair Barbara Lemaire at barbaraac3@gmail.com to determine whether they would qualify for consideration.
- The student must have a minimum 80% average in Grade 12, based on College or University preparatory courses (initial evaluation will be conducted on the basis of final Grade 12 marks, if Grade 12 has been completed, or on Grade 12 first term final marks and second term interim marks, with the latter to be confirmed at the end of the school year).

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Components of Application

- A personal essay (of approximately 500 words) telling us about yourself and highlighting important aspects of your journey to high school graduation and your aspirations for university and beyond.
- A RAYS Scholarship Application with all sections completed including the Educational Funding Form.
- Letters (2) of recommendation: a) one from a teacher, principal, or guidance counsellor, with his/her telephone number b) one from an employer, volunteer organization or a character reference (non-family), who has known you for at least two years with his/her telephone number. **Only one reference letter may be from a teacher.**
- Proof of academic achievement that includes all of: first term Grade 12 final marks, second term interim marks and an Ontario Student Transcript.
- A University acceptance letter.
- An Ontario Student Assistance Plan (OSAP) printout in exactly the most current format available with no changes made on your part. Financial need is one of the most important criteria for allocating the RAYS Scholarship and all of the information included in the OSAP template is required so that we can accurately measure applicant need. The OSAP Aid Estimator can be found at: <https://osap.gov.on.ca/AidEstimatorWeb/enterapp/enter.xhtml>

SELECTION CRITERIA

The successful scholarship recipient(s) will be chosen on the basis of the following criteria:

Financial Need – this a very important part of the application for RAYS Scholarship. We wish to give ~~to~~ assistance to students who might otherwise struggle to pursue post-secondary education in the absence of our scholarship. We assess financial need based upon the information submitted to OSAP and our understanding of the costs of your post-secondary education.

Funding Initiative – it is expected that our scholarship applicants contribute to the cost of their post-secondary education. Many recipients have been saving for many years. Some have support from family. Others are not able to make a contribution as their work earnings have been used to support family expenses. The Educational Funding Form and Work Experience Forms are used to evaluate this criterion.

Academic Achievement – our applicants have performed very well in high school. The minimum average in Grade 12 is 80%.

Leadership and Community Support – we look for applicants who have demonstrated the ability to manage the demands of school while making a contribution to their community – either at school or more broadly. You have the opportunity to tell us about your activities. The Community Leadership – Volunteer Experience Form is used to evaluate this criterion.

Essay – RAYS wants to understand, as much as possible, the full context of each student’s situation and aspirations as they impact your desire to attend university. Tell us about yourself and any opportunities for growth and leadership development you have undertaken while at secondary school and how these might connect to your post-secondary aspirations and program choices. We would like to understand the challenges you may face in achieving your aspirations and any obstacles you have overcome during the high school years to accomplish your goals. This might include any unique family circumstances, the family’s need to pay for your other siblings’ post-secondary education, significant efforts to balance school work against other interests or obligations and the contributions that others have made to help you get to where you are today.

Interview – members of the Scholarship Selection Committee will interview a shortlist of applicants for the RAYS Scholarship. The primary objective of the interview is to learn more about the details provided in the applicant’s submission and assess their maturity and preparedness for post-secondary education.

SUBMISSION

Applications are to be submitted by Midnight May 2, 2022

- via email to scholarship@raysscholarships.com with the Subject Title - RAYS Application 2022 _____ (your name)
- all mandatory components should be included within the one email. Do not send several emails with the various components.

Use the checklist of components included in the application.

DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETION and SUBMISSION OF THIS APPLICATION:

- Download Acrobat Reader to complete the form. You can download the program here. Important note: the form will not save when opened in a web browser.
- Please use a phone with a scanner app or a printer with scanning function to upload any letters or additional documents.

Please refer to your Guidance Department for assistance with this process.

NEXT STEPS IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS

The Scholarship Selection Committee reviews all applications. Each applicant will be notified whether they have qualified for an interview. Interviews will be scheduled thereafter. Successful applicant(s) will be notified of the **conditional** scholarship award in late May 2022. The Scholarship Selection Committee will perform any due diligence on the conditional scholarship recipient(s). The Committee will, at their sole discretion, verify any information in the successful conditional applications including financial need, other financial support such as scholarships or tuition waivers, and contact references or employers and volunteer organizations.



SAMPLE FOR APPLICANT REFERENCE ONLY

OSAP: Aid Estimator

Your Estimate

OSAP 2022 Aid Estimator

Your estimate

This is an estimate only. The actual amount of OSAP you can get will be determined when you apply online – it may be a different amount and a different mix of grants and loans.

New estimate

Grants (you keep)

\$9,200

+

Loan (you repay)

\$7,100

=

Total

\$16,300

You could get FREE tuition

You may be eligible for free tuition because your grants (you don't repay) are more than your estimated tuition costs of \$6,760.

Loan: paying it back

Find out what your monthly loan payments will be when you leave school.

Repayment calculator

Your costs and information

These are the estimated costs and information you provided, which were used to calculate your estimate.

Tuition and education costs (estimated)

Tuition:	\$ 6,760
Compulsory fees:	\$ 1,076
Books, supplies and other costs:	\$ 1,600
Travel and living allowances:	\$ 9,936
Total estimated costs:	\$19,372

School, personal and financial information

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY – ARTS (GENERAL/HONOURS)

Sep 01/20 – Apr 27/2021

2 term program

Entering year 1 of 4

Bachelor

34 weeks long

Current status: None of the above statements applies to me (Example: You are a single high school student, with no dependent children)

Permanent disability: No

Last attended high school full-time: June, 2022

Do you want to self-identify as an indigenous person: No

Living with parent(s) during study period: No

Value of scholarships, bursaries and/or awards during your study period: \$0

Have Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP): No

RRSP value: \$0

Other assets value: \$0

Parents' marital status: Divorced

Parents' dependent children (including yourself): 3