

## **Whitby and Brooklin Secondary School Bursary**

### **Rotary Recognizes Results: \$750 Could be yours!**

The Rotary Club of Whitby places high value on literacy, post-secondary education, community service, truth, fairness and goodwill. In support of these values, the club is offering a \$750 bursary to Town of Whitby and Brooklin graduating secondary school students. This award recognizes the “whole” student based on several criteria including: community involvement, school involvement, extra-curricular activities/part-time employment, and overall life achievements.

#### Applicant Eligibility for Consideration:

All students who feel they meet the criteria outlined in the purpose, are from any of the eight (8) Whitby/Brooklin high schools and planning to attend an accredited post-secondary education are eligible to apply. Students applying for this bursary must be actively attending one of the Whitby/Brooklin secondary schools, have accepted admission to an accredited College or University in Canada at time of award and be starting their studies in the fall of their graduating year. Each of the eight (8) Whitby/Brooklin secondary schools has the opportunity to have an unlimited number of applicants.

#### Format of Application:

Student participants submit directly to the Rotary Club of Whitby a package including:

- a personal information form,
- resume,
- recommendation of support from a teacher, guidance counsellor or administrator and
- an original written essay

The written essay, of 800 to 1000 words, must be the applicant’s original thoughts and written by the applicant in the applicant’s own words. The focus of this essay would be on an individual’s demonstration of leadership and volunteerism in the community. Examples of volunteer experiences through the thoughtful responses to the following questions would create the story:

- Why did you participate in volunteering?
- What effect has giving back to the community had on you?
- Why do you think that you are a good candidate for this bursary?
- What skills gained from volunteering do you foresee you will use in the future?

The complete package is to be submitted to:  
**[bursary@rotarywhitby.org](mailto:bursary@rotarywhitby.org)**

### Selection:

A panel of judges will:

1. Review the submitted packages
2. Notify and interview selected candidates
3. Make recommendation of selected finalists to the Rotary Club of Whitby Board of Directors for final approval

One student from each of the eight (8) schools will be eligible to be a Rotary Club of Whitby bursary recipient.

### Dates:

**Completed Applications Due:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020

**Personal Interview:** Weeks of April 20 to April 30, 2020

**Confirmation of Post-Secondary Acceptance:** When available

**Recommendation and Board Final Decision:** May 14, 2020

**Student and school notification:** Week of May 19, 2020

### Financial Distribution

Each student prize winner will receive \$750. The funds provided to the student will be presented at their commencement exercise.

### Judging Criteria

The judges will be selected from the Rotary Club of Whitby. A rubric will be set up as to the criteria and weighting of the various components as described in the personal information form, resume, references, essay and interview. The key elements include: community service, volunteering, school involvement, extra-curricular activities/part-time employment, recommendation letter, leadership skills and overall achievements. A minimum score will be required to be recommended as a prize recipient.

*The children of Rotary Club of Whitby club members will not be eligible to participate.*

For further information: **[bursary@rotarywhitby.org](mailto:bursary@rotarywhitby.org)**