

Blue Eyes Big Heart Scholarship Application

The Blue Eyes, Big Heart Scholarship was created in memory of a remarkable young man named Joshua Alderton who tragically passed away in a car accident on July 25, 2013. Josh had a larger than life personality and a passion for volunteering. His charitable spirit truly knew no bounds and this scholarship is intended to help people who have been affected by domestic violence pursue their educational goals. Josh was dedicated to breaking the chain of violence in his own community and we believe that by helping women and children affected by domestic violence pursue higher education we can carry on his legacy.

Scholarship Guidelines

Please review these guidelines prior to completing the application form.

Eligibility:

To be considered for the award you must be

1. A resident Canadian Citizen or landed immigrant
2. Have significant financial need as demonstrated by the application and supporting documents.
3. Have been affected by domestic violence and be actively working to break the chain of violence.
4. Applications must be received in the Foundation office by **4 pm May 24th** of any year. If May 24th is a weekend day the deadline is extended to the following Tuesday. Late applications cannot be considered.

The scholarship is awarded on the understanding that the funds will be used to cover the cost of enrolment in an educational programme or the materials required to complete academic upgrading.

As of January 2014, the scholarship is valued at \$750.00.

Application Process:

1. All applicants are required to complete in full the scholarship application form and include all the required documents as listed. The completed application and supporting documents must be sent or delivered to:

Sarnia Community Foundation, 110-560 Exmouth Street, Sarnia ON N7T 5P5

2. A letter acknowledging the receipt of the completed application will be sent.
3. All applications that include the requested material and that meet the guidelines as outlined above are forwarded for consideration to the fund holder and/or BEBH Scholarship Committee
4. A meeting with the Scholarship committee may be required.
5. Successful applicants will be informed in writing with payment to follow and should be available for photos, interviews or any other promotional activities as arranged by the scholarship committee.
6. The decision of the Committee is final. Those applicants that are declined are informed in writing.

For more information contact the Executive Director
Phone: 519 332 2588 E-mail: ed@sarniacommunityfoundation.ca

The Sarnia Community Foundation has a privacy policy that protects personal information. Any personal information requested on this application will only be used to assist with the assessment of the application. A copy of the application form and supporting documents may be kept for audit purposes.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

Postal Code _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Signature of applicant _____

PLEASE NOTE: By signing the application the applicant gives SCF permission to publish their name should they be the recipient. All other information will remain confidential.

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED

- Evidence of residency in Lambton County or Chatham Kent

This could be a copy of a driver's license, lease agreement or bill

- TWO letters of recommendation

These must be written on your behalf by someone other than a family member or relative. One should be from an individual qualified to speak on your situation. The second should be from someone who has knowledge of your community involvement and service.

- An essay of up to 1000 words on how domestic violence has affected you and how you

hope to break the chain of violence in your life

Please Note:

Should you be selected as the scholarship recipient you will be required to provide the Foundation with your full legal name, date of birth and your Social Insurance Number .This information is required for audit purposes at the Foundation and will only be used as required by the distribution of scholarship funds.

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FILE # _____ DATE RECEIVED _____ APPLICATION COMPLETE _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SENT (date) _____ APPROVED _____ DECLINED _____

Application Information

1. What programme of studies are you planning to take or what are you already enrolled in.

2. Describe what led you to choose this field of study

3. Describe the volunteer positions you have held, including the length of time served.

4. Please describe how, with the competing pressures of school and family life, you plan or currently balance work and fun?

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Declaration:

I certify that the information in this application is true and accurate.

I acknowledge and accept that should my application be successful that the funds will be used for the purposes outlined in this application and for no other purpose, unless permission is sought and obtained in writing in advance from the Sarnia Community Foundation.

Signature of applicant named on page2

Date