

## ***Blue Eyes Big Heart Scholarship Application***

***The Blue Eyes, Big Heart Scholarship*** was created in memory of Joshua Alderton, a remarkable young man 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 the 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 24<sup>th</sup>** of any year. If May 24<sup>th</sup> 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 2021, the scholarship is valued at \$900.00.

#### ***Application Process:***

1. All applicants are required to complete 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 or email 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 BEBH Scholarship Committee
4. The committee recommendation is sent to the SCF board whose decision is final. Those applicants that are declined are informed in writing
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 Foundation

For more information, contact the SCF Grants and Scholarship Administrator

Phone: 519 332 2588 E-mail: [office@sarniacommunityfoundation.ca](mailto:office@sarniacommunityfoundation.ca)

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**Name

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Address

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Postal Code

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Telephone

Email

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**Signature of applicant****PLEASE NOTE:**

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.

Should the application be successful, SCF will require the recipient to provide express consent to publish their name and photograph in print or on social media managed by SCF. Exceptions may be made under certain circumstances. This will be confirmed by SCF in writing at the time of presentation. All other information will remain confidential.

All Scholarship recipients are required to provide the Foundation with their full legal name and Social Insurance Number. This information is required for audit purposes and the issuing of a T4A as required by law.

**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. Out of territory residents may be considered depending on the volume of local applications
- 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

**Application Information**

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

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

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

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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.**

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Signature of applicant named on page 2

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Date