2027 PHCHF Diversity Scholarship Application

Deadline: Wednesday, March 24, 2027 at 4:00 PM

PHCHF recognizes that the strength of our membership is reflected in the many cultures and identities represented within our co-ops. PHCHF encourages applications from these diverse communities.

Our Goal

The purpose of the PHCHF 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 financial assistance.

The Scholarships

You could be eligible for a scholarship if you are going to attend a publicly funded Canadian college, university or approved apprenticeship-training program. We offer scholarships for students who are just graduating from high school, are currently enrolled in a post-secondary program, or are returning to school after a break to complete an undergraduate program.

We have special scholarships awarded to individuals who have shown exceptional leadership in their school and community, taken an active role in mentoring young people, or have demonstrated a commitment to social justice.

Scholarships are $6000 distributed over four years.

Eligibility – Applicants Must

- live in a PHCHF member co-op (please visit our website: https://co-ophousingpeel-halton.coop/contact/find-a-co-op/ to confirm your co-op is on our membership list)
- have already applied to a recognized, publicly funded, Canadian, post-secondary education institution – community college, university or approved apprenticeship-training program – on a full-time or part-time basis in the 2027/2028 academic year
- have used their knowledge and understanding of diversity to make a positive contribution to their school and/or local community

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 or part-time
- a transcript, showing passing marks for the program
- complete a "Proof of living in a co-op" form provided by PHCHF. (We will contact students once applications are received.)

We accept applications from graduate students.

Important information

- fill out the application clearly
- gather all required documents from their sources ahead of time
- please attach supporting documents as PDFs.

Please contact us at info@phchf.com if you have any questions.

PHCHF is committed to accessibility for all. If you require this form in a different format, please contact us at info@phchf.com or by phone at 905-823-2667 to discuss your needs.

Part A

Personal Information

First Name	Initial

Last Name	Date of Birth Day / Month / Year
	/ /

Preferred pronouns

Phone Number
( )

E-mail Address

Name of the co-op you live in **Please note: The co-op must be a member of Peel/Halton Co-operative Housing Federation**

Home Street Address **Please complete the unit # if applicable**	Unit #

City	Postal Code

Are you a member of your co-op?	Are you a Director of your co-op?
(Yes) (No) **Please circle one**	(Yes) (No) **Please circle one**

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Secondary Contact Information * **mandatory**	
Name	Relationship
Phone Number	Email Address
( )	

*** Personal Information is collected for the purpose of determining eligibility for the PHCHF Diversity Scholarship. Personal information is kept secure and access to applicants' personal information is limited to those staff, and in rare cases, volunteers, who need it to carry out their duties. Questions about how personal information is handled at PHCHF may be directed to Sophie Taylor, PHCHF's Executive Director. ***

Part B	
Education / Work	
In September 2027 **Please write in which year you will be in**	
College: What year will you be enrolled in September 2027? (For example, 1, 2, 3, 4, etc.)	University: What year will you be enrolled in September 2027? (For example, 1, 2, 3, 4, etc.)
Apprentice Program: What year will you be enrolled in September 2027? 1 or 2?	
What program are you enrolled in or plan to enroll in?	
What is the name of the high school you are graduating from or have graduated from?	
High school graduation year	
What post-secondary institution do you plan to attend?	
If you are already in a college or a university program, please provide your student number.	

How did you hear about the scholarship? Please select one:

- ☐ Previous winner
- ☐ Co-op bulletin board
- ☐ PHCHF newsletter
- ☐ Word of mouth
- ☐ Social media
- ☐ Email
- ☐ Other

Part C

Volunteer Activities

Please provide a detailed description of each volunteer activity, including:

- Date or dates of activity
- Names of three other people involved
- Name and contact info of one activity leader who can confirm your participation
- How you contributed specifically
- One thing you learned from the experience

It is **mandatory** to list 3 activities, within the past 4 years.

Please attach a separate page and type your response.

Activity 1

What was the name of your organization?	What was your role there?

Start date	End date	# of hours per week

Please provide a detailed description of each activity, including name and contact info of one activity leader who can confirm your participation, how you contributed specifically, one thing you learned from the experience.

Please attach a separate page and type your response.

Activity 2

What was the name of your organization?	What was your role there?

Start date	End date	# of hours per week

Please provide a detailed description of each activity, including name and contact info of one activity leader who can confirm your participation, how you contributed specifically, one thing you learned from the experience.

Please attach a separate page and type your response.

Activity 3

What was the name of your organization?	What was your role there?

Start date	End date	# of hours per week

Please provide a detailed description of each activity, including name and contact info of one activity leader who can confirm your participation, how you contributed specifically, one thing you learned from the experience.

Please attach a separate page and type your response.

Part D

Essay

This essay has three parts. You must answer all three parts. Your answer must be typed on a separate page and attached to your application. Your answer must be no fewer than 500 words and no more than 750 words

You will find reading materials here on our website to assist with this portion of the application.

Your answer must be no fewer than 500 words and no more than 750 words.

1. Tell us one thing your school or your housing co-op has done related to any one or more of the concepts covered in the reading materials linked above. Include details like dates, times, locations, attendance numbers, and so on.
2. In your opinion, was the initiative described in paragraph 1 successful or not successful? Why do you have that opinion?
3. If you were on your co-op board or on the student council of your school, describe one thing you'd like to do that you think would increase diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging. Use specific details that relate to your co-op or board.

Answers will be assessed on:

- How well you incorporate the reading materials
- How well you follow instructions
- How much specific detail you include
- How you link your observations to your own life

*** We understand that many people use generative AI to answer essay questions. We prefer that you write original material that reflects your circumstances and your thinking. If, however, you choose to use AI to answer this question, please describe how you used it and why you used it. ***
No, I did not use AI.
Yes, I did use AI. Explain further below.

Part E

Financial Situation

Please fill in the chart below with approximate amounts. Include all of your expenses and income sources for the upcoming academic year, not including the diversity scholarship. Please remember, you are calculating for the entire year and not just the school year. **Misrepresentation of your financial situation will result in your application being disqualified.**

Expenses	
Housing	$
Travel (car, public transit)	$
Tuition and fees	$
Books and supplies	$
Other (please specify)	$
Total expenses	$
Income	
Personal Savings	$
Student loans or grants	$
Awards and bursaries	$
Family contribution	$
Employment income	$
Other (please specify)	$
Total income	$

Part F

Transcript Please attach your transcript as a scanned document.

Part G

Consent and Declaration

I certify that the above information is accurate and complete. I understand that any false or incomplete information may cancel my application.

I, _____ agree that:

1. Scholarship decisions may only be made by the Peel/Halton Co-operative Housing Federation and that these decisions are final.
2. Scholarship funds will only be granted to me if I am enrolled full-time or part-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 on the PHCHF website.
4. I will participate in PHCHF functions if attendance is requested.
5. By attending a PHCHF event I consent to having my photo taken and allowing it to be used to promote the PHCHF Diversity Scholarship, including on social media and PHCHF's website.

_____ _____

Applicant's name (please print) **Applicant's signature**

_____ _____

Parent/guardian's signature (if under 18 years old) **Date**

A Last-Minute Checklist

- I have filled out the application form completely and truthfully
- I have signed and dated the application
- I have also attached an up-to-date academic transcript
- I have attached supporting documents as PDFs
- The application can be
  - completed online
  - mailed in to 217-2155 Leanne Blvd, Mississauga, ON L5K 2K8

Keep in Mind…

The application deadline is **Wednesday, March 24, 2027 at 4:00 PM**. **We strictly adhere to this deadline. Late applications will not be processed.**

1. You may be contacted to attend an in-person interview.
2. If you are invited to an interview, you will be asked to provide your banking information to process payment and SIN for tax purposes.

We will not process any incomplete, late or faxed applications.

You are not eligible to reapply if you have already won a PHCHF Diversity Scholarship.

There is no minimum or maximum age to apply.

If your co-op falls out of membership at any time, you will not be eligible for any funds.

PHCHF DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

Peel/Halton Co-operative Housing Federation

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The PHCHF Diversity Scholarship program is a project of the Peel/Halton Co-operative Housing Federation and the CHFT Charitable Fund.