

100 John West Way Aurora, Ontario L4G 6J1 (905) 727-3123 aurora.ca Town of Aurora John West Memorial "Leaders of Tomorrow" Scholarship Award

### Purpose

The Town of Aurora believes in recognizing our Leaders of Tomorrow, who have made a positive impact in our community and inspire and give us hope for the future.

### Criteria

Application forms for the John West Memorial "Leaders of Tomorrow" Scholarship Award must be accompanied by a letter detailing the individual's contribution to the community, which may include areas such as; education, health, fundraising, charitable and voluntary services, business, sports, arts, the environment or any other area that contributes to the advancement and well-being of our community.

Applicants will be evaluated on one or more of the follow:

- Demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities
- Involvement in worthwhile community service
- Volunteer commitment, giving back to our community
- Acting as an inspirational role model for the Aurora community
- Demonstrated excellence in personal achievements
- Individuals who are committed to making life better for others
- Have performed an act of heroism or bravery
- Contributed while living with a disability

# Eligibility

- Graduating Secondary Student;
- Acceptance in Post-Secondary Education or Equivalent in September; and
- Aurora Resident OR Attend Secondary School in Aurora.

The Town of Aurora will accept applications for the John West Memorial "Leaders of Tomorrow" Scholarship Award by May 1 of each calendar year with supporting documents submitted no later than June 15 of each calendar year.

Scholarships will be presented after July 1 of each calendar year (the exact date to be announced on an annual basis).

The John West Memorial "Leaders of Tomorrow" Scholarship Award will honour the achievements of senior students are residents of or attend school in the Town of Aurora, to help pay for post-secondary education. Each year, up to two (2) scholarships

will be presented to students entering their first year of full-time study at college, university, or equivalent.

Each scholarship has a value of \$1,000.00.

# **Rules and Regulations**

\$1,000 will be allocated in year one of the students' program.

Applicants must be registered and accepted at a college, university, or equivalent.

### In order to qualify for the scholarship, students must:

- Submit a completed application form with supporting documentation. Please submit copies only, as application materials will not be returned.
- The application deadline is May 1 of each calendar year (applications must be received by May 1; however, all other supporting material/documents must be received by end of the business day on June 15).
- The Recipient of the Award will be contacted by July 1 of each calendar year.
- Once students are accepted at the post-secondary institution of their choice, they must supply the Town of Aurora with a copy of their Acceptance Letter. Applications will not be processed without this document.
- Recipients of this Award will be selected by a Town of Aurora committee. Selection is based on the outline criteria.
- All applicants must authorize the release of any information relating to their application to the Town of Aurora John West Memorial "Leaders of Tomorrow" Scholarship Award. Information may be requested from Secondary Schools, Colleges, Universities, Government, or Community Sources. The information resulting from such a request may be used for the scholarship program publicity or promotion purposes.
- Application forms must be accompanied by a letter written by the individual, detailing their contribution to the community, which may include areas such as education, health, fundraising, charitable and voluntary services, business, sports, arts, the environment or any other area that contributes to the advancement and well-being of our community and a description of why they are a "Leader of Tomorrow".

### **Application Form**

First Name and Last Name:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Date of Birth:

Address:

Postal Code:

City/Town:

Name of School:

School Address:

School Number:

Board of Education:

Has a University/College Application been made: YES NO

Has a University/College Application been accepted: YES NO

Name of University/College accepted:

School Support Letter From:

Community Support Letter From:

How Did You Learn About This Award:

Personal Contribution Letter Attached (Mandatory): YES NO

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- Contributed while living with a disability

Using the criteria described above, please provide information on your involvement in Aurora. Tell us why you should be selected for the John West Memorial "Leaders of Tomorrow" Scholarship Award. Please be specific using dates and details outlining your contribution(s), please only include experiences in the last four years. Please attach additional pages if required.

# **Application Form**

Describe how you have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities.

Describe your involvement in worthwhile community service.

List your volunteer commitments and how you are giving back to the Aurora community. Must include start dates, end dates and total hours.

How have you acted as an inspirational role model for the Aurora Community?

Describe how you have demonstrated excellence in personal achievements.

Describe how you have committed to making life better for others.

If you have performed an act of heroism or bravery, describe your actions and the effect on others. Please include any supporting materials (e.g. photos, news articles, etc.).

If applicable, describe how you have contributed to the community while living with a disability.

Please note, for an application to be considered, it must have all applicable sections filled out and a personal contribution letter attached. Supporting documentation, including letters of reference, school acceptance letters, etc. can be submitted after the application deadline date of May 1 but not later than June 15.

The Town of Aurora is accepting applications for the John West Memorial "Leaders of Tomorrow" Scholarship Award, until May 1 of each calendar year. Supporting documents must be received by June 15 of each calendar year. The ceremony date will be announce after applications are received and reviewed. Recipients of this Award will be contacted by July 1.

Please return completed application forms no later than May 1 of each calendar year, to:

Town of Aurora Community Services Department c/p John West Memorial "Leaders of Tomorrow" Scholarship Award Attention: Youth Services 100 John West Way, Box 1000 Aurora, ON L4G 6J1

Or fax to 905-726-4734 or email to youth@aurora.ca.

If you have any questions, please contact Youth Services at 905-726-4760 or via email at <u>youth@aurora.ca</u>