

Bill Hill Scholarship Program

Program Overview

The County of Dufferin is pleased to present the Bill Hill Scholarship Program consisting of seven one-time \$2,500 scholarships. The program is intended to recognize outstanding Dufferin County students who will be pursuing post-secondary education and/or training.

An exciting new addition to the Bill Hill Scholarship program for 2021, is the addition of two more scholarships. The two additional scholarships aim to recognize two students; one Indigenous and another who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour (POC).

Scholarship Streams

Seven scholarship awards will be considered for students entering a university, college, or trade/apprentice program.

Program Stream

Scholarships will be awarded in the following five program areas:

- Science and Technology (includes Health Sciences, Engineering, and General science programs)
- Business and Social Sciences
- Agriculture and Environmental Studies
- Arts (Fine arts and Liberal arts)
- Skilled trades and applied training programs

Race & Ethnicity Stream

Two scholarships will be awarded to students who identify as:

- Black or a Person of Colour
- Indigenous/First Nations (Status, Non-Status), Métis or Inuit

Please note: Students who identify as Indigenous, Black, or a Person of Colour are strongly encouraged to apply.

Application Process

All applicants will be required to submit the following information:

- Completed application form
- 300-word essay
- Transcripts from Grade 11 and semester one of Grade 12
- Letter of Reference from a staff member of your current school
- Proof of admission to post-secondary institution or training program

Eligibility Criteria

All applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a resident of Dufferin County
- Be graduating high school the year of applying for the Bill Hill Scholarship Program, or the year previous (**not a requirement for the Agriculture stream - can be currently enrolled in post-secondary education**)
- Been accepted to a post-secondary institution or training program

Selection Process

Completed applications must be received by May 15, 2022. Applications will be reviewed by the selection committee. The selection committee will consist of two members from the County of Dufferin (Warden and Chair of the General Government Services Committee), a school board representative (rotating between boards/schools), a member from the Dufferin Arts Council (for the Arts stream), and a representative from the Dufferin County Canadian Black Association.

Successful applicants will be notified by no later than the end of May and invited to attend a meeting of County Council in June to be presented their award.

Please submit the following information to the County of Dufferin, Clerks Department, Edelbrock Centre, 30 Centre Street, Orangeville, ON L9W 2X1 or scholarship@dufferincounty.ca by May 15.

Application Information

Name:

Phone #:

E-mail:

Mailing Address:

High School:

Post-Secondary Program Name:

Future Post-secondary Institution:

Which scholarship stream are you applying to?
(Please select the stream that your post-secondary program falls under)

Program Stream

Science and Technology

Agriculture and Environmental Studies

Business and Social Sciences

Arts

Skilled Trade/Training Program

Race & Ethnicity Stream

Black or a Person of Colour

Indigenous/First Nations (Status, Non-Status), Métis or Inuit

Please note: If you are eligible for the Race & Ethnicity stream, please select options in both streams as your application will be considered for both the Program stream, as well as the Race & Ethnicity scholarship stream. Successful applicants will only be awarded one scholarship.

If you have chosen the Race & Ethnicity stream, please identify yourself below. Select all that apply:

South Asian

Caribbean

Southeast Asian

African

Latin American

Middle Eastern

Indigenous

First Nations

Métis

Inuit

Other – Please Specify:

Part 1: Short Essay

Please attach a short essay of approximately 300 words that answers the following questions:

- Do you feel your chosen field is important in Dufferin County?
- How do you believe you could give back to your community using the skills learned?

Part 2: Short Answer Questions

Please use additional pages if necessary.

Community Service (school involvement, i.e. Student Council, and/or community volunteering)
Please list your most important (no more than four) and indicate the # of hours per week over the past 2 years.*Please note this excludes any paid activities.

Activities/Skills/Talents (sports, music, jobs, etc...)
Please list up to three and describe your involvement.

Awards/Recognition/Accomplishments

Please list up to three and describe why you are proud of these achievements.

How did you hear about the Bill Hill Scholarship Program?

Social media

Family

School
Announcement

Word of Mouth

Guidance
Councillor

Other:

Personal Information contained on this form is collected under the authority of Part II, Section (1)(e) of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used only to ascertain eligibility for a Scholarship. For questions, please contact the Clerk at 519-941-2816 x2504 or 30 Centre Street, Orangeville ON L9W 2X1.