



Tom Leon Student Bursary



Description

The Tom Leon Charitable Foundation established the Tom Leon Student Bursary for graduates of a TCDSB Secondary School in order to help defray the cost of post-secondary school education for students that require financial assistance. In 2024, this bursary will be awarded to four graduating students who require financial assistance in order to pursue post-secondary studies at an accredited institution. This may include a university, college or other program of study. Each award in the amount of \$5,000 is designated to help defray tuition costs.

Criteria

Selection of the successful candidates will be based on the following criteria:

- Contributions to the school and/or community that reflect Catholic values;
- Financial need and/or personal challenges;
- Volunteer work within the school or community;
- Contribution and involvement in extra-curricular activities;
- Academic achievements; and
- Evidence of acceptance into an accredited post-secondary institution.

Application Process

For each application this completed form should be accompanied by:

- A personal cover letter from the student outlining: contributions to the school and/or community that reflect Catholic values; financial need and/or other personal challenges or obstacles; contribution to extracurricular activities (sport teams, youth groups, student council); volunteer work within the school and/or community; academic efforts and achievements; the number of community hours accumulated;
- Letters of recommendation/reference: • One from school personnel (eg. teacher, school principal, department head, school chaplain, support staff etc.),
- One from a community member (employer, coach, community leader, etc.) and/or a pastoral reference from the school/parish priest.
- Letters should outline contributions made to school, community and parish, with additional information about financial need (details as appropriate), any personal challenge, and fortitude displayed in overcoming these challenges; and
- Confirmation/evidence of acceptance into an accredited post-secondary institution.

Selection Process

Successful candidates are approved by The Angel Foundation for Learning Board of Directors, on the recommendation of a review committee comprised of members from the TCDSB social work department. Successful candidates will be notified in early June. Please note award funds will be directly submitted to the university, college or program where the students will be attending.

Contact Person

For further information contact:

Iris.Martinez at 416.222.8282. ext. 2844 or iris.martinez@tcdsb.org.



Tom Leon Student Bursary Application Form



Applicant's Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Year / Month / Day

Email address: _____

Secondary School: _____

Post-Secondary Institution: _____

Program of Studies: _____

Parish you attend: _____

Permission is granted to publish the name and photos of the successful student on print and electronic media, including both internal and external publications and sites.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Principal's Name: _____ Signature: _____

Requirements: In order to be considered for this award include:

- ┌ the completed application form;
- ┌ a personal cover letter addressing as many of the criteria listed as possible including financial need, community service, personal challenges, as well as the impact of faith on your life;
- ┌ minimum of two letters of recommendation from two of the following: school principal or designate, employer, department head, chaplain, support staff, teacher, coach, community leader. This letter should include contributions made to school and community, information about financial need (details as appropriate), any personal challenge, and fortitude displayed in overcoming these challenges;
- ┌ confirmation/evidence of acceptance into an accredited post-secondary institution.

Email your completed application package as one PDF document if possible to:
angel.foundation@tcdsb.org, or mail to The Angel Foundation for Learning, CEC,
80 Sheppard Ave. East, Toronto, ON, M2N 6E8.

Application Due Date: Friday, April 26, 2024