



Andra Takacs Scholarship

University of Toronto

Part A: Application Form

Please complete the application in full and submit it by **March 25, 2011** to:

Andra Takacs Scholarship
c/o Beth Lebens, Admissions and Awards
University of Toronto
172 St. George Street
Toronto, Ontario M5R 0A3

Personal Information

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Name in Full

Complete Mailing Address

Street

City / Province

Postal Code

Telephone No

Email Address

School Name

Complete School Mailing Address: Street

City / Province

Postal Code

School Telephone

Principal's Name

Personal Statement: Please attach a separate sheet of paper.

Tell us about yourself.

What is your connection to the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Toronto? What do you do with your free time? Tell us about your hobbies, extracurricular activities, sports, community involvement, volunteer activities. What do you like about school? Why you would like to receive this scholarship?

Please also provide a brief statement explaining how you think you might finance your post-secondary (University or College) studies when the time comes. Feel free to describe any exceptional circumstances that might affect your ability to pay for your education.

Application Checklist: make sure you have completed each step in the application process!

- Complete the Personal Information section of the Application form in full
- Attach your Personal Statement
- Attach your Final Grade 7 report card and your midterm (January) Grade 8 report card
- Ask your parent or guardian to complete and sign the Consent Form
- Submit the signed Consent Form to your principal along with a copy of the Academic Report Form and the information sheet, for your principal or their designate to fill out.
- Ask three people who know you well to submit reference letters on your behalf. Give them the information sheet and a copy of Part D: Reference Form so they know where to send the letter and what the deadline is.

The University of Toronto respects your privacy. The information on this form is collected pursuant to section 2(14) of the University of Toronto Act, 1971. At all times it will be protected in Accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Date

Signature



Andra Takacs Scholarship University of Toronto Part B: Consent Form

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Applicant's Full Name

I hereby give permission to the Toronto District School Board/Toronto Catholic District School Board to release academic information regarding my child/ward to the University of Toronto and the Andra Takacs Scholarship selection committee. I also give permission to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Toronto to release information regarding my child/foster child to the Selection Committee. I understand this information will be kept confidential and will only be used to decide on the winner of the Andra Takacs Scholarship and for no other purpose.

Name of Parent /Guardian (Please Print)

Date

Signature of Parent Guardian

Home Telephone Number

Email Address

Note to Applicant/Parent/Guardian/Principal:

This completed and signed form should be presented to the Principal of the Applicant's school, along with a the Academic Report Form and the Information Sheet for Principals. The Principal or his/her designate must complete the Academic Report Form and submit it to the University of Toronto along with the signed Consent Form by the application deadline of **March 25, 2011**. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Lebens at 416-978-5387.

Deadline for submission of application and supporting documents is: **March 25, 2011**

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Andra Takacs Scholarship University of Toronto Part C: Academic Report Form

For Principals or their designate:

Please read the enclosed Information Sheet, *before* completing this Academic Report Form.

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Applicant's Full Name

The above student from your school has applied for the Andra Takacs Scholarship, which is awarded annually to Grade 8 students (one male, and one female).

School Name

Complete School Mailing Address: Street

City / Province

Postal Code

School Telephone

Email Address for school contact

Principal's Name

Name and position of designate completing this form

Eligibility

1) Is this applicant currently enrolled in Grade 8 in your school

Yes No

Initiative

2) Which of the following statements best characterizes the applicant?

- unwilling to try, fearful of failure
- willing to try but needs lots of encouragement
- is cautious at first but will try
- interested and open in entering into activities
- willing to take risks

Please provide additional comments

Academic Performance to Date

3) Which of the following statements best characterizes the academic performance to date of the applicant?

- below average
- average
- above average

Please provide additional comments

4) Which of the following statements best characterizes the applicant's ability to relate to others?

- withdrawn, shy, does not volunteer answers
- easy going, cooperative, takes direction well, volunteers answers
- generally cooperative, occasionally tests limits
- disruptive, argumentative

Please provide additional comments

Academic Potential

5) Please provide a short assessment of the applicant's potential; include scholastic aptitude, enthusiasm for learning and capacity for post-secondary education (college or university level).

Personal Information/Circumstances

6) How long has the applicant attended your school?

- Current academic year only
- Grades 7 and 8 only
- More than two years

7) Is this applicant's first language English? Yes No

8) Are you aware of any additional challenges this student faces that might affect his academic performance? If so, please explain.



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Participation

9) You are invited to provide any additional comments that might be helpful in assessing the applicant's suitability for this award, including information about the student's participation in the life of the school or community.

Date

Signature

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Andra Takacs Scholarship University of Toronto Part D: Reference Form

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Before completing this reference form, please read the information sheet.

This form can be completed by a parent/guardian. Big Brother/Big Sister, family friend, teacher, coach or other person who knows the applicant.

Applicant's Full Name

The above student has applied for the Andra Takacs Scholarship, which is awarded annually to Grade 8 students (one male, and one female).

You are invited to provide any comments you feel might be helpful in assessing the applicant's suitability for this award, including information regarding his/her academic performance, academic potential or activities in which he/she participates inside and/or outside school. Are you aware of any additional challenges this student faces that might affect his/her academic performance? If so, please explain.

All information, including references, will be kept confidential, and is for the use of the Selection Committee members only.

Please complete and sign this form and attach it to your letter of Reference.

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Name of Referee

Relationship to Applicant
(Parent/Guardian, Big Brother/Big Sister,
Teacher, Coach etc.)

Home Telephone Number

Email Address

Date

Signature of Referee



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INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS AND THEIR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Background:

The purpose of the Andra Takacs Scholarship is to encourage students to continue with their schooling after high school, by giving them academic and financial support. While the financial award will go to one male and one female student per year, the University of Toronto is committed to matching all applicants with university student mentors throughout their high school years.

Value of Award and Scholarship:

The award consists of a (one time) \$200 dollar prize and post-secondary tuition assistance of \$20,000 (\$5000 per year for four years), conditional upon satisfactory academic progress.

Award timing and terms:

The \$200 prize is given to the award recipients at their grade 8 graduation ceremony in June (subject to approval of the school principal). Post-secondary tuition assistance is provided at the time of enrolment and will be applied directly toward tuition fees and other academic expenses. The scholarship may be used at the University of Toronto or any other accredited post-secondary school approved by the University of Toronto, including those outside Toronto. It is up to you to finish high school and gain admission to an accredited post-secondary institution.

Who can apply?

- You must be in Grade 8
- Participating in a Big Brothers Big Sisters of Toronto program
- Interested in the scholarship and willing to work for it

Selection Procedure:

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Toronto has identified you as a potential winner. If you are interested in applying for the scholarship, please complete the application and do all the steps required to complete the application package.

What does your parent/guardian have to do?

You parent/guardian must sign a Consent Form authorizing release of information by your school and by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Toronto. This information will be kept confidential and will be used only to decide on the award recipient.

What does your school do?

You must present your signed Consent Form to your school along with the Academic Report Form for your school to fill out. Your Principal or teacher will fill out the form and send it to the University of Toronto as part of your application.

References:

You should ask three people who know you well to complete the Reference Form and provide letters of reference for you.

Who decides on the Winner?

A selection committee including people from the University of Toronto and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Toronto will decide on the award recipients. Unfortunately, only one male and one female applicant will be selected each year, but don't forget that the University will provide you with a mentor even if you are not selected as this year's award recipient; just be sure to apply.

If you have any questions please contact Beth Lebens at Admissions and Awards, University of Toronto at 416-978-5387 or beth.lebens@utoronto.ca

Remember, the deadline for the application and all supporting documents is March 25, 2011.



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Eligibility:

Candidates must be Grade 8 students participating in a Big Brothers Big Sisters of Toronto program.

Selection Procedure:

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Toronto identify students who are currently in Grade 8 and participating in programs offered by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Toronto. These students are notified about the scholarship and encouraged to apply. Each applicant is required to complete an application form; provide personal information and a personal statement, and submit copies of their grade 7 and grade 8 report cards. The parent/guardian is asked to sign a consent

form authorizing release of information by the student's school and by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Toronto. The applicant brings the signed **Consent Form** to you, as the school Principal, along with the **Academic Report Form**.

References:

Applicants are required to supply three additional letters of reference in support of their application.

What is required of School Principals?

You are asked to provide information about the present academic performance of the applicant and to provide an assessment of his/her academic potential. The selection committee is particularly interested to learn about what is special about this student and what may be preventing him/her from meeting his/her academic potential of post-secondary education. Please note: the scholarship can be used not only at the University of Toronto, but at any accredited post-secondary institution (college or university).

The role of the school in identifying suitable candidates for this award is obviously critical. We are asking you - or the student's home form teacher, as your designate - to complete the enclosed Academic Report Form and to return it to the University of Toronto by March 25, 2011

Selection Criteria:

- participating in a BBBST program
- currently enrolled in Grade 8
- demonstrated interest in the scholarship and willingness to work for it
- academic performance to date
- academic potential
- participation in life of school and/or community
- personal information and the consideration of social and economic hardship and risk of not pursuing post-secondary education due to insufficient support in the family environment.

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