

January 27, 2010

The Andra Takacs Scholarship

Please find enclosed information on an exciting Scholarship opportunity valued at **\$20,000**. You are eligible to apply for this scholarship through your involvement with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Toronto. You must be **currently in Grade 8 and matched** in our Original, School or Group program to be eligible.

The award consists of:

- ✓ a one-time prize of \$200 that will be awarded to the winners at their Grade 8 graduation ceremony (subject to consent by the school), and
- ✓ Post-secondary tuition assistance of \$20,000 (\$5,000 per year for up to four years), conditional upon satisfactory academic progress. These funds can be applied to any accredited post-secondary institution.

For the full application package and more information please go to our website www.bbbst.com and following the link "For Parents" then "Opportunities for Your Child".

Good luck!



Cathy Denyer

President

NOTE: DEADLINE of March 26, 2010

Please be sure to do the following things:

- ✓ Complete the Application Form.
- ✓ Return the completed application form, along with copies of your Gr. 7 and 8 report cards to the University of Toronto by March 26, 2010.
- ✓ Ask your parent/guardian to sign the consent form.
- ✓ Take the signed Consent Form, the attached Academic Report Form and the Information Sheet for Principals to your school Principal. Your Principal will send the completed Academic Report Form directly to the University of Toronto.
- ✓ Ask people to write letters in support of your application and provide them each with a reference package. You might ask a parent/guardian, your Big Brother /Big Sister, or other adults (a relative, coach, teacher) to be a reference. A person who acts as a reference for you should send the form directly to the University of Toronto.

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**INFORMATION FOR LITTLE BROTHERS & SISTERS
AND THEIR PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

BACKGROUND:

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

VALUE OF AWARD AND SCHOLARSHIP:

The award includes a (one-time) \$200 prize and post-secondary tuition assistance of \$20,000 (\$5,000 per year for up to four years). **Please note that the scholarship may be used not only at the University of Toronto, but at any accredited post-secondary school (college or university).** The University of Toronto will also help you, while you are in high school, by creating learning opportunities and matches with undergraduate students.

TIMING OF AWARD:

If you are selected, you will receive a \$200 prize, presented at your Gr.8 graduation ceremony in June (subject to approval by your principal). Once you finish high school and are accepted at a post-secondary school, the University of Toronto will apply the scholarship money directly toward your tuition fees and other academic expenses. The scholarship may be used at the University of Toronto or any other accredited post-secondary school (college or university), including those outside of Toronto. **It will be up to you to finish high school and to gain admission to a post-secondary school.**

WHO CAN APPLY?

You must be:

- ✓ In grade 8
- ✓ Actively matched by Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Toronto
- ✓ Interested in the scholarship and willing to work for it

WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO DO?

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Toronto has identified you as a potential winner.

If you are interested in applying for the scholarship, please complete the steps on the enclosed checklist. **Remember, the deadline for the University of Toronto to receive your application, your grade reports, school information and reference letters is March 26, 2010.**

WHAT DOES YOUR PARENT/GUARDIAN HAVE TO DO?

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Selection Committee by your school and by Big Brothers and Big Sisters. This information will be kept confidential and will be used only to decide on the award recipient.

WHAT DOES YOUR SCHOOL DO?

Your school will be asked to provide information about you by filling out a form. A copy of the form is attached to the Consent Form for you to take to your school.

WHO DECIDES ON THE WINNER?

A selection committee, including people from the University of Toronto and Big Brothers and Big Sisters, will decide on the award recipients. Unfortunately, only one Little Sister and one Little Brother each year will be selected as recipients of the Andra Takacs Scholarship. Please remember, though, that the University will match you with a mentor, even if you are not chosen as this year's award recipient; just be sure to apply.

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APPLICATION FORM

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, the information we collect will be protected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

School Name: _____

Address: _____

Principal's Name: _____

Please tell us about yourself, what you like about school and why you would like to receive this scholarship. Feel free to add information about your hobbies and activities inside and/or outside of school. (If you wish, you may use the other side of this paper.)

Please return this form, and copies of your Grade 7 & 8 Report Cards to:

Andra Takacs Scholarship
c/o Merike Remmel
Admissions & Awards
University of Toronto
315 Bloor Street West
Toronto, ON M5S 1A3
By March 26, 2010

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CONSENT FORM

Applicant's 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 and Big Sisters of Toronto to release information regarding my child/ward 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*)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Home Telephone Number

Email address

Thank you for your time and your support.

If you have any questions, please contact Merike Rimmel at 416-978-8345.

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**Please return this form, together with the Application Form,
to the University of Toronto by March 26, 2010.**

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INFORMATION SHEET FOR PRINCIPALS

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of the Andra Takacs Scholarship is to encourage and support post-secondary education for students who have demonstrated initiative and academic potential, through appropriate academic and financial support.

VALUE OF AWARD AND SCHOLARSHIP:

The award consists of a (one-time) \$200 prize and post-secondary tuition assistance of \$20,000 (\$5,000 per year for up to four years), conditional upon satisfactory academic progress. While in high school, the University of Toronto will create learning opportunities for the scholarship recipients, in consultation with the child's family, school and Big Brothers and Sisters of Toronto. These opportunities include matches with university students.

AWARD TERMS:

The \$200 prize is given to the award recipients at their Gr.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 (college or university), including those outside of Toronto. All applicants will be matched with a University of Toronto student mentor while they are in high school.

ELIGIBILITY:

Candidates must be Grade 8 students actively matched by the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Toronto.

SELECTION PROCEDURE:

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Toronto identify students who are currently in Grade 8 and participating in programs offered by Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Toronto. These students are notified about the scholarship and encouraged to apply. Each applicant is required to complete an application form, giving information about him/her, things s/he likes to do and what s/he likes about school, and to send the University copies of his/her report cards for Grade 7 & 8. The parent/guardian is asked to sign a consent form authorizing release of information by the student's school and by Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Toronto. The applicant brings the signed consent form to you, as the school Principal, along with the Academic Report Form.

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Additional letters of reference may be supplied in support of the application, including references from teachers, coaches and other adults. **The application and all supporting documents must reach the University of Toronto by March 26, 2010.**

The Scholarship Selection Committee includes Andra Takacs and representatives of the University of Toronto & Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Toronto. Each year, one female and one male student are selected as the recipients of The Andra Takacs Scholarship.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- ✓ Actively matched by Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Toronto
- ✓ 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

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF SCHOOL PRINCIPALS:

You are asked to provide information about the present academic performance of the applicant and to also 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 for post-secondary education. Please note, the scholarship may be used not only at the University of Toronto, but at any accredited post-secondary school (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 26, 2010.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Merike Rimmel at Admissions and Awards, University of Toronto, at 416-978-8345.

Thank you for your time and support!

ACADEMIC REPORT FORM

_____ has applied for the Andra Takacs Scholarship, which is given out annually to a Grade 8 student.

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

Applicant's Name: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

School Phone: _____

Principal's Name: _____

Email address: _____

Eligibility

1. Is the applicant currently enrolled in Grade 8 in your school? Yes ___ No ___

Initiative

2. Which one of the following statements best characterizes the applicant?

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

Please provide additional comments: _____

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Academic Performance To-date

3. Which one 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 one 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 co-operative, occasionally tests limits
- disruptive, argumentative

Please provide additional comments: _____

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REFERENCE FORM

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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 Name: _____

The above person has applied for the Andra Takacs Scholarship, which is given out annually to Grade 8 students (one male, and one female) actively matched by Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Toronto.

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

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 her/his 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.

The deadline for receipt of Reference Form is March 26th, 2010.

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Signature of reference:

Date:

Name of Reference (*please print*)

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

Home Telephone Number

Email address

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