



ONTARIO ASSOCIATION
OF PARAMEDIC CHIEFS

Canada 911 Ride Foundation Scholarship in Partnership with the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs

Purpose of the Scholarship Program

The Canada 911 Ride Foundation Scholarship Program has been established to support the children of Canada's emergency first responder community and to recognize the service, commitment, and sacrifice of those who serve, or have served, in police, fire, paramedic/EMS, and related public safety roles.

Through this scholarship program, the Canada 911 Ride Foundation seeks to assist eligible young people pursuing post-secondary education at an accredited institution. The program reflects the Foundation's ongoing commitment to honouring first responders, supporting their families, and giving back to the emergency services community.

The program also recognizes that service to the public often extends beyond the individual first responder and is shared by their families. By supporting post-secondary education, the Foundation seeks to make a meaningful contribution to the next generation while continuing to honour the values of service, sacrifice, remembrance, and community support that guide the Canada 911 Ride Foundation.

About the Scholarship

The scholarship is intended to recognize and support young individuals who demonstrate leadership, community spirit, and a strong commitment to civic responsibility.

Two (2) successful applicants will be awarded a scholarship of \$2500 each annually.

Funds will be disbursed in Canadian dollars and paid directly to the recipient's accredited post-secondary institution, whether it is a college, university, or recognized trade school.

If awarded a scholarship, the successful candidate must provide a photo to the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs for use at the upcoming Canada 911 Ride Foundation banquet.



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Eligibility Criteria Applicants must:

• At a minimum, each scholarship is open to applicants who meet the following eligibility requirements:

- The applicant must be the child of a paramedic whose parent is an employee, active duty or retired, of a Ontario Paramedic/EMS organization.
- The scholarship applicant must be 25 years of age or younger at the time the scholarship is awarded.
- Be entering or continuing studies at an accredited post-secondary institution.
- Have obtained an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, or equivalent.
- Provide proof of acceptance to an accredited post-secondary institution for the 2026 academic year.
- Maintain good academic standing.
- Be of good moral character and personal conduct.

Applicant Information

Full Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone Number _____

Parent or Guardian's Name _____

Parent or Guardian's Ministry of Health OASIS
Number _____

Education Information

Secondary School Attended _____

Year of Graduation _____

Post-Secondary Institution Accepted To

Program Name _____

Program Start Date _____



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Required Attachments Checklist

The following documents must be included with the application package in order to be considered:

- ☐ Proof of OSSD completion or equivalent
- ☐ Proof of acceptance to a post-secondary program, including college, university, or trade school
- ☐ A personal essay of no more than 500 words
- ☐ Letter of reference from a community member who can attest to the applicant's community service, leadership, or character
- ☐ Brief letter from one or both parents or guardians supporting the application

Essay Submission

Applicants are asked to submit a personal essay of no more than 500 words. The essay should address the following:

- Why do you believe you are a strong candidate for the Canada 911 Ride Foundation Scholarship in Partnership with the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs?
- How have you demonstrated leadership, resilience, service, or community involvement?
- What are your educational and career goals?
- How do your goals reflect values such as integrity, public service, community responsibility, or giving back?



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Essay Scoring Guide - Total: 40 Points

Category Criteria Score Range

Category	Criteria	Score Range
Strength of Candidacy	Clarity and persuasiveness of why the applicant believes they are a strong candidate for the scholarship.	0 to 10
Demonstrated Leadership, Resilience, or Community Service	Specific examples of leadership, resilience, overcoming adversity, volunteerism, or meaningful community engagement.	0 to 10
Alignment with Scholarship Values	How well the applicant's educational and career goals reflect integrity, public service, community responsibility, and giving back.	0 to 10
Writing Quality and Overall Impact	The essay is organized, clear, coherent, grammatically sound, and leaves a strong overall impression.	0 to 10

Scoring Guidance for Each Category

Score	Meaning
0 to 3	Weak response. Limited detail, unclear connection to the criteria, or little supporting evidence.
4 to 6	Adequate response. Addresses the criteria but may lack depth, specificity, or a strong personal connection.
7 to 8	Strong response. Clear, relevant, and supported by specific examples. Demonstrates good alignment with the scholarship purpose.
9 to 10	Exceptional response. Compelling, sincere, well supported, and strongly aligned with the values and legacy of the scholarship.

Submission Instructions

Please submit the completed application form and all required documents by email to:

x.d@oapc.ca



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Applications must be received no later than 11:59pm on Monday, July 24, 2026.

For questions, please contact the OAPC at the email address above

Applicant Declaration, Waiver, and Release of Liability

I declare that all information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that, if I am selected, the \$2500 scholarship will be paid directly to the post-secondary institution indicated in this application, in Canadian funds.

I acknowledge and agree that the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs retains full and sole discretion over the application review and scholarship selection process. All decisions made by the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs, including those of its scholarship selection committee, are final and are not subject to appeal or reconsideration.

I understand that the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs will base its decisions on its established criteria, and that submitting an application does not guarantee that I will receive the scholarship.

By submitting this application, I agree to release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs, its directors, officers, staff, volunteers, and members of the scholarship selection committee from any and all claims, demands, actions, or proceedings arising out of or relating to this scholarship application, the selection process, or the awarding or non-awarding of the scholarship.

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

Date _____

Parent or Guardian Ministry of Health OASIS Number
