

Donna Ifill Memorial Scholarship – Application Package

Post-secondary education can be life-changing, bringing new opportunities and well-being to individuals and their families. In honour of her service and commitment to youth and young people, North Park Worship Centre (NPWC) has established a scholarship fund in Donna Ifill's memory with the goal of providing support for individuals of Brampton to gain access to higher education.



North Park Worship Centre is awarding one scholarship valued at \$1000.

Application Deadline: June 21, 2026

Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- The applicant is enrolled full-time or part-time in a public or recognized private college, university, or trade program as evidenced by a Verification of Enrollment Form (or copy), timetable, or equivalent document demonstrating enrollment for their current or upcoming academic year.
 - Those entering their first year of post-secondary or in similar entry-level situations may need additional time after the deadline to obtain a document verifying their enrollment. These applicants may provide proof of acceptance until enrollment can be verified.
- The applicant is a resident of Brampton (their home address is a Brampton address).
- The applicant must be willing to provide a signed waiver and headshot photograph with their application permitting North Park Worship Centre to release their full name, program of study, and photo should they be awarded the scholarship. No additional information about the successful applicant(s) will be shared publicly without consent. **Applicants will also agree to pay back the scholarship if they withdraw** from the program in time to receive a tuition refund, prorated to the amount of tuition returned to the applicant.



Applicants will complete the application form, provide two letters of reference, (at least one letter should speak to their involvement in the community), a document that verifies their enrollment (Verification of Enrollment Form, timetable, or equivalent document), submit a signed waiver and headshot, and submit an essay response. Applicants will be able to obtain a package that provides an overview of the importance of each section of the application.

A selection committee will confidentially review the submissions and propose who shall receive the scholarship based upon criteria outlined in this document. Each application will be given pseudonyms and adjusted to be gender neutral in an attempt to increase fairness by the selection team.

The recipient will be awarded the money as a direct payment to their university/college/post-secondary institution towards the cost of tuition. In the event that the recipient has already fully paid their tuition, the award will be made directly to the recipient once proof is provided and confirmed.



Application Criteria

Each application should include the following:

Completed Application Form

Signed Waiver and Headshot Photo

Please submit a clear high-quality upper body photo against a simple background

Letter of Reference

TWO letters of reference should be submitted. **These letters should not be provided by an immediate family member** (parent/guardian, aunt/uncle, spouse, grandparent, child or similar). The purpose of these letters is to provide evidence that the applicant is of good character. In particular, traits needed for completion of post-secondary education: strong work ethic, persistence, self-discipline, independence, curiosity, and maturity etc. At least one letter should be from a community representative that can also speak to the applicant's involvement in the community.

The letter should be 1-2 pages single-spaced and should be addressed to the Selection Committee.

Proof of Enrollment

Proof of enrollment should be provided with the application. Proof of enrollment may include an official Enrollment Verification Form (or copy), a yearly timetable or an equivalent document demonstrating the applicant is enrolled in a post-secondary program for the semester/year.

Essay

An essay of approximately 500-750 words should be submitted on one of these three themes:

1. Describe your community involvement and how it has impacted you. This may include but is not restricted to volunteer work, participation in sports, social events or other extracurricular activities.
2. What lessons have you learned from being part of a community? Share personal stories that highlight growth, conflict, or moments of connection.
3. Where do you see yourself in five years? What are your goals for your education and the future?

Essays must be typewritten, in a standard font (Times New Roman, Arial, Calibri), size 12, double spaced. The essay will be scored based on grammar, formatting and content. Among the things we are looking for is evidence of self-reflection, growth, and future aspiration. The essay should have some form of introduction, body and conclusion.



Application Form

Date: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Current Home Mailing Address: _____

Name of Institution Attending: _____

Location of Institution (City, Province): _____

Name of Program and Program ID (if applicable): _____

Please Choose: This will be my first year of post-secondary Yes

I have already completed a year of post-secondary Yes

Full-time / Part-time: _____ Length of Program in Semesters or Years: _____

Start Date: _____ Expected End Date: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian (if applicant is 17 or younger): _____

Parent/Guardian's Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Submission Checklist:

- Application Form
- Letter of Reference 1
- Headshot Photo
- Essay
- Letter of Reference 2
- Proof of Enrollment*
- Signed Waiver

Failure to provide any of the required documents will render your application incomplete.

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*Applicants may provide proof of acceptance until enrollment can be verified.

Completed applications, or questions regarding the application process can be submitted to Kyrel Thompson either in person or via email at Kyrel.Thompson@northparkwc.org. A confirmation email will be provided acknowledging the submission of the application.



Waiver

Applicant signature for individuals over 18:

I _____ agree to the release of my name, program of study, and headshot photo as submitted with the application upon receipt of any scholarship funding from North Park Worship Centre. They may be used in any and all publications (both in print and online) which are publicly disseminated by North Park Worship Centre. In addition, I verify that the letter of reference was prepared by an individual who is not an immediate family member (e.g., spouse/partner, parent, child, grandparent, aunt, uncle or similar).

I also agree to pay back the scholarship should I withdraw from or otherwise leave my program in time to receive reimbursement from the institution.

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent/guardian for applicants who are younger than 18:

I _____, the parent/guardian of _____ agree to the release of my child’s name, program of study and headshot photo as a person in receipt of any scholarship funding from North Park Worship Centre. They may be used in any and all publications (both in print and online) which are publicly disseminated by North Park Worship Centre. In addition, I verify that the letter of reference was prepared by an individual who is not an immediate family member (e.g., spouse/partner, parent, child, grandparent, aunt, uncle or similar).

I also agree to pay back the scholarship should my child/person under my guardianship withdraw from or otherwise leave their program in time to receive reimbursement from the institution.

Signature of parent/guardian

Date