



Andra Takacs Scholarship University of Toronto

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. Candidates must demonstrate financial need.

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 accredited post-secondary school within Ontario that is approved by the University of Toronto. It is up to you to finish high school and gain admission to an accredited post-secondary institution within Ontario.

Who can apply?

- You must be in Grade 8
- Participating in a Big Brothers Big Sisters of Toronto (BBBST) program
- You must be in financial need and must be 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?

Your 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 Alexandra Gruber, Director of Service Delivery, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Toronto, at alexandra.gruber@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca

Remember, the deadline for the application and all supporting documents is March 1st, 2018.