



EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AWARD

Student Application Guidelines

DEADLINE: Friday, May 1st, 2026 at 4 pm

Purpose

To assist deserving graduating secondary school students who reside in communities served by South Muskoka Hospital Foundation (SMHF) and who wish to pursue post-secondary education in the area of Health Sciences. Two awards will be available, recognizing: 1. Volunteerism and 2. Academic achievement. In certain cases, financial need may be taken into account as a secondary criterion to decide between candidates of approximate equal achievement. Eligible secondary schools include Gravenhurst High School, Bracebridge and Muskoka Lakes Secondary School, and St. Dominic Catholic Secondary School. Successful applicants will be notified following the SMHF Annual General Meeting (AGM) in June of each year.

The foundation offers two student awards:

- Volunteerism Award
- Academic Achievement Award

Criteria for Selection of Candidates

1. The student must be graduating from Gravenhurst High School, Bracebridge and Muskoka Lakes Secondary School, and St. Dominic Catholic Secondary School in this year.
2. The student must be a resident of the catchment area served by the South Muskoka Hospital Foundation.
3. The student must have applied to a program offered by a recognized post-secondary institution in a health sciences field.
4. The student is required to submit the application form.
5. Provide a working transcript signed by an authorized school representative.
6. Letters of support and/or reference are required. (3 current)

Selection Process

The SMHF Board of Directors will appoint an Awards Committee each year and the Committee will make recommendations to the Board of Directors for final selection approval. Candidates will be evaluated anonymously against a pre-designed scoring format as approved by the current Awards Committee. The committee will recommend who will be awarded the volunteerism and academic achievement awards.

Award Value

The number and value of awards awarded each year will be at the discretion of the SMHF Board of Directors with recommendations from the Awards Committee and will be reviewed each year. **The minimum value of an individual award will be \$500, and the maximum will be \$2000.**

Award Presentation

Successful candidates will be contacted following the Board of Directors AGM. From the date of application, the recipient has twelve (12) months to submit proof of enrolment and payment in an applicable program, at which time the SMHF Foundation will prepare and deliver a cheque for the awarded amount.

Application Deadline

Applications must be received by the South Muskoka Hospital Foundation by 4 pm on Friday, May 1st, 2026

Forward all applications and inquiries to;
Hadley Priest, Fundraising Coordinator
75 Ann St. Bracebridge, Ontario P1L 2E4
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E: Hadley.priest@mahc.ca
W: healthmuskoka.ca



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Student Application Form

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Please complete the following. Additional pages may be attached if required.

General Contact Information

Table with 2 columns and 6 rows for contact information: Applicant First and Last Name, Date of Birth, Telephone Number, Email Address, Address, Present School Name & Anticipated Graduation Date.

- Two checkboxes for permission to contact supervisor and for SMHF to use photos in various media.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature of parent/guardian if under 18: _____

Academic Information

Table with 2 columns and 4 rows for academic information: Current Grade Average, Expected Post-Secondary School, Program of Study, Start Date.

Activities

List school activities/sports you have been involved in.

Large empty box for listing school activities and sports.

Volunteering

What volunteering have you done related to Health Sciences? What other volunteering (unpaid) have you done?

Leadership

How have you demonstrated Leadership?

Employment and/or Co-op

List part-time employment and/or co-op experience

Essay

Attach a brief essay of approximately 220 words on why you should receive an educational assistance award. If financial need is a factor please include an explanation in your essay.

Please attach three letters of reference.

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