

Tips for Promoting Scholarship Opportunities to your Workers

The OTA Education Foundation offers a unique opportunity for trucking related. Every year, the Foundation hands out thousands of dollars in post-secondary scholarships that are available **only to students who have parents who work in Ontario's trucking industry.**

Important Background Information

- Scholarship application forms are available at www.oteaef.com. Students can apply for **OTA Education Foundation Scholarships**, which are only available to students whose parents work in trucking, as well as **Endowed Scholarships**, which are named after the companies that endowed and established them. Encourage workers to check all of the Foundation's scholarship opportunities.
- The deadline for **OTA Education Foundation** and **Endowed** Scholarship applications is July 15th.

OTA Education Foundation Scholarships

- OTA Education Foundation Scholarship applications must be sponsored by a trucking company, or trucking industry service/supply company for which one of the applicants' parents work. The parent can be an employee or a full-time contractor (e.g., owner operator). The *Scholarship Sponsorship Form* must be signed by a senior company executive;
- Students must be enrolled in full-time studies at a recognized Canadian university or college, and must be 25 years of age or younger on January 1 of the year for which they are applying;
- Students can apply for a scholarship every year that they are enrolled in full-time post-secondary studies;
- Each university scholarship is worth \$1,500, and each college scholarships is worth \$1,000;
- Scholarship funds for successful applicants are sent to the colleges or universities that the students are attending to be credited against their student accounts;
- Students entering first year of post-secondary studies direct from high school are eligible to apply for the **J.O. Goodman**, **Bud Barr**, **George P. Ledson** (university) **and C.V Hoar** (college) scholarships. They can use the same application, but there are additional requirements. Details are contained in the *Scholarship Application Package*;
- The application changes each year. Make sure that students use the current year application package. The academic year is displayed on the package cover page and the top of the application form;
- Students need to arrange for **official** high-school or post-secondary transcripts to be sent **directly** to the Foundation from the school. Photo-copies are not acceptable, nor are report cards or copies of student marks posted on-line.

Endowed Scholarships

- Endowed Scholarship application forms are available for download from the OTA Education Foundation website;
- Each scholarship has unique eligibility and application criteria. Students are encouraged to review all of the scholarships to determine which are appropriate for them.
- There is no limit to how many scholarships students can apply for or receive.

What you can do

- Appoint someone in your organization to be the *point person* to answer employee questions, sign *Scholarship Sponsorship Forms*, and to make sure that workers are aware of the Foundation's scholarships;
- Copy and display the poster provided in your *Scholarship Promotion Kit* in areas where employees congregate;
- Enclose the envelope stuffers provided in your *Scholarship Promotion Kit* in pay envelopes periodically during the application period (April to June);
- Refer questions from employees, contractors or students to the OTA Education Foundation's e-mail address: info@otaef.com.

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