



## APPLICATION FORM

Application form should be completed online – <https://www.aurorachamber.on.ca/scholarship-program/>

Which program are you applying for (please select 1):

- Manufacturing
- Skilled Trades

### Personal Information

Full Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Date of Birth:

Gender (optional):

Race/Ethnicity:

Parent/Guardian Name(s):

Parent/Guardian Phone Number(s):

### Academic Information

High School Name:

Expected Graduation Date:

Achievement of Learning level: Transcripts to be provided

Learning Pathways completed / in progress:

- Specialist High Skills Major: \_\_\_\_\_ (which sector, trade)
- Co-Operative Education: \_\_\_\_\_ (which sector, trade)
- Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) \_\_\_\_\_ (which sector, trade)
- Accelerated OYAP \_\_\_\_\_ (which sector, trade)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (specify)
- N/A

Intended Pathway for Higher Education:

- College
- University
- Workplace Apprenticeship
- Other Certification: \_\_\_\_\_(provide details)

Intended Field of Study:

Name of Intended College/University/Academic or Trade School/Workplace:

### **Statement of Interest Questions:**

Please respond to the following questions. Your responses should be typed and no more than 500 words each or you can also provide a video response.

1. Describe your background, interest and future career goals?
2. Why are you interested in pursuing a career in manufacturing or skilled trades? What experiences have led you to this field of study?
3. Describe a challenge you have faced and how you overcame it. What did you learn from this experience?
4. Describe any extracurricular activities, work experiences, or other accomplishments that demonstrate your potential for success in the manufacturing or skilled trades industry.
5. How have you contributed to your community? What impact have you had on others?

### **Financial use of funds:**

1. How will this scholarship help you achieve your goals?

### **References**

Please provide the names and contact information for two individuals who can speak to your character, work ethic, and potential for success in the manufacturing or skilled trades fields. These can be teachers, coaches, employers, or other individuals who know you well. Please provide a written letter of recommendation from these contacts as well.

Reference #1

Name:

Relationship:

Phone Number:

Email:

Reference #2

Name:

Relationship:

Phone Number:

Email:

**Attachment Checklist:**

- Statement of Interest Responses
- High School Transcript
- Resume
- Two Reference Letters
- Video response (optional)

**Application Deadline:** May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 by 5:00 p.m. EST

Please email completed application and supporting documents/attachments to:  
[aurorachamber@aurorachamber.on.ca](mailto:aurorachamber@aurorachamber.on.ca)

\*Please enter your email address where you will be sending the documents/attachments from so we can follow-up if the documents are not received.

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**Certification**

By signing below, I certify that all information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:

Date:

**Consent:**

**Communication:**

Aurora Chamber of Commerce uses email and other means of electronic telecommunication to distribute information about the programs and activities. In accordance with Canada’s anti-spam legislation, we require your permission to communicate with you via email or other means of electronic telecommunications. By submitting this application, you are providing Aurora Chamber of Commerce with consent to communicate with you via electronic means of telecommunications. If, at

any time, you wish to revoke this consent, please state such intention in writing to Aurora Chamber of Commerce at [info@aurorachamber.on.ca](mailto:info@aurorachamber.on.ca).

- Yes, I authorize
- No, I decline

### **Permission to Use Photograph and Video**

I hereby grant to Aurora Chamber of Commerce, its representatives and employees, the right to take photographs and videos of me and hereby consent to the use of such photographs and/or videos, marketing and promotional materials, in print and/or electronically. I acknowledge and agree that Aurora Chamber of Commerce shall own all copyright such pictures and videos. I agree that Aurora Chamber of Commerce may use such photographs and videos with or without our names for any marketing and/or promotional activity, including without limitation its Website, newspaper advertisements and social media without any compensation being payable and without any additional consent or authorization from us.

- Yes, I authorize
- No, I decline

### **Instructions for completing the form:**

- **Personal Information:** Please provide your full legal name, mailing address, phone number, and email address.
- **Academic Information:** Please provide your current school name and address, as well as your most recent grades. Please attach a copy of your transcript.
- **Statement of Purpose or Video response:** In 500 words (or 5 minutes video), describe your background, interests, and future career goals. Explain why you are interested in pursuing a career in the manufacturing or skilled trades industry, and how this scholarship will help you achieve your goals.
- **Resume:** Please attach a copy of your resume that highlights your work experience, extracurricular activities, and community involvement.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Please provide two letters of recommendation from individuals who can speak to your character, work ethic, and potential for success in the manufacturing or skilled trades industries. These letters should come from non-family members, such as teachers, coaches, mentors, or employers.
- **Use of Financial Funds:** Please provide an overview of how this scholarship will help you with your career goals.
- **Signature:** By signing this application, you confirm that all information provided is accurate and that you agree to the terms and conditions of the scholarship program.

Please ensure that all application materials are complete and submitted by the deadline. Incomplete applications will not be considered. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the scholarship program coordinator.

### **Scholarship Program Goals:**

Our scholarship program has several goals, including:

- Supporting the next generation of leaders in the manufacturing sector and skilled trades.
- Providing financial support to students pursuing education and training in these fields.
- Encouraging diversity and inclusivity in the manufacturing sector and skilled trades.
- Promoting awareness and understanding of the importance of the manufacturing sector and skilled trades to our economy.

### **Scholarship Amount:**

Aurora chamber of Commerce will be offering two scholarships of \$5,000 each, one for Manufacturing and one for Skilled Trades.

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

To be eligible for our scholarship program, students must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a grade 12 high school senior who will be attending a college / university / academic or skilled trades program in the upcoming academic year or workplace apprenticeship program.
- Have a minimum overall grade of achievement of level 2 (65%+).
- Must be a permanent resident or Canadian citizen.
- Must be a student in an Aurora High School or a resident of Aurora, Ontario.
- Must be between the ages of 17-24 at the time of application.
- Show evidence of community involvement and leadership potential, such as volunteer work or extracurricular activities.
- Must answer questions that demonstrate their interest and commitment to their chosen field of study.
- Consideration will be given to students who are members of underrepresented groups in their field of study or who are pursuing high-demand occupations.

### **Evaluation Criteria:**

All Applications will be evaluated using the following rubrics:

- Academic achievement (25 points): The applicant's transcripts and reference letters are reviewed to assess their potential and ability to succeed in a program.
- Career goals and fit (25 points): The applicant's written / video response, work experience (including any jobs, internships, or apprenticeships they may have held in the manufacturing or skilled trades fields), recommendations, and other materials are evaluated to determine how well their career goals align with the goals of the scholarship program, and how likely they are to succeed in their chosen field.
- Financial resource use (10 points): The applicant's use of financial resources and any other relevant factors are considered to determine their use of scholarship funds.

- Extracurricular activities and community involvement (20 points): The applicant's involvement in extracurricular activities, volunteer or paid work and community service is evaluated to determine their leadership potential and commitment to giving back.
- Personal qualities and character (20 points): The applicant's personal qualities, including work ethic, leadership, and integrity, are evaluated to determine their potential to contribute to their field and society.
- A virtual interview will be scheduled by the Aurora Chamber of Commerce for the short-listed candidates the Week of May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Program Timeline:**

Our scholarship program timeline is as follows:

- Scholarship Launch: April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023
- Applications Intake: April 3<sup>rd</sup> – May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Application Review: May 8<sup>th</sup> – May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Decision: May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Notification to winners: May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Celebration Photo-Op: End of June at Aurora Chamber of Commerce