



The Oakville, Milton
and District Real Estate Board

2021 SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGE

OMDREB ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

PRESIDENT'S GREETING



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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in The Oakville, Milton and District Real Estate Board's (OMDREB) Annual Scholarship. It is my pleasure to provide the bright young minds of our local communities an opportunity to alleviate a small piece of the financial burden that comes with post-secondary education. Simultaneously, OMDREB's scholarship aims to play a role in raising awareness of issues that impact the lives of our family, friends, and community,

As a REALTOR®, I take great pride in assisting individuals and families with the biggest decision and transaction they will make in their lives: finding their dream home. REALTORS® are not just real estate professionals. They are neighbourhood experts, striving to become a cornerstone in the communities in which they live. Part of this service is charitable work, volunteerism, and giving back.

I am happy to say that for over 65 years, The Oakville, Milton and District Real Estate Board has assisted REALTORS® in extending this outreach by providing a vehicle for social responsibility. By participating in the REALTORS Care® Foundation, it enables OMDREB to support multiple local charities in addition to the annual President's Charity of Choice. This year, as President I have chosen Lighthouse for Grieving Children.

Thank you for choosing to participate in the OMDREB Annual Scholarship, and I look forward to your essays.

Lynn Hoffmann
2021 OMDREB President

ABOUT LIGHTHOUSE



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From the moment we're born, our families shape us.

Family is the place where trust first blossoms and is nurtured. Family is comfort. Family is home. But imagine what happens when a parent or sibling dies. How can life ever be the same?

It can't.

This loss dramatically changes a child's sense of self, sense of stability, and trust. Death's powerful impact is felt in all families, no matter their social status, education level, or culture. Unsupported or unresolved grief can sometimes even dismantle families or overshadow a childhood long-term. Grief needs time, space and support.

Lighthouse offers just that.

Since 1999, Lighthouse has been assisting children and their families at their most vulnerable. Lighthouse looks death in the eye, recognizes its impact, and gives healing time. That said, it's a place more about beginnings than endings, more about celebration than sorrow, more about bright futures than dark days of the past.

Lighthouse: guiding families on their journey to healing.

ABOUT THE OMDREB ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP



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OMDREB's Annual Scholarship provides students in our communities with an opportunity to demonstrate their drive and passion to excel both inside and outside of the classroom. Each year, four bright young students are rewarded for their innovative, thought-provoking submissions that demonstrate their understanding of the various challenges facing the Halton community by putting a spotlight on societal issues that affect us all.

This year, OMDREB's Annual Scholarship focus is in line with the 2021 President's Charity, which is Lighthouse For Grieving Children.

OMDREB would also like to acknowledge the Mayor of Oakville, Mr. Rob Burton and the Mayor of Milton, Mr. Gordon Krantz who have always taken time out of their schedule to attend our awards ceremony each year.

HOW DO I ENTER?



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APPLICATION INFORMATION:

In order to have your application considered, please submit your written essay using the following formatting guidelines:

- Minimum 1,000 to maximum 1,500 words, typed, double spaced.
- Use Calibri size 12 font.
- Have your margins set to 2.54 cm all around.
- Please ensure your submission is no longer than a maximum of 6 pages.

Four (4) scholarships will be awarded in 2021. Each winner will receive \$2,500.

ESSAY TOPICS

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APPLICANTS MAY CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ESSAY TOPICS:

Take a moment to reflect on the word “home”. What does it mean to you?

Please provide your thoughts on human connection and the pandemic.

Discuss the long-term effects of COVID-19 on society and/or housing.

Provide your thoughts on grief and COVID-19’s impact by selecting two to three of the following words below:

Reflect, Recover, Re-adjust, Safe Space, Support, Journey, Explore, Respect, Family, Communication.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING WITH YOUR SUBMISSION:

- Completed application package emailed to communications@omdreb.ca on or before May 7, 2021 by 4:30pm.
- Two brief letters of reference (including current contact information for each reference). *References cannot be from relatives.*
- Current academic transcript(s) from all secondary schools attended. Photocopies of transcripts are sufficient. *Please note transcripts will not be returned.*
- Proof of acceptance to post-secondary institution (which can be remitted when available).
- Written essay (Min. 1,000 to max. 1,500 words, typed, double spaced. Please use Calibri size 12 font and have your margins set to 2.54 cm all around. Maximum of 6 pages).
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THE FINE PRINT



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You may enter one essay per topic if you choose, however, each applicant cannot be awarded more than one scholarship. Only one application is required. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Group essay applications/submissions will not be accepted. Essay submissions must be made by an individual only.

All essays must be submitted in English.

It is the applicant's sole responsibility to ensure that there is no plagiarism or copyright infringement in the submitted essay(s). Plagiarized material will result in an automatic disqualification.

The OMDREB Annual Scholarship is open to graduating high school students residing locally and registered with a secondary school within OMDREB's jurisdiction, or whose parent is an active Member of OMDREB.

Essay submissions will be judged by an independent panel of judges.

Applicant and secondary school names will be removed from all essay submissions that are presented to the panel of judges.

Scholarship award recipients will be contacted by May 28, 2021 concerning the status of their submission.

AWARD INFORMATION

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A SCHOLARSHIP OF \$2,500 WILL BE AWARDED TO EACH WINNER AT A VIRTUAL PRESENTATION HOSTED BY THE OAKVILLE, MILTON AND DISTRICT REAL ESTATE BOARD ON JUNE 9, 2021.

The decision of the panel of judges is final and is not subject to an appeal.

Please note, if any information provided by the applicant is determined by OMDREB to be inaccurate or misleading, the submission will be disqualified.

OMDREB may cancel or revoke any awarded grant in it's sole discretion. The applicant will be required to reimburse the amount of the grant immediately.

All applications must be submitted electronically via email by 4:30 PM on May 7, 2021.

No late submissions will be considered.

**Send your submissions to:
communications@omdreb.ca**

APPLICATION CHECKLIST



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SUBMISSIONS WILL BE JUDGED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Knowledge of the topic
- Grammatical accuracy and organization of essay/content
- Originality in approach and treatment of topic
- Ability to establish a coherent, convincing response to the topic
- Adherence to format and length rules

MUST-HAVES

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Note: A minimum scoring standard is in effect. If this minimum standard is not met, The Oakville, Milton and District Real Estate Board reserves the right to not award any or all of the four (4) scholarships.