



2024 SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGE

OMDREB ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP



**The Oakville, Milton
and District Real Estate Board**

WELCOME

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in The Oakville, Milton and District Real Estate Board's (OMDREB) Annual Scholarship. Firstly, I'm thrilled to let you know that starting this year, OMDREB is increasing the scholarship bursary from \$2,500 to \$3,000 per winner. 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 pillar 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 nearly 70 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. This year, as President I have chosen to support a charity that is special to me: Shifra Homes Inc.

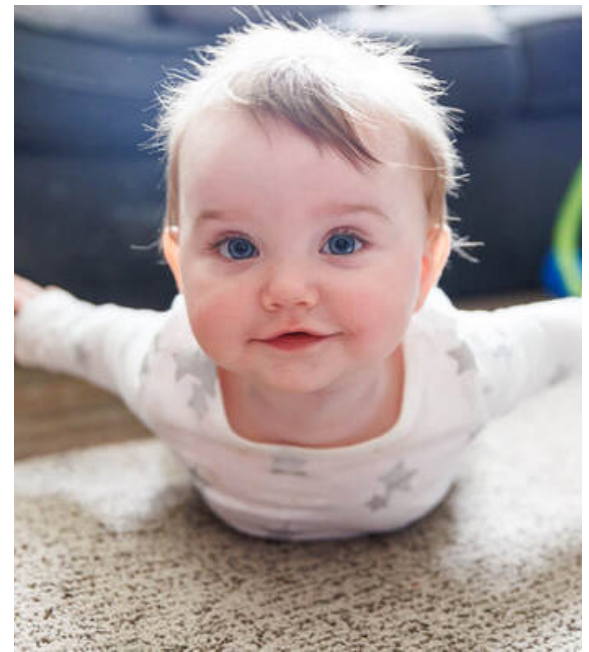
Thank you for choosing to participate in the OMDREB Annual Scholarship, and I look forward to reading your essay.

Anthony Danko
2024 OMDREB President



ABOUT

SHIFRA HOMES INC.



Shifra Homes Inc. is a maternity residence in the Region of Halton that assists young, homeless, pregnant women between the ages of 16 and 27.

Our mission at Shifra Homes Inc. is to ensure that we provide a safe haven for young, homeless, pregnant women. This includes creating an environment that promotes dignity while empowering these young women to become successful mothers and active community members by fostering hope and optimism. Our goal is to ensure that these young women receive the resources, training, support, and rehabilitation necessary to protect and nurture the development of a new life. We strive to secure a bright future for each mother and child we have the pleasure of nurturing, ensuring they never return to homelessness or poverty. Learn more about Shifra Homes Inc. by [clicking here.](#)



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OMDREB ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

OMDREB's Annual Scholarship provides students in our communities 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 reflects our 2024 President's Charity, which is the Shifra Homes Inc. Shifra Homes Inc. is a maternity residence in the Region of Halton that assists young, homeless, pregnant women between the ages of 16 and 27.

OMDREB would also like to acknowledge the Mayor of Oakville, Mr. Rob Burton and the Mayor of Milton, Mr. Gordon Krantz who have always supported our Scholarship Program.

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 2.54cm all around.
- Please ensure your submission is no longer than a maximum of 6 pages.

Four (4) scholarships will be awarded in 2024. Each winner will receive \$3,000.

Note: If at any stage you require accommodation, please let us know prior to the application deadline and we will work with you to support your accessibility needs.

TOPICS

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ESSAY TOPICS

- Halton's population could grow to four times its current rate over the next 25 years. As such, in order to meet housing needs by that time, there is a trend emerging of building multi-residential dwellings such as condominiums, rather than single-family homes, in order to maximize units on a piece of land. Is the idea/notion of the single-family home dying? If so, why and how?
- Much like most of the province, Halton continues to face an affordability housing crisis. What steps need to be taken to help correct the current crisis, and help make housing more affordable to individuals and families in Ontario?
- Does being young and homeless during pregnancy impact someone's access to shelters? If so, why and how? What are potential solutions?
- How might the unique barriers faced by homeless pregnant young mothers affect their children? What could be the longer term implications? What are the potential solutions?
- What does the future of housing affordability look like for your generation?



DETAILS

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Completed application package emailed to communications@omdreb.ca on or before Tuesday, April 30, 2024 by 11:59pm (all times are Eastern Time).
- Two brief letters of reference (including current contact information for each reference). References cannot be from relatives or guardians.
- Current academic transcript(s) from all secondary schools attended. Scans of transcripts are sufficient.
- Proof of acceptance to a post-secondary institution (which can be remitted when available).
- Written essay with a minimum 1,000 to maximum 1,500 words, typed, double spaced at a maximum of 6 pages. Please use Calibri size 12 font and have your margins set to 2.54cm all around.
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THE FINE PRINT

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, Artificial Intelligence (AI), or copyright infringement in the submitted essay(s). Plagiarized and AI generated material will result in an automatic disqualification which will be determined at OMDREB's sole discretion.

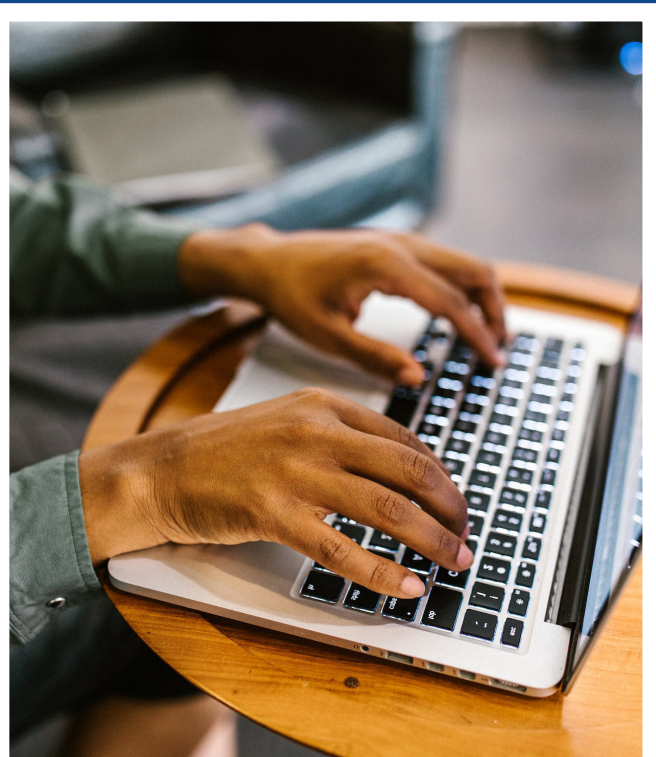
The OMDREB Annual Scholarship is open to graduating high school students residing locally and registered with a secondary school within **OMDREB's jurisdiction** ([found here](#)), or whose parent / guardian is a REALTOR® with The Oakville, Milton and District Real Estate Board.

Note: Applicants are ONLY eligible in their graduating year of high school, entering their first year of post-secondary.

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

All identifiers including 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 end of day Monday, June 3, 2024 concerning the status of their submission.



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AWARD INFORMATION

A SCHOLARSHIP OF \$3,000 WILL BE AWARDED TO EACH WINNER AT A PRESENTATION HOSTED BY THE OAKVILLE, MILTON AND DISTRICT REAL ESTATE BOARD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024.



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 its sole discretion. The applicant will be required to reimburse the amount of the grant immediately.

All applications must be submitted electronically via email by Tuesday, April 30, 2024 by 11:59pm.

No late submissions will be considered.

Send your submissions to: communications@omdreb.ca.



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APPLICATION CHECKLIST



SUBMISSIONS WILL BE JUDGED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Showing knowledge, analysis and perspective of the topic.
- Originality in approach and treatment of topic.
- Grammatical accuracy and organization of essay/content.
- Adherence to format and length rules.

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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.

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