



The Oakville, Milton
and District Real Estate Board

2022 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 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 of Choice. This year, as President I have chosen to support two charities that are special to me - the Canadian Mental Health Association, Halton Region Branch, and Callum Wallace's Flight For Hope.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kapoor".

Vishal Kapoor
2022 OMDREB President

ABOUT CMHA



**Canadian Mental
Health Association**
Halton Region Branch
Mental health for all

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If you need support to improve your wellness and quality of life...

If you want to learn more about mental health, addictions use, or community services...

If you are in crisis...

The Canadian Mental Health Association can help.

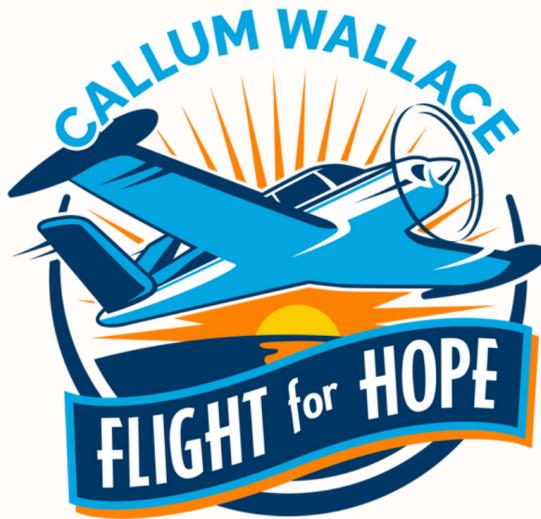
At CMHA Halton, we promote 'Mental Health for All' through services for people living with mental health and substance use concerns. Our community reaches out to us for support from our crisis services, virtual counselling, group therapy, peer support, and case management services. We are also active in health promotion and wellness groups.

We provide a wide range of in-person and virtual mental health programs to help our friends, families or caregivers, and neighbours to get the support they need to build resilience, enhance their coping skills, and live healthier lives.

Reach out. We can help.

For more Information, connect with us at info@cmhahrb.ca or 905-693-4270.

ABOUT FLIGHT FOR HOPE



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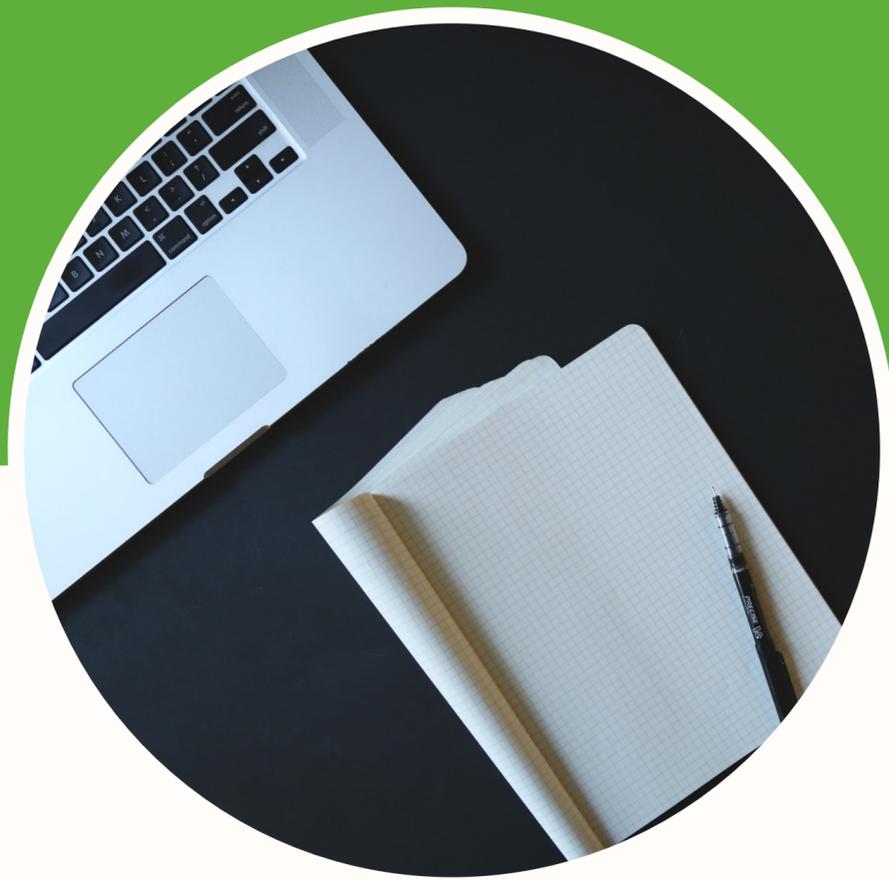
On May 12th 2023, Callum Wallace will depart Burlington Executive Airport for a solo circumnavigation around-the-world in his small, single-engine aircraft, in support of Home Suite Hope and their affordable housing campaign.

Callum was born and raised in Oakville, Ontario and has had the "aviation bug" since a child. In 2020 Callum earned his Private Pilots certificate with Spectrum Airways based at CZBA, Burlington Ontario, Soon after, Callum successfully completed his instrument rating.

Home Suite Hope is an Oakville based organization that helps mothers with children overcome homelessness and financial hardship. When a family is selected, they participate in a 4-year program which provides housing and college tuition for the mother so they have the support and training to succeed. The cost per family is roughly \$47,000 per year. One of the struggles with the current housing market is finding accommodation for the families.

The funds raised will go towards co-creating affordable housing opportunities for single-mother led families within Halton.

ABOUT THE OMDREB ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP



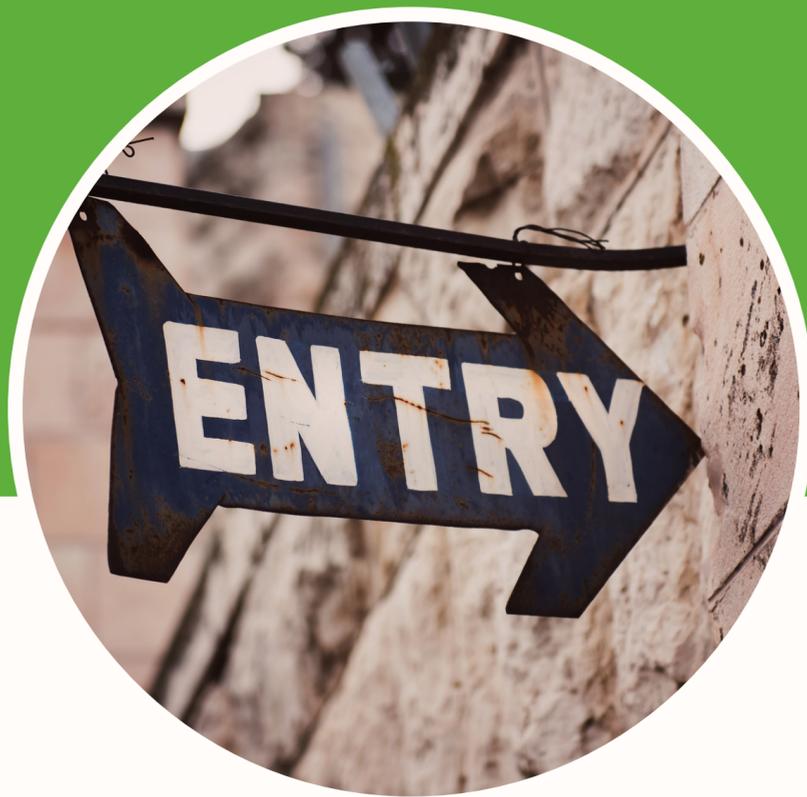
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OMDREB's Annual Scholarship provides students in our communities an opportunity to demonstrate their drive and passion to excel both inside and outside of the classroom. Each year, four bright young students are rewarded for their innovative, thought-provoking 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 reflect's our 2022 President's Charity of choice, which are the Canadian Mental Health Association (Halton Region Branch) and Callum Wallace's Flight For Hope.

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 2022. Each winner will receive \$2,500.

ESSAY TOPICS

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APPLICANTS MAY CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ESSAY TOPICS:

- Recent high school graduates know just how expensive higher education can be. A student can spend tens or even hundreds of thousands of dollars to attend college and university. There are 24 countries around the world that offer free post-secondary education for citizens, and in some cases even free tuition for international students. Canada is not one of these countries. Why would a nation like Canada not offer free post-secondary education to its citizens? Is there a case to be made for free education in Canada?
- Do community resources (health facilities, food banks, shelters) really work?
- Around one in ten children in Halton live under the poverty line and single parents, notably women, spend much of their limited income on shelter alone. Discuss the importance of charities that identify local needs, such as Home Suite Hope, to better the lives of those in our community.
- In a perfect world, everyone should have a place to call home. One of the struggles with the current housing market is finding accommodation for low income families. Outside of co-op or subsidized units, what other creative types of affordable housing can be brought to market?

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 27, 2022 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).
- A referenced bibliography (where necessary).

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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 June 6, 2022 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 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2022.

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.

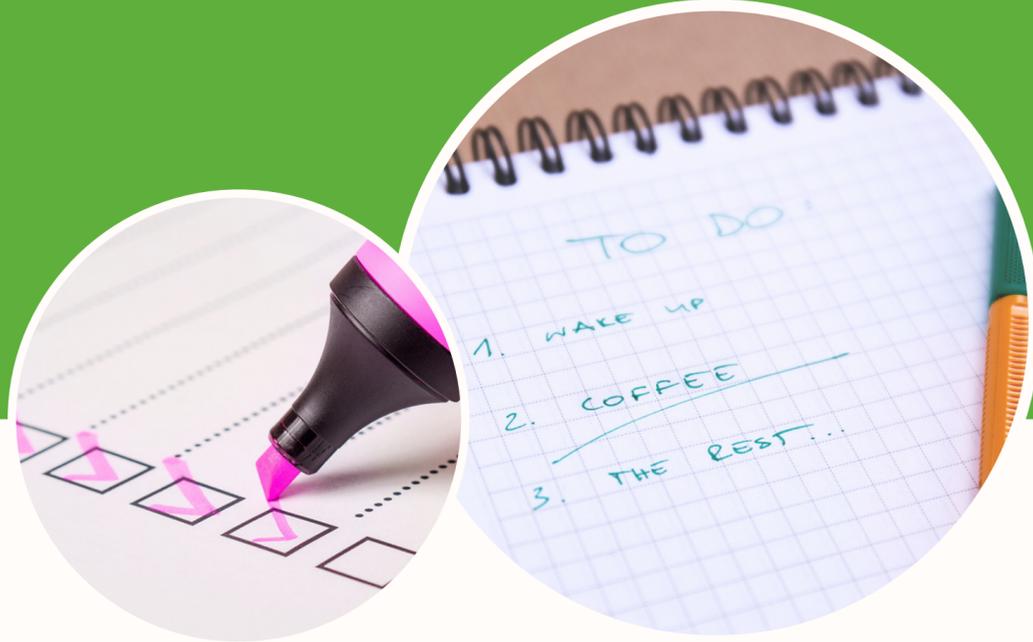
OMDREB may cancel or revoke any awarded grant in its sole discretion. The applicant will be required to reimburse the amount of the grant immediately.

All applications must be submitted electronically via email by 4:30 PM on May 27, 2022.

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.