



# 2023 SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGE

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**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. 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 a charity that is special to me: Halton Women's Place.

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

**Hunter Obee**  
2023 OMDREB President



# ABOUT

## HALTON WOMEN'S PLACE



**Halton Women's Place**  
*Healthy Relationships • Healthy Communities*



You are not alone - Domestic Violence affects us all. Halton Women's Place is the ONLY women's shelter in the Halton region, providing emergency safe shelter and community outreach services to women and children experiencing domestic violence and abuse.

If you need support, call our 24/7 crisis, intervention, and support lines at 905-332-7892 or 905-878-8555 or reach out through our online chat tool at [www.haltonwomensplace.com/chat](http://www.haltonwomensplace.com/chat)

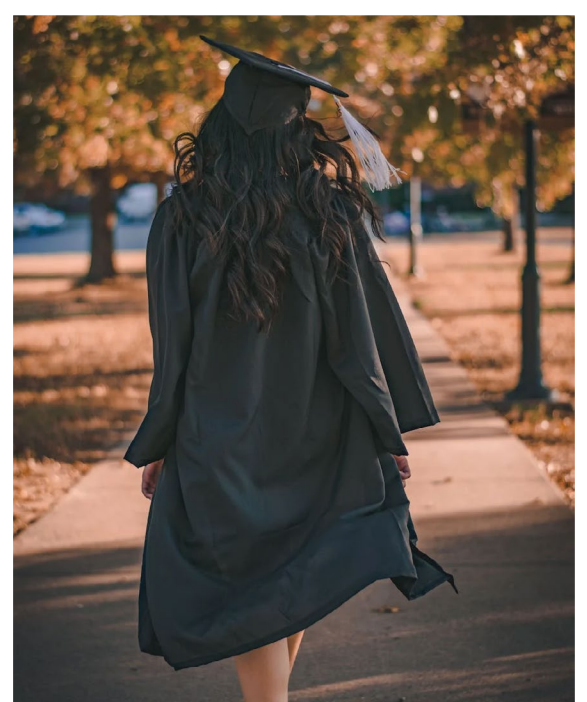


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# ABOUT

## 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 2023 President's Charity of choice, which is the Halton Women's Place. The Halton Women's Place will be a sustainable organization providing comprehensive programs and services which are inclusive and accessible to all women across Halton.

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.

## APPLICATION INFORMATION:

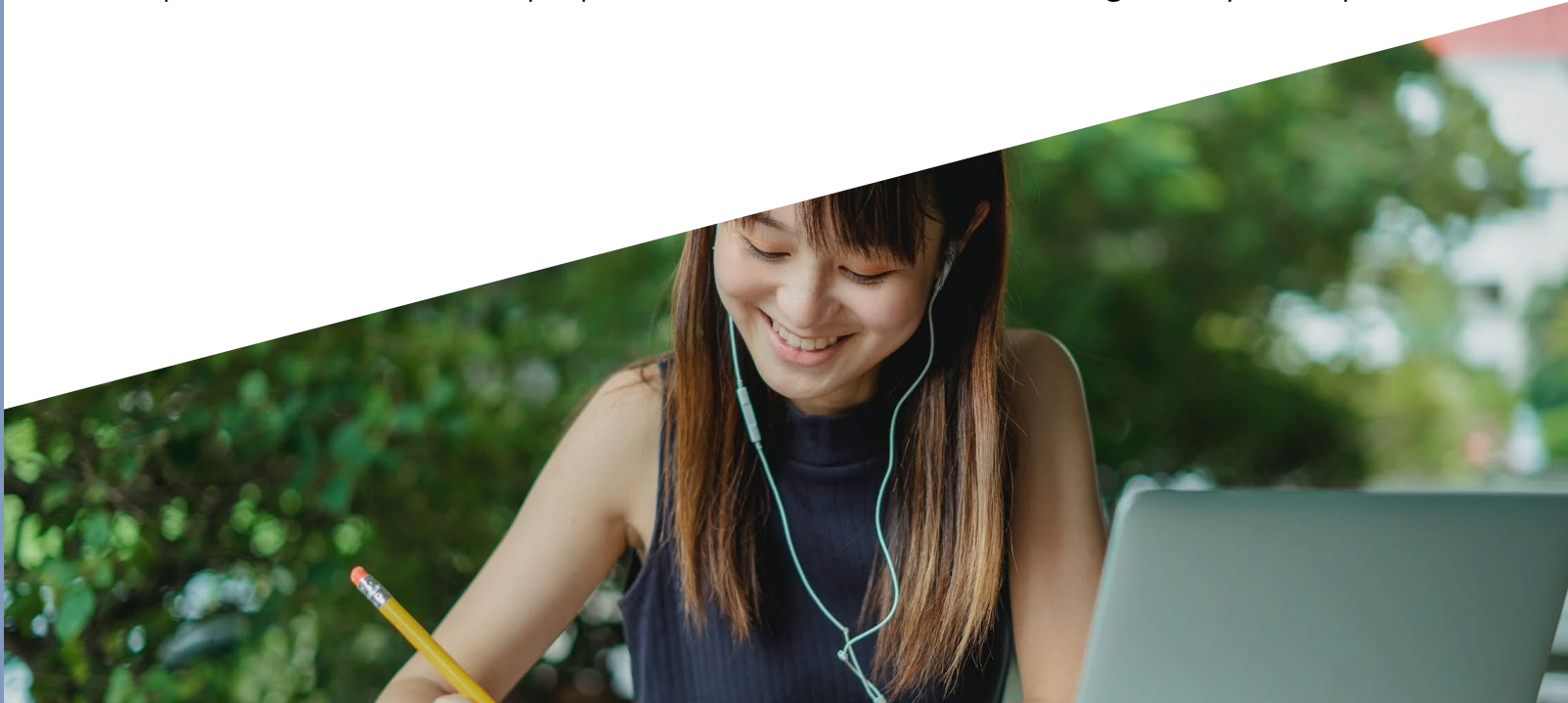
In order to have your application considered, please submit your written essay using the following formatting guidelines:

- 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 2023. Each winner will receive \$2,500.

## CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ESSAY TOPICS

- How does the economy affect domestic violence?
- Much like most of the province, Halton continues to face an affordable 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?
- Should we use the Greenbelt to build more homes to help with the housing crisis? If not, what might be a better location or way for Southern Ontario to expand?
- What recent changes in the Real Estate market do you believe will have the biggest impact for the remainder of the year? Why and how?
- Is it possible for those who perpetrate abuse or violence to change? Why or why not?



# DETAILS

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Completed application package emailed to [communications@omdreb.ca](mailto:communications@omdreb.ca) on or before Sunday, April 30, 2023 by 11:59pm
- 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. Scans of transcripts are sufficient.
- 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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## 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.

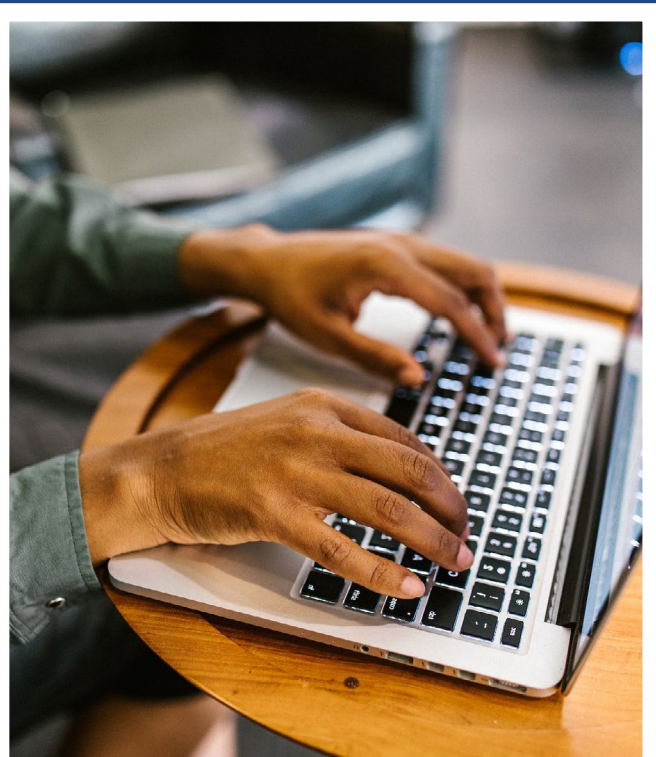
It is the applicant's sole responsibility to ensure that there is no plagiarism or copyright infringement in the submitted essay(s). Plagiarized material will result in an automatic disqualification.

The OMDREB Annual Scholarship is open to graduating high school students residing locally and registered with a secondary school within **OMDREB's jurisdiction** ([found here](#)), 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 end of day Friday, June 2, 2023 concerning the status of their submission.



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## AWARD INFORMATION

**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 14, 2023.**



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 Sunday, April 30, 2023 by 11:59pm**

**No late submissions will be considered.**

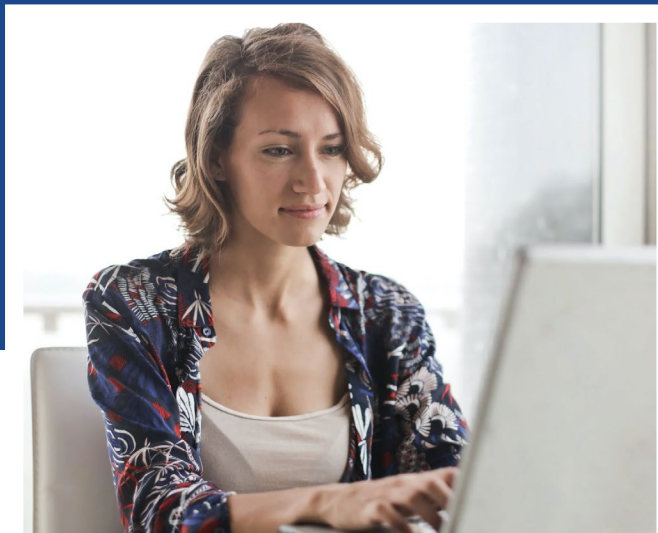
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## APPLICATION CHECKLIST



### 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

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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.**

