



# OTTER CO-OP MATURE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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**Otter Farm & Home Co-operative is offering two \$1,000.00 open scholarships to a post-secondary or mature students** who qualify based on the rules and regulations below.

Otter Co-op's scholarship program has served as a cornerstone of our commitment to our loyal members and the communities we serve. By supporting the academic and professional aspirations of Grade 12 and mature students, we aim to foster a culture of lifelong learning and excellence. Over the last 25 years, we are proud to have awarded more than 195 scholarships, representing a total financial impact of over \$180,000.

This program is more than just a financial contribution; it is a strategic investment in the future of our communities and a reflection of our core mission to build and support the local communities we live, work, and play in.

## APPLICATION RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The applicant or applicant's immediate family member (parent, grandparent or legal guardian) must be an active member of Otter Co-op for a minimum of one year and must have had purchases during the previous year in excess of \$1,000. The applicant must have at least one year beyond your Secondary/High School graduation and must not have received an Otter Co-op scholarship in the past. Students who are mid-way through a multi-year degree or program still qualify to apply.
2. **Deadline for handing in scholarship applications is April 30<sup>th</sup>.** The successful applicant will be notified in writing by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
3. There are no restrictions as to field of study or post-secondary institution, trade school, or program that they are attending
4. The selection of the successful applicant is strictly at the discretion of the Otter Co-op officials sitting on the Scholarship Committee.
5. The scholarship is to be used within twelve months of being awarded, or deferred a maximum of one additional year. A recipient unable to use the scholarship in this length of time may ask to appear before the Scholarship Committee to present their case.
6. Scholarships must be used for the educational purposes stated in the application, or the money will be returned to the Otter Co-op Scholarship Fund.
7. The successful applicant will receive the scholarship funds on presentation of a letter of acceptance, and/or proof of registration from the admissions office of the institution or program, they will be attending.

8. No additional supporting documents other than the following will be accepted and reviewed by the committee:
- A complete application form
  - The applicants school transcripts
  - Two community reference letters
  - Responses to each of the essay questions below:  
**Using up to 500 words, please respond to each of the following questions:**
    1. Describe your connection to your local Otter Co-op
    2. What is most important to you about the Co-op Business Model?
9. Applicants will be requested to answer the questions within the word-counts provided. The Scholarship Committee will look at the quality and content of each response. Please use 12-point font and include the word count on the bottom of each response. Handwritten submissions will not be accepted.
10. **Before submitting your application, please check you that you have completed and included the following:**
- School Transcripts
  - Two (2) Community Reference Letters
  - Responses to all of the questions on the Scholarship application form, including both Essay questions (to be attached separately to your application).

**THE APPLICATION WILL BE SCORED BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:**

CATEGORIES	POSSIBLE POINTS
Otter Co-op knowledge and connection as demonstrated by the two essay questions (up to 500 word)	10
School Grades as demonstrated by transcript Calculated on an average: <b>4 points</b> = A (86%+); <b>3 points</b> = B (75% to 85%); <b>2 points</b> = C (62% to 74%); <b>1 point</b> = D (51% to 61%)	5
Community and Volunteer Activities based on description and reference letters	5
Demonstration of need, extraordinary circumstances, inspiring community involvement, education goals, etc.	5
<b>MAXIMUM TOTAL SCORE POSSIBLE</b>	<b>25</b>

APPLICANT INFORMATION					
Last Name					
First Name					
Street Address				Apt / Unit #	
City		Postal Code		Province	
Phone					
Email Address					
Membership Number I am using:					
Name on the Membership:					
The Membership belongs to: (Please select the appropriate box)	<input type="checkbox"/> My Own <input type="checkbox"/> My Parents		<input type="checkbox"/> My Grandparents <input type="checkbox"/> My Guardians		

PAST SECONDARY OR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION – HIGHEST LEVEL	
Name of most recent Secondary or post-secondary School:	
City where Secondary or post-secondary School is located:	
<p><b><i>Reminder!</i></b>  <u>Attach a copy of your most recent transcript and marks.</u> Depending on your level of education, attach either your transcripts from your secondary/high school education (<i>Grade 10, 11 and 12</i>) or from your post-secondary institution, training or program (<i>if currently enrolled or completed</i>).</p>	

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Please describe your community involvement (ex: volunteering, church, sports, clubs, youth organizations, 4-H, etc.) and the impact it has had on you. Type your response below in up to 150 words (*Please include your total word count*).

## FUTURE POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Name of Post-Secondary Institution you plan to attend or are currently attending

Name of Faculty, Course(s) or Trade

Date you plan to enroll or enrolled

## EDUCATION GOALS

Please tell us how this scholarship will assist you in accessing or achieving your educational goals and remember to provide any other information you would like us to know about your plans for the future.

**I CERTIFY THAT MY ANSWERS ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.**

Signature

Date: