

# 2013 National Scholarship Program Application Guide





Belinda Li - 2011 Scholarship Recipient

#### A Message from the National Scholarship Team

The National Scholarship Program supports registered Members who continue in Guiding while they pursue their education. This guide was designed to make the scholarship application process easier by providing you with everything you need to know to apply.

Please also note that academic grades and Guiding experience are not the only things considered when reviewing applications. We also look at things like your breadth of general interests, as well as your level of involvement in the life of your school, communities and in Guiding. As such, please ensure that you clearly articulate how Guiding has positively impacted YOUR life, as well as those that you have come in contact with.

Good luck with your academic goals!

~ The National Scholarship Team



# **Eligibility Criteria**



Jena Evans - 2012 Scholarship Recipient

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- 1. Scholarship applicants must be registered GGC Members. Please check with your Provincial Council to ensure that your Membership status is up to date (e.g. current PRC, signed Code of Conduct, etc.)
- Scholarships are conditional on acceptance/continuation in a full-time/part-time program at a recognized post-secondary institution.
- 3. Scholarship recipients are expected to make reasonable efforts to continue their Membership and involvement in Guiding.
- 4. Materials submitted as part of the application process (e.g. essays, transcripts, etc.) will not be returned. Be sure to make copies of the materials you submit.
- 5. Scholarship recipients will be informed in June and unsuccessful applicants will be notified in July.
- 6. Scholarship recipients must agree to be profiled in GGC (and GGC donor related) materials such as news releases, *Canadian Guider articles*, and on girlguides.ca in order to help promote Guiding and our scholarship program.
- 7. Those that receive any GGC national scholarship are not eligible to apply again. Applicants not selected can choose to apply again.

## **Scholarship Application Tips**



Allison Keating - 2011 Scholarship Recipient

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- 1. Before starting your application, make sure to:
  - a. Organize and prioritize all application materials requested:
    - ✓ High School/College/University <u>Transcript (request promptly from your school)</u>
    - ✓ Personal Guiding Impact Statement
    - ✓ Guiding History/Involvement
    - √ Volunteer service/additional interests
  - b. Ensure that you obtain and use the correct application form(s).
  - c. Read all application requirements/criteria carefully ensuring that you follow all instructions.
- 2. Ensure that your application is typed and easy to read. Do not leave any questions unanswered.
- 3. Let the scholarship team know why YOU should receive this scholarship. Highlight special achievements, any adversity you overcame, or any skills and strengths that you possess that relate to the theme of the scholarship.
- 4. Do not send supporting materials not requested in the application (e.g. we do not require references).
- 5. Proofread and double check your application, especially for spelling and grammar. Also, have someone else proofread your application and offer feedback.
- 6. Before mailing in your application, carefully review it to ensure that you have not overlooked anything, and ensure that you make a copy of your application materials (e.g. transcripts).
- 7. Mail your application early to ensure that it will arrive by the April 1, 2013 deadline.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**



Taylor Losier - 2011 Scholarship Recipient

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#### Q. If I apply for more than one scholarship, can I use one transcript?

A. Yes, but you will need to photocopy the original transcript and attach a photocopy to each individual scholarship application form.

#### Q. When will I know whether or not I have received a scholarship?

A. We will promptly notify scholarship recipients in June 2013 and non-recipients in July 2013. Please ensure that you correctly note your mailing address, email and iMIS number on your application form.

#### Q. What is the amount being awarded for each scholarship?

A. We award \$2,000 for full-time scholarships and \$1,000 for part-time scholarships.

#### Q. Do I need to provide references?

A. No. For the 2013 scholarships you will NOT need to provide references – only the items noted on each application form.

#### Q. What criteria does the scholarship team use to select scholarship recipients?

- A. Candidates will be selected to receive a scholarship based on the following:
  - ✓ Demonstrated Guiding history <u>OR</u> level of engagement in Guiding during tenure
  - ✓ Involvement, leadership contributions and achievements in Guiding
  - √ Community leadership and contributions outside of Guiding
  - ✓ Attitude
  - √ Accurately following application instructions
  - √ Scholastic achievements

### **Frequently Asked Questions continued...**

Q. Beyond the criteria noted, in what other areas /categories will the applicant be evaluated?

A. See table that follows:

Applicants will be evaluated in five areas, for a total or 60 points, as follows:	
Grades/Marks	5pts
Activities Outside Guiding	5pts
Guiding Participation/History (marks will be given for Guiding accomplishments and or level of engagement in Guiding)	25pts
Personal Guiding Impact Statements	20pts
Overall Application (marks will be given for proper spelling/grammar and the ability to follow instructions)	5pts

# For complete details and applications, please visit: <a href="http://www.girlguides.ca/scholarships">http://www.girlguides.ca/scholarships</a>



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