



POST-SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS 2021 APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

RTOERO is a bilingual trusted voice for healthy, active living in retirement. With members in districts across Canada, we are the largest national provider of non-profit group health benefits for education community retirees. We believe in the power of our community to secure a better future, and are committed to helping secure better futures for students, for each other, and for seniors in Canada.

1. Purpose of the RTOERO post-secondary scholarships

To award scholarships to post-secondary (college or university) students enrolled in programs that align with the strategic goal and values of RTOERO. These programs or fields of study should be preparatory for careers that can benefit our members and seniors in Canada.

The post-secondary scholarships are established with reference to our strategic goal:

To improve the lives of members and seniors.

Successful applicants will exhibit many of the exemplary character traits articulated in the RTOERO values of:

Accountability	Community Connection	Giving back to community
Inclusion and equity	Leadership	Service to others
Wellbeing	Commitment to healthy active living	

2. Who is eligible for the scholarships?

Any post-secondary student recommended by an RTOERO member, including members of family, who is directly entering or already studying in a college or university program that leads to a career which could benefit RTOERO members and seniors in Canada such as: health sciences; medicine; nursing; personal care; geriatric health care; research into healthy active living for seniors; architects and designers of age-friendly spaces. *RTOERO members are not personally eligible for the RTOERO post-secondary scholarship, but are encouraged to recommend students in their lives who meet the criteria.*

Successful applicants may be awarded the RTOERO scholarship only once.

3. Value of the scholarships

A total of 20 scholarships valued at \$3,000.00 will be awarded to selected applicants.

4. How to apply

Please complete your application via the “Click here to apply” link on our website at <https://rtoero.ca/giving-back/scholarships/>. When you click on the application you will be prompted to answer all questions and upload an official Confirmation of Enrollment from your post-secondary institution, in PDF format. Applications are not available to download, as they must be completed on our website. You can, however, save your work and return to your application at a later date. Applications will be accepted until midnight on January 29, 2021.

5. Criteria used to determine successful applicants

The selection committee have specific criteria that will be used to evaluate answers to each of the three questions.

Question 1: How will your program of study and goals for your future career impact and improve the lives of seniors in Canada?

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Criteria:

- Career direction: Applicant has a clear career direction, demonstrated through area of study and career goals, which will have a direct impact on the lives of seniors in Canada.
- Connection to RTOERO goal: Applicant is clearly connecting with and is aware of the RTOERO goal: “Improving the lives of members and seniors”, and articulates career goals/ambitions.
- Personal commitment: Applicant states a personal commitment that is focused, specific and founded upon an experience or family connection that stimulated this drive or passion.

Question 2: What has influenced you to pursue this career?

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Criteria:

- Sense of purpose: Applicant articulates a clear sense of mission or drive to pursue the career and is able to provide evidence of experiences where there is already observable commitment to prepare for the career.
- Personal mentor/experience: Applicant describes how a specific individual and/or life-experience inspired a passion and interest in the chosen career.

Question 3: How have you demonstrated, through contributions to family, school, work, or in the community and/or in your personal life, an alignment with the RTOERO goal and values?

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Criteria:

- Alignment with RTOERO goal: Applicant describes in detail specific personal actions or behaviours that are clear evidence of personally aligning with the intent to improve the lives of seniors.
- Alignment with RTOERO values: Applicant relates life experiences that clearly demonstrate personal commitment and specific actions or beliefs to some of the stated values expressed by RTOERO.