



Pittsburgh Community Benefit Fund
Scholarship Application Instructions 2024

Value of each scholarship: \$1,500.00

There will be 5 Scholarships designated for students entering the trades and apprentice programs.

STUDENTS are encouraged to apply!

HOW TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS (3 OPTIONS)

By Mail – Must be received by Tuesday, April 30, 2024 @11:59pm

Pittsburgh Community Benefit Fund
PO Box 44042 Barriefield Post Office
Kingston, ON K7L 0B4

Dropped off to the PCBF Scholarship Box from Monday, April 22, 2024 to Tuesday, April 30, 2024 by 11:59pm

Box location: Kingston East Community Centre
779 Highway 15, Kingston, On K7L 4V3 (beside LaSalle SS)

By Email to info@pcbf.org – Must be received by Tuesday, April 30, 2024 @11:59pm (original transcripts and reference letters must be scanned in and included in your application)

Please submit **one original** and **five copies** of your application package if submitting a hard copy.

****Important: All decisions of the board are final. As the Board receives more applicants than available scholarships, be sure to submit your application on time. Late submissions will not be accepted.***

BACKGROUND

The Pittsburgh Community Benefit Fund (PCBF) is a community-based non-profit corporation, the purpose of which is to provide support, benefits and assistance to the residents of the community of the former Pittsburgh Township by:

- Developing and fostering community spirit; Promoting organized athletics, arts, recreation, education, civic emergency, social service and other community endeavours; Promoting, developing and operating educational, recreational and athletic facilities and equipment within the community; and
- Undertaking such other complementary purposes not inconsistent with these objects.

OPEN TO

The PCBF scholarships are open only to secondary school students who meet **both** of these criteria:

1. Residents of the former Pittsburgh Township, as defined by the area of Countryside or Pittsburgh Districts east of the Cataraqui or Rideau Rivers;
2. Graduating, with plans to continue in **trades training or education in trades and apprentice programs** OR Graduating, with plans to continue in **post-secondary education** (university, college, or other).

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BASIS OF AWARD

These scholarships are **merit-based** awards with a strong emphasis on **community involvement**.

The PCBF considers the following four major components as part of community involvement, and recognizes that not all applicants will be equally involved in all four:

- Employment and/or trade experience;
- Volunteering.
- Extra-curricular activities; and
- Academics.

SUBMISSION MUST INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. A current transcript showing courses completed and marks obtained.
2. A concise, typed short essay (one page or 250 words) or narrative that includes the following:
 - a. Outline your community involvement and how you have benefited from this involvement/experience(s). Describe what you learned from this experience and how this will help you with your future career choice.
 - b. Describe your *plans for your future* career or profession, the schooling that you will need to get there and why you believe you are a good candidate for the award.
3. (a) Detail your *employment history*, noting:
 - i. where you worked;
 - ii. when you worked there;
 - iii. what you did;
 - iv. how much time you spent, either as number of hours worked per week, or as total hours;
 - v. name and telephone number of contact person.

- (b) List your **volunteer activities**, explaining:(as per chart below)
- vi. when you were involved;
 - vii. what you did; and,
 - viii. how much time you spent, either as number of hours per week, or as total hours.
- (c) List your **extra-curricular involvement and achievements**, including awards, prizes, competitions, etc., noting:
- ix. when these occurred; and,
 - x. how much time you spent on them, where applicable, either as number of hours per week, or as total hours.
- (d) List your **achievements**, including awards, prizes, competitions, science fairs, etc, noting:
- xi. when these occurred; and,
 - xii. how much time you spent on them, where applicable, either as number of hours per week, or as total hours.
4. Two letters of recommendation from persons who are not related to you.
- a. One letter **must be from an academic reference**, such as a teacher, guidance counsellor, or your Principal.
 - b. The other letter **must be from a non-academic reference** such as an employer, volunteer coordinator, athletic coach, etc.
5. List the post-secondary institutions (university, college, trades school, or other) to which you have applied for admission, and the status of your applications, noting whether you have yet been accepted.
6. Completed consent and general information form.

Type of Application (check box)

Trade or Apprenticeship

Post Secondary Application

What Post Secondary Institution(s) have you applied to?

Have you been accepted? Y or N

Have you accepted an offer? Y or N

Name of applicant:

Applicant's Date of Birth:

Home street address, and mailing address, including postal code:

Name of applicant's secondary school:

Applicant's telephone number:

Name of Parent/Guardian:

Length of time (in years) that you have resided in the former Pittsburgh Township:

Please sign below (and have a parent sign below too, if you are under the age of 18):

- allowing the Pittsburgh Community Benefit Fund to publicize your name and school, if you are a winner of this award; and,
- certifying that the information given in this application form is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge.

Applicant's signature

Date

Parent's/guardian's signature(s)

Date

Check list:

- Signed consent form
- Current transcript (1 must be original)
- Essay or Narrative, per instructions
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- List of trades applied to or post secondary institutions **AND the status**

Employment History					
Where did you work?					
Job Description					
How will this work experience help you with your future career?					
When did you work there?		Start		End	
Hours Worked		Weekly		Total Hours	
Contact Person	Name			Number	

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Volunteer History				
Where did you volunteer?				
Description of Duties				
How will this volunteer experience help you with your future career?				
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Extra-Curricular Involvement				
Where did you do your extra-curricular involvement?				
What was your title?				
Description of Duties				
How will this extra-curricular involvement help you with your future career?				
When did you get involved?		Start		End
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Achievements			
What Award/Bursary did you receive?			
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