

Regent Park

# SCHOLARSHIP

2025-26



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## Overview

Regent Park is a 69-acre housing complex in the downtown east area of Toronto, bordered by River Street (east), Shuter Street (south), Gerrard Street (north), and Parliament Street (west). One of the largest urban revitalizations of its kind, the Regent Park revitalization is a five-phase redevelopment project that is transforming the community into a mixed income, mixed-use neighbourhood.

As part of our community benefits investments, we heard from over a thousand Regent Park residents through the community benefits survey that one of your key priorities is funding for scholarships. This year Toronto Community Housing (TCHC) and Tridel are excited to launch the second year of a dedicated Regent Park scholarship program to help young people advance their education goals. In our second season, we are proud to allocate \$50,000 towards empowering deserving residents. This financial support will provide recipients with the invaluable opportunity to invest in their education through bursaries and tuition assistance at their chosen Canadian educational institutions.

For this year, we are excited to unveil the following streamlined pathway under the Regent Park Scholarship Program 2025-26: Post-secondary degree.





## Program offering

- Up to \$3,000 scholarship to cover tuition fees for any full-time or part-time program at a recognized post-secondary institution or training school (college, university, career academy, and trade school).
- A \$500 bursary to cover additional costs, including books, lab fees, transportation, and/or childcare.

## Eligibility

TCHC recognizes that the impacts of anti-Black racism have created negative outcomes for Black communities in Toronto, including underrepresentation in decision-making and access to social and economic opportunities. Through our Confronting Anti-Black Racism Strategy, we are committed to providing meaningful economic opportunities, such as creating and prioritizing access to scholarship opportunities that Black-identifying tenants can participate in and attain.

The program is available to all TCHC tenants who meet all the following:

- Current or relocated (due to ongoing revitalization) TCHC tenant of the Regent Park community.
- 17 years old and up.
- Tenant in good standing with respect to rent payments.
- Entering or currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution (college, university) or taking training courses from a credible training or academic institution (college, career academy, trade school, etc.) on either a full-time or part-time basis.
- Able to demonstrate a need for financial assistance.
- Able to demonstrate community involvement and/or leadership.

**NOTE: Recipients may receive up to a cumulative or total maximum of \$10,000 (tuition plus bursaries) from the scholarship program throughout the revitalization period, or until funds have been exhausted.**





## Leadership and involvement in the community

Community involvement is meaningful, consistent participation in activities that support and improve people's well-being. A community may be geographic (building or neighbourhood) or based on shared experiences and interests (e.g. a faith, social or school group you are involved with) or an identity group (e.g., race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation).

When you take initiative, support and work with others in your community you are involved in your community and taking a leadership role. The Regent Park Scholarship Program welcomes applications from all and prioritizes applications from Black-identifying tenants who display leadership and involvement in their community.

### Some examples:

- Since the start of high school, “A” has run art workshops for children and their parents each summer at the local community centre.
- “B” recently immigrated to Canada from Jamaica. He has not had an opportunity to volunteer here, but back home was active with a local charity that advocates for food security.
- “C” is a mother of three, cares about healthy nutrition and wants to share her experience with other mothers. Each month she runs a live event to share affordable recipes and tips, as well as a club at the local library where neighbours get together to talk about healthy food and self-care.
- “D” likes singing and performing at local events. Through her songs, “D” gives the message of hope, and encourages care and love for self, others and the Earth.
- “E” identifies as Black and is of Caribbean descent. He is actively involved as a volunteer with a sport and recreation program in Regent Park for Black youth and reaches out to the other youth in his community to participate.

## Application timeline

### Application opens:

**Online (Cognito form) – Monday, March 17, 2025, at 12 a.m.**

- You can find more details on how to submit your electronic package on page 16.

**In-Person (Hardcopy pick up) – Monday, March 17, 2025, at 10 a.m.**

- You can pick up the physical application package from our office at 530 Dundas Street East, on Mondays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Application closes:

**In Person (Drop off) – Thursday, May 1, 2025, at 4 p.m.**

- Please drop off the physical application package at our office at 530 Dundas Street East on Mondays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Online (Cognito form) - Friday, May 2, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.**

- Please complete your online application ensuring to submit all documents.

## Diversity

Please choose below the option that applies to you.

- First year postsecondary student (starting September 2025)
- Currently enrolled in a postsecondary institution
- Mature student (over 21 years and out of school for two or more consecutive years)

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## Evaluation process

The Regent Park Scholarship Program prioritizes community leadership and engagement, academic aspirations, and achievements, as well as volunteer and work experience in pursuit of your long-term educational and career objectives. Recipients will be chosen by an impartial committee and will be evaluated based on:

- Leadership and involvement in the community
- Academic goals and accomplishments
- Work experience (resume)
- Personal statement
- Clear outline of career and educational goals

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## How to apply

To apply for the scholarship, please complete the following application package from pages 6 to 15. The package includes the application form, reference, resume, academic transcript, career and education plan, budget and financial statement, biography, personal statement, and the application checklist. You can find more info on how to submit at the end of this application package.



## 1 - PERSONAL INFORMATION

First name :  Last name :

Gender :  M  F  Other Date of birth :     
DD MM YYYY

Address :  Unit :

City :  Province :

Postal code :  Phone number :

E-mail :

Which of the following best describes your racial or ethnic identity? (select all that apply)

Arab, Middle East, or West Asian
  Black
  East Asian
  First Nations, Inuit, or Metis
  Latin American
  South Asian, or Indo Caibbean
  Southeast Asian
  White

*Not listed (Please describe)*
 *Prefer Not to Answer*

Name and address of high school or learning institution currently attending (if applicable):

Name, address, phone number and email address of employment support or resource counsellor (if applicable):

Name and address of a recognized Canadian postsecondary educational or training institute (i.e., college, university, career academy and trade school) you hope to attend in the upcoming academic year:

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date :     
DD MM YYYY



## 2 - REFERENCE

Please attach one reference letter (no longer than two pages or one page double-sided) that outlines your involvement as a community leader or your participation in community building initiatives, your academic goals or your work experience and that speaks to the likelihood of success in your chosen post-secondary career.

**Note: This reference letter must be from a representative of your school or learning institution, a community agency or resource/employment counsellor/case worker. Your reference should be current (written at least within the last three years) and should describe specific ways in which the candidate fulfills the criteria for the scholarship.**

Referee name :

Relationship :

Phone number :

## 3 - RESUME

Please attach a resume that outlines your relevant work experience, including volunteer work. Resume must be up-to-date and complete.



**4 - CAREER AND EDUCATION**

Please complete the career and education plan below with a school or employment resource counsellor.

**CAREER GOALS**

What is your chosen career field?

*(If applying for multiple programs, please indicate your first choice).*

**EDUCATION OR TRAINING NEEDED**

What are the entry requirements of the program?

Do you meet the requirements?

How long is the program?

Are there entrance exams and/or specific courses that you need? Please specify:

Upon completion of program, will you receive a diploma, certificate, degree, license, and/or accreditation?

**Diploma**

**Certificate**

**Degree**

**License**

**Accreditation**

**CURRENT EDUCATION OR TRAINING**

List any education or training programs you have completed to date.

*I.e. Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD), pre-employment training, certificates, etc.*



## 5 - PERSONAL STATEMENT

**Please prepare a written statement below (400 to 500 words) highlighting your leadership roles in the community or your participation in community building activities, your academic goals, and achievements or how your work experience has help contributed to the Regent Park community. Include frequency/length of your community involvement and description of your leadership. Please highlight any barriers that may have prevented you from attaining postsecondary education. Explain how you overcame (or are currently overcoming) these challenges.**

**6 - BUDGET**

Please complete the budget plan below for the upcoming academic year (eight months) outlining your expected sources of income, financial aid, living expenses, and your projected expenses.

<b>A - ESTIMATED INCOME</b>	<b>\$</b>
Employment income	\$
Non-employment income (I.e., family support, investments)	\$
Family contributions	\$
Other (please specify):	\$
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$</b>

<b>B - ESTIMATED LIVING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$</b>
Rent	\$
Groceries	\$
Other (please specify):	\$
<b>TOTAL LIVING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$</b>

<b>C - ESTIMATED EDUCATION EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$</b>
Tuition and Fees		\$
Textbooks and Course Supplies		\$
Student Health / Dental		\$
Travel Expenses		\$
Transit Expenses (TTC, GO, etc.)		\$
Other (please specify):		\$
<b>TOTAL EDUCATION EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$</b>

## **D - SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES**

Subtract your total education and living expenses from your total income for the estimated balance.

**ESTIMATED BALANCE** \$

<b>E - ESTIMATED FINANCIAL AID</b>		<b>\$</b>
OSAP Financial Aid		\$
Non-OSAP Financial AID		\$
Bank Loan / Line of Credit		\$
<b>TOTAL FINANCIAL AID</b>		<b>\$</b>



## 7 - FINANCIAL STATEMENT

**In one paragraph (maximum 350 words), please outline your current financial need, including any additional sources of funding you may receive and any circumstances that may affect financial stability during your studies. Also, please mention any financial systemic barriers you face and how the Regent Park Scholarship program will support you.**



## 8 - BIOGRAPHY

Please provide a biography (150 to 300 words). This will be included in the scholarship announcement (which will be made public) should you be selected as a recipient of the scholarship.

The following will help you to prepare your biography:

- What is your name?
- What is your community's name and how long have you lived there?
- Highlight some of the community and leadership activities you have participated in.
- What academic institution will you be attending?
- What are your future academic and career goals?

**Important:**

- Please note that your biography may be altered to meet formatting requirements before final printing (upon applicant approval):

## 9 - APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please review this checklist carefully to make sure that a complete application package is submitted. An incomplete package will NOT be considered.

- Completed and signed application form (pages 6 to 13)
- One reference letter – **please attach**
- Resume – **please attach**
- Detailed career and education plan (page 8)
- Personal statement (page 9)
- Budget plan and financial statement – completed budget outline (included) and a typed paragraph outlining your current financial need, how you are preparing financially for school and how this scholarship will address your need. (page 10/11)
- Financial statement (page 12)
- Biography (page 13)
- Additional materials (optional) – you may attach additional relevant visuals and supporting documentation related to your community involvement, leadership or community certifications, including but not limited to newspaper clippings, letters of support, samples of work, and relevant audio or video recordings.

**11 - CERTIFICATION**

Please read and make sure that you understand and agree to the following:

- I certify that the above information is accurate and complete and understand that any false or incomplete information may invalidate my application.
- I certify that I am a TCHC tenant living (or relocated due to the revitalization) in Regent Park.
- I accept that scholarship decisions made by the Regent Park Scholarship Program selection committee are final.
- I understand that scholarship funds will only be granted to me when: I submit all of the documents included in the "Scholarship Package," AND Present proof of enrolment in a recognized Canadian post-secondary educational program for the upcoming academic year.
- I understand that requests for scholarship deferrals will not be granted and that scholarships must be claimed no later than January 31, 2026.

Yes **No**

- I agree to the public release of my name, biography and photograph should I be awarded a scholarship.

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Signature of applicant

Date :

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## 12 - SUBMISSION

### Deadline

The deadline to submit your application:

- In-person/hard copy: **Thursday, May 1, 2025, at 4 p.m.**
- Online through Cognito forms: **Friday, May 2, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.**

### In-person/hard copy submission

Once completed and signed, put into the provided envelope with “Full Name” RP Scholarships 2025-26 on the front and drop off at our office located at **530 Dundas St. East** between March 17 and May 1 on the following days:

- Mondays - From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursdays - From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Supporting documents including resume, reference letter(s), report card/academic transcripts (or equivalent), and optional documents must be copied and included.

The application package will be available from Monday, March 17, 2025, at 10 a.m. to be picked up at the 530 Dundas St. East office.

### Online/Cognito form submission

Find the form at [torontohousing.ca/Regent-Park-Scholarship](https://torontohousing.ca/Regent-Park-Scholarship). You will be asked to upload your supporting documents including resume, reference letter, report card/academic transcripts (or equivalent), and optional documents.

## Privacy Notice

The personal information requested on this form is collected under the authority of the Housing Services Act, 2011 and s. 28(2) of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The information will be used for the purpose of administering and planning outreach efforts for the Regent Park Scholarship 2025-2026 and general administrative purposes. If you have any questions about the collection of this information, please contact:

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## APPLICATION SUPPORT

## Online info session

Applicants can attend our online information session for more information regarding the scholarship and application process on:

**Monday, March 24, 2025, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

### MEETING DETAILS

**Platform:** Zoom

**Time:** 7 to 8:30 p.m.

**Meeting ID:** 853 3402 5217

**Passcode:** RP2025

**Link:** Find the link at [torontohousing.ca/Regent-Park-Scholarship](https://torontohousing.ca/Regent-Park-Scholarship)

## In-person info sessions

Two in person information sessions will be available on:

**Thursday, March 27, 2025**

**Location:** 150 River Street - Recreation Room (Ground Floor)

**Time:** Session 1 - 12 to 1:30 p.m.

Session 2 - 4:30 to 6 p.m.

## One-on-one support

Feel free to book a private session with one of our staff if you need support with:

- Editing
- Filling in the electronic form
- Figuring out your budget
- Identifying a strong reference person
- Reviewing your personal and/or financial statement

**For more info:** [talkregentpark@torontohousing.ca](mailto:talkregentpark@torontohousing.ca) or call Vanessa Gyalí at 437-717-3378.