

# Ken Dryden Scholarship

## Terms of Reference and Guidelines

### OVERVIEW

Each year Ken Dryden Scholarships are awarded to young people, currently or formerly in the care of the Canadian child welfare system, who demonstrate great achievement and promise.

This scholarship is named after the man who got it started and who is determined to keep it going: Ken Dryden, author, consultant on education, child and youth issues, lawyer, former NHL hockey star, and past President of the Toronto Maple Leafs hockey club.

The National Youth in Care Network ([www.youthincare.ca](http://www.youthincare.ca)) has administered this scholarship program in partnership with Ken Dryden since 1995.

Each scholarship covers up to \$3,000 or 80% of the cost of tuition and fees, whichever is less, and is renewable annually, based on reasonable progress toward the completion of an undergraduate degree or diploma.

As a young person, all you need do is apply. As a child welfare worker, foster parent or friend, please tell any eligible young person of these scholarship opportunities, and offer your help. But act quickly. University and college applications are now due, and September fast approaches.

### BEFORE YOU APPLY

**Check your eligibility before you begin the application process.**

You are eligible **only if all** of the following boxes apply to you:

- You are a Canadian Citizen or Landed Immigrant.
- You have met the college and/or university entry requirements, and are applying to any Canadian college or university, and are working towards your undergraduate diploma or degree.
- You are under the age of 30 before the date of the application deadline.
- You are in or were in the child welfare/protection system - this means that you have been at least **one** of the following:
  - Designated a temporary, society or crown ward,
  - Designated a temporary or permanent guardianship order,
  - Assigned a social worker or child protection worker,
  - Placed in a group home,
  - Placed in a foster home.

You are **not eligible** if you or your family only received social assistance, welfare, family benefits, or employment insurance. You are also not eligible if you currently work for or are a board member of the National Youth in Care Network.

**Ensure you understand the scope of the scholarship, and are aware of other opportunities available to you.**

The Ken Dryden Scholarship is awarded to 8 young people across Canada who demonstrate great achievement and promise. Each scholarship will cover up to \$3,000 or 80% of the cost of tuition and fees, whichever is less, and is renewable annually, based on reasonable progress toward the completion of an **undergraduate** degree or diploma.

We receive far more applications each year than are awarded, therefore the competition is fierce. We encourage applicants to check our website (<http://youthincare.ca/link/scholar.html>) for other scholarships that may be available to you and to ask your social worker or agency/ministry for other opportunities that you may be eligible for.

**Start early and submit early.**

It takes a lot of time to prepare all of the required information (including getting school transcripts and reference letters and writing the three one-page essays). And if you submit your application package early, we can check to see if you are missing anything and call you to get it in before the deadline. If there is no extra time to do this, you will lose your chance.

## PREPARING YOUR APPLICATION

Fill out your application form using a computer or black or blue pen only, **do not use pencil or light-coloured pen. Attachments should be typewritten.**

**Use 8 1/2" x 11" unlined paper only** – don't use odd shaped paper.

Write on **only one side of each page.**

**Provide as much detail as possible** on this application, and remember that the 3 one-page essay attachments are crucial if you are to be considered for a Ken Dryden Scholarship. Those judging your application can only know you through the information you provide to them.

Do not submit your application incomplete. Ensure you have all required information and attachments by reviewing the application checklist. You are welcome to send photographs or additional certificates or other information if you wish; however you must glue these to an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper, and understand that they cannot be returned to you.

**Don't** put your application or attachments in report covers, duotangs, page protectors, envelopes, etc.

**Use paper clips** only, don't staple your pages together - application or attachments.

Gather all of the required attachments and **send together** as one application package rather than separately, making sure to include all of the following:

- Completed Application Form
- Official Latest School Transcript (Section 2.1)
- Achievements - One-Page Essay Attachment (Section 4.1)
- Aspirations - One-Page Essay Attachment (Section 4.2)
- Personal Support - One-Page Essay Attachment (Section 4.3)
- Three Letters of Reference (Section 5.2)

**Make a photocopy** of your application if possible to keep, in case your application gets lost in the mail.

**Mail or courier** your completed application package to the address below well in advance of the deadline. The complete application package must be received via mail or delivery **by 5:00 pm of the first Friday of March** or it will not be accepted. Faxed or emailed copies will not be accepted. All material must be submitted to:

**Ken Dryden Scholarship Selection Committee**  
**c/o The National Youth In Care Network**  
332-207 Bank Street  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K2P 2N2  
1-800-790-7074

## AFTER YOU APPLY

You may want to call the office before the deadline to make sure your application has arrived and is complete.

Check your current address – if you move, inform us immediately or else you run the risk of not being contacted regarding your application status.

### Awarding of the Scholarship

The National Youth in Care Network is only responsible for administering the applications process. This means that we accept and screen the applications, confirm the eligibility and completeness of each application, and distribute copies of the applications to all members of the Ken Dryden Scholarship Selection Committee. From that point on, the National Youth in Care Network is no longer involved in the Scholarship process and is not privy to any information regarding the status of your application.

The Ken Dryden Scholarship Selection Committee manages the review and selection process, and is an independent committee comprised of Ken Dryden, former youth in care and youth in care advocates. The selection committee reviews all applicants from March - June.

The selection committee will base its decision on:

- o Achievements (how you got where you are today)
- o Aspirations, educational and other (where you want to get to)
- o Plans (how you intend to get there)

Successful applicants are notified directly by telephone by Ken Dryden during the month of July. A letter will be sent to all applicants by August 15. The office of Ken Dryden, not the National Youth in Care Network, manages the administration of the scholarship fund.