



# HILARY M. WESTON

## Scholarship

The Honourable Hilary M. Weston served as the 26th Lieutenant Governor of Ontario from 1997 to 2002. As the Queen's representative in Ontario, Mrs. Weston was responsible for the Crown's constitutional and representational roles in the province.

In 1998, she created the Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award to honour unsung heroes in community groups she visited. She expanded the program in 2000 to recognize a student in each Ontario secondary school.

Through her volunteer and philanthropic work, Mrs. Weston has supported cultural projects, and research in breast cancer and AIDS. In 1979, Mrs. Weston founded the Ireland Fund of Canada and continues as honorary patron of the non-partisan, non-denominational organization that funds community projects in Ireland to promote peace.

Mrs. Weston has also had a longstanding interest in mental health issues. It is at her request that the Hilary M. Weston Scholarship is in the field of mental health.

*Social Work*

### GENERAL INFORMATION

The Government of Ontario has created the Hilary M. Weston Scholarship to commemorate The Honourable Hilary M. Weston's term in office as Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

The scholarship will be granted each year to two students enrolled in a full-time graduate level social work program at a publicly funded university. Applicants must have a demonstrated interest in and commitment to mental health issues, as well as outstanding scholastic achievements. Each successful applicant will receive a one-time award of \$7,500.

### ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible you must:

- have demonstrated your interest in and commitment to mental health issues through community service or paid work;
- plan to register in a full-time graduate level social work program at a publicly funded Ontario university in the next academic year. If you are a student with a permanent disability, you must be taking a minimum of 40% of a full course load;
- have demonstrated academic excellence;
- be an Ontario resident. You are considered an Ontario resident if you have lived in Ontario for at least twelve consecutive months immediately preceding your registration in a social work program.

### SELECTION PROCEDURE

An independent Selection Committee will review each application and select the scholarship recipients.



## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

### How to Apply

You must submit the following documentation:

- The completed application form;
- A typed letter from you outlining your qualifications for the award, including how you have demonstrated your interest in and commitment to mental health issues, your scholastic achievements and your career goals;
- A copy of your official transcripts;
- Report 1: Academic Reference (see form attached);
- Report 2: Personal Reference (see form attached) – from an individual who is familiar with community service or paid work you have done that demonstrates your interest in and commitment to mental health issues;
- A physician's note if you are a student with a permanent disability.

### NOTE:

- The use of Reports 1 and 2 is mandatory. Other forms will not be accepted as substitutes.
- Faxes will not be accepted.
- It is your responsibility to ensure that your application and required supporting documents, including Report 1 and 2, are complete and submitted to the ministry by the deadline date. The ministry is not obligated to follow up with the student if the application is incomplete or late.

### Application Deadline

Send the completed form and supporting documents to:

#### Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat

Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration  
400 University Avenue, 4th Floor  
Toronto ON M7A 2R9  
Telephone: 416 314-7526

Nomination forms may be submitted at any time. The deadline is December 15 of each year. All

nominations received after this date will be considered for the following year.

### Notification and Acceptance

You will receive notification concerning the outcome of your application.

If you are successful, you will be asked to indicate your acceptance or refusal of the award by completing a Notice of Acceptance form. You will also be requested to submit the following proof of eligibility:

1. Proof of full-time enrolment in a graduate level social work program at a publicly funded Ontario university that is financially assisted by the Government of Ontario. For a list of publicly funded universities, visit [www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/tcu](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/tcu) and click on universities.
2. A photocopy of proof of Canadian citizenship, permanent resident status, or a student authorization/study permit (dated no later than **twelve months prior to the start of your academic term**).

The Notice of Acceptance and proof of eligibility must be submitted to the ministry within four (4) weeks of the date of the letter of notification, or the award may be cancelled automatically. **The Ministry is not obligated to follow up with a student if the Notice of Acceptance form is incomplete or the necessary supporting documentation has not been provided.**

### Acceptance Conditions

Successful scholarship recipients must be enrolled in a full-time graduate level social work program at a publicly funded Ontario university for a full term. If you withdraw, transfer to part-time status, change disciplines, or fail to complete a term, you will be required to repay the award.

For more information, contact the Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat at 416 314-7526 or visit

[www.ontario.ca/honoursandawards](http://www.ontario.ca/honoursandawards)

# APPLICATION FORM Hilary M. Weston Scholarship

## PERSONAL INFORMATION *Please type or print clearly*

Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been an Ontario resident for the last 12 months?  Yes  No

In which language do you prefer to receive correspondence?  English  French

## PROPOSED STUDIES

Name of Institution	Name of Program	Expected Start Date	Expected Completion Date
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## EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Name of Institution	Name of Program	Highest Level of Studies	Date you received or expect to receive your degree for these studies
			Month                  Year

**Transcripts** (*Indicate which institution transcripts are from*)

Institution	Year(s) transcripts cover
	From                  To

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## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY / VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE *(Indicate any relevant employment or volunteer experience)*

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Position	Description of Responsibilities	Dates
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## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

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Please attach all required supporting documentation as outlined in the instructions to this application:

- Transcripts
- Typed letter outlining your qualifications for this scholarship
- Report 1, Academic Reference
- Report 2, Personal Reference

**In accordance with subsection 39(2) of the Ontario Freedom of Information and Privacy Act, this is to advise you that the personal information collected on this form will be used only for the proper administration of the Hilary M. Weston Scholarship. The personal information on this form is collected under the legal authority of the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture Act, R.S.O. 1990. For purposes of verifying the application and any award, the personal information may be disclosed to any educational institution, ministries of the Ontario government, and the Hilary M. Weston Scholarship Selection Committee. For further information, please contact the Manager at the Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat at (416) 314-6608. For service in French, please call (416) 314-7529 or (416)212-3196.**

*I hereby declare that all information provided in this application is true and complete in every respect. I understand that I may be required to repay all or part of this award if the information is found to be inaccurate for any reason.*

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Applicant's Signature

Date



