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County launches 2024 Bursary Program to support local students and families

Midhurst / April 8, 2024 – The County of Simcoe is committed to working with member municipalities to support the pursuit of higher education. Through the County’s long-standing Education Bursary Program, 21 \$3,000 bursaries are available to County of Simcoe students attending a post-secondary institution in Canada. One bursary is guaranteed for a resident of each of the County of Simcoe’s 16 member municipalities.

Bursaries are available to full time and part time Simcoe County students entering any year of a post-secondary education in Canada.

“The County is pleased to once again support students and families across the County through our popular bursary program,” said Warden Basil Clarke. “Through this program, combined with our post-secondary education funding streams, County Council is committed to helping our local residents access higher education and skills. With the support of all 16 of our member municipalities and Georgian College, we look forward to helping students across Simcoe County.”

The Bursary Program provides those residents accepted into the program with financial assistance to access post-secondary education and training. This program is consistent with the County of Simcoe’s commitment to education, as well as encouraging community involvement and civic responsibility.

For the third straight year, the County is partnering with Georgian College to offer local students additional financial support. Georgian College is offering an additional \$1,500 for up to five students attending their institution who receive a student bursary through the County of Simcoe.

Eligible applicants must reside in Simcoe County, and:

- Be a resident of a [participating Simcoe County municipality](#) and a Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- Have graduated, or be eligible for graduation in the year of application, with an Ontario Secondary School Diploma in Simcoe County*
- In the year of application, be enrolled and commencing studies in an undergraduate program at a Canadian university or college as a full-time or part-time student
- Demonstrate interest in, and contribution to, their community through active participation in extracurricular activities at their school and/or in community organizations

Eligible applicants are invited to complete an [online application](#), which includes the submission of a 750-word essay on a pre-determined topic. Applicants must also provide a copy of their Grade 12 or most recent post-secondary transcript, or other proof of high school graduation and proof of enrollment at an Ontario University or College in an undergraduate program. Applicants must submit their online

application **by July 31, 2024**. For more information about the program, visit simcoe.ca/studentbursary.

** Diploma must be through an accredited institution. Includes some home-schooling programs, such as the Independent Learning Centre or the Virtual Learning Centre.*

About the County of Simcoe

County of Simcoe is composed of sixteen member municipalities and provides crucial public services to County residents in addition to providing paramedic and social services to the separated cities of Barrie and Orillia. Visit our website at simcoe.ca.

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