



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKAGE

Application Deadline: August 6, 2019

FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION

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SECTION 1: PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Schizophrenia Society of Ontario (SSO) is pleased to announce the 13th year of its scholarship program. It is Canada's only bursary program dedicated to funding educational opportunities for individuals of all ages affected by schizophrenia or psychosis.

SECTION 2: TYPES OF SSO SCHOLARSHIPS

SSO offers the following scholarship streams each year to eligible applicants:

- Schizophrenia Society of Ontario Scholarship for individuals living with schizophrenia or psychosis.
- Say Yes to Me Scholarship for individuals living with schizophrenia funded by Otsuka-Lundbeck.
- Klara Boadway Memorial Scholarship for young female identified persons living with schizophrenia or psychosis, pursuing an education in the health, social sciences or social services fields. Funded by Richard Boadway.

Note: All scholarships are awarded pending available funding.

SECTION 3: SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

Schizophrenia Society of Ontario Scholarship

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Diagnosis of schizophrenia or psychosis
- Be involved in a recovery plan

Be pursuing education within

- High school equivalency program; or
- Community college, trade; or
- Vocational school program; or
- Bachelor or graduate degree

PLEASE SUBMIT:

- Completed application section
- Essay questions: typed answers to each question. Each answer should be 200 to 500 words in length.
- You must also submit two professional recommendation letters. Reference letters should be 1-2 pages in length, provide context of your relationship and address the applicant's positive characteristics and strengths.

Say Yes to Me Scholarship

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Diagnosis of schizophrenia or psychosis
- Be involved in a recovery plan



Be pursuing education within

- High school equivalency program; or
- Community college, trade; or
- Vocational school program; or
- Bachelor or graduate degree

PLEASE SUBMIT:

- Completed application section
- Essay questions: typed answers to each question. Each answer should be 200 to 500 words in length.
- You must also submit two professional recommendation letters. Reference letters should be 1-2 pages in length, provide context of your relationship and address the applicant's positive characteristics and strengths.

Klara Boadway Memorial Scholarship

 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:	 PLEASE SUBMIT:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diagnosis of schizophrenia or psychosis• Be a female identified person between the age of 16 -25• Be involved in a recovery plan <p>Be entering the health or social sciences field, or social services. Programs eligible for consideration include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• High school equivalency program; or• Community college, trade; or• Vocational school program; or• Bachelor or graduate degree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Completed application section<input type="checkbox"/> Essay questions: typed answers to each question. Each answer should be 200 to 500 words in length.<input type="checkbox"/> You must also submit two professional recommendation letters. Reference letters should be 1-2 pages in length, provide context of your relationship and address the applicant’s positive characteristics and strengths.

SECTION 4: TERMS AND CONDITIONS

INTRODUCTION

By applying for this scholarship program, you are entering into a binding agreement with the Schizophrenia Society of Ontario (SSO) based on the **Terms and Conditions** outlined in this section. The Terms and Conditions also describe how SSO can use any personal information you provide in connection with the scholarship program.

Please read these Terms and Conditions carefully, as failure to comply could affect your scholarship eligibility.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of the information in this application, including what you are consenting to permit SSO to do with your personal information, please contact Kayla Nicholls, Program Manager, at 1.800.449.6367 ext. 229 or knicholls@schizophrenia.on.ca.

i. Overview

By applying for a Schizophrenia Society of Ontario scholarship, you are agreeing to the Terms and Conditions in this section and are consenting to the collection, use and disclosure of your personal information as described in the Terms and Conditions.

SSO, at its discretion and without notice to any person may modify, amend (including extending the scholarship application deadline) or cancel the scholarship program at any time. Should cancellation occur, applicants who have already been granted a scholarship will not be affected.

Please note that SSO does not participate in the admission decisions of any educational or vocational institutions and candidates are required to apply independently of the scholarship program and SSO for admission to such institutions.

(Please write your initials in the box), I, [] have read, understand and agree to the terms in the preceding paragraph (i).

ii. Application

SSO is not responsible for lost, stolen or misdirected scholarship applications or correspondence. Applications submitted become the property of SSO and will not be returned. To ensure your application is received, please provide a valid email address and telephone number so that SSO can contact you.

When the SSO scholarship committee has made its decisions, SSO will contact all applicants to inform them of their application status.

Failure to reach an applicant can result in the scholarship being given to the next highest-ranking applicant. To ensure this does not happen, please make sure your contact information is correct.

All of the information contained in the application package must have been created by the applicant or their references.

Successful applications are kept on file indefinitely. Unsuccessful applications are kept on file until the end of the calendar year, at which point they are destroyed.

(Please write your initials in the box), I, [REDACTED] have read, understand and agree to the terms in the preceding paragraph (ii).

iii. Use, Retention and Access to Applicant Personal Information

Personal contact information of scholarship recipients is required to ensure funds are applied to the correct institutions, campuses, and student accounts. In the event that you are selected to receive a scholarship and do not provide the information SSO requires, including information about your program, SSO will be unable to provide the scholarship funds and the scholarship will be granted to the next highest-scoring applicant.

SSO will use your personal contact information to process your scholarship application, verify the information you provide, make a decision, and if you are successful, administer the scholarship.

SSO may also use your personal story to promote the scholarship program, increase awareness about schizophrenia and psychosis and promote the work of SSO.

SSO may be required to share certain information in applications (e.g. name, course, student ID number, and institution) with the university, college and/or trade school an applicant has applied to or is attending for the purpose of verifying information in the application, a scholarship recipient's enrolment status, or administering a scholarship.

Personal information may also be shared:

- With SSO's external service providers and advisors to the extent required for them to provide their services to SSO;
- In the event that SSO reorganizes its operations, when and if necessary to ensure any successor or resulting organization is able to use your personal information for the purposes of the scholarship program;
- To comply with a court order, subpoena or summons or other rule, order, law or regulation applicable in Ontario that requires or authorizes the disclosure of the information.

Promotion

In applying for this program, you understand that successful applicants' stories and information can be chosen to appear in SSO's communications and promotional materials (e.g. newsletter, website, social media, direct marketing materials, annual reports, etc.), and may appear in external communication materials or in the media – whether TV, print, online, broadcast or radio and including at the local, provincial, and national level, as applicable. As a courtesy, SSO will contact you for consent prior to any public facing opportunity. Consenting to participating in promotion efforts is strongly encouraged and would involve using your name, digital or hard copy likeness (i.e. picture, video, etc.) as well as any information from the essay section of the application.

While SSO will make every effort to ensure media reports about our scholarship recipients are accurate and positive, SSO cannot control how the recipient is portrayed in external media sources and cannot be held liable for any damages or perceived damages suffered by the recipient that might result from or be connected with the publication of information about the scholarship recipient in the media.

All other application information e.g. references, contact information, names of individuals specified in the essay (with the exception of the applicant's name). SSO respects the privacy of family members, caregivers, and healthcare professionals and will not use the names of anyone named in the applicant's application or essay other than the applicant themselves.

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iv. Eligibility

Please note that when requested, applicants who are selected to receive a scholarship are required to present to the scholarship office original (in distinction from a photocopy) versions of transcripts and other documents submitted with their scholarship application.

If, after verifying the information and documents submitted on and with an application, SSO discovers that any documents or information are not genuine or accurate, the scholarship will be immediately invalidated and withdrawn.

SSO accepts NO liability for any damages suffered by or any commitments made, including commitments to educational or vocations institutions, by the applicant in these circumstances.

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v. Survey Requirement

All successful applicants will be required to complete a questionnaire to provide SSO with important information about scholarship recipients.

This vital demographic information, feedback, statements and/or testimonials assist developers of the scholarship program to identify who the program is reaching and how to make it more accessible.

Information submitted within the survey portion of this application will not be made public, and will only be seen by relevant staff at SSO.

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vi. School Enrolment Requirements

All scholarships are awarded on the basis that the recipient will maintain an 'enrolled' status in his or her course of study during the scholarship year.

Any changes to enrolment, including any temporary leave of absence, must be promptly communicated to SSO.

A scholarship recipient undertakes to devote their energy to their studies and to the best of their ability apply themselves to their program of study to the satisfaction of the university, college, vocational institute or trade school providing the program and of SSO.

A scholarship recipient must adhere to the procedures established by their university, college, vocational institute or trade school on how to alter their enrolment status. SSO cannot facilitate this process.

Scholarship recipients who do not have a status of 'enrolled' on the university, college, vocational institute or trade school's student administration system will have their scholarship terminated, unless otherwise permitted by SSO.

To determine compliance with these terms and conditions, SSO will collect information regarding the scholarship recipient's enrolment status in their course of study from the university, college, vocational institute or trade school immediately upon enrolment and upon completion of the course.

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vii. Disenrollment (Voluntary) & Deferrals

It is the expectation that all scholarship recipients will complete courses which have been funded by SSO's scholarship program.

Scholarships will only be revoked in exceptional circumstances and for clarity, not for authorized leaves of absence or authorized deferred enrolment in a course. Disenrollment or unwarranted delays in completing courses being funded through a scholarship deprive another student from benefitting from the scholarship.

Scholarship recipients who decide to disenroll must contact the Scholarship Program Coordinator or obtain a 'Course Discontinuation' form. The scholarship will be terminated upon SSO's receipt of the completed form.

Subject to approval by SSO, a course being funded by SSO's scholarship program may be deferred for up to 12 months.

Acceptable reasons for requesting a deferral include, but are not limited to: relapse, familial conflict, death, serious illness and hospitalization. Recipients who find themselves in a situation where they cannot attend school should contact SSO's Scholarship Program Coordinator¹ as soon possible to discuss their individual situation.

In the event that a recipient must defer a course(s) being funded by SSO's scholarship program, SSO may require documentation setting out the reason and may verify or request that the recipient provide verification of the circumstances.

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viii. Transfers

The scholarship funds are non-transferable and non-negotiable and no such request will be entertained by SSO.

SSO reserves the sole right to offer a scholarship that is not the scholarship that was applied for but is of the same value to a recipient.

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ix. Time frames

The effective date of the scholarship will be the day on which the course commences. The maximum duration of the scholarship is one year, unless a deferral has been granted (see vii.)

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xi. Termination

SSO may terminate a recipient's scholarship if s/he has:

- Discontinued his or her course or has an 'inactive' enrolment status;
- Failed to meet the eligibility criteria and conditions of the scholarship;
- Been suspended or excluded for misconduct by the university, college, vocational institute or trade school in which s/he is enrolled;
- Failed to comply with the terms and conditions of the scholarship program;
- Failed to comply with the rules and/or policies of the university, college or trade school in which s/he is enrolled.

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xii. Financial Obligations and Responsibilities

SSO makes no guarantee that applicants selected for a Schizophrenia Society of Ontario Scholarship will receive the entire amount of funding that they apply for.

All the costs and expenses associated with the receipt of the scholarship will be borne solely by the recipient. SSO will not entertain any claim whatsoever for these costs and expenses.

Recipients are solely responsible for any other expenses related to the acceptance and use of the scholarship.

SSO will not be responsible for any loss or damage suffered by applicants or recipients while applying to and participating in the scholarship program.

SSO, in its absolute discretion reserves the right at any time, without giving any previous notice to applicants and recipients, to add, alter, modify, change or vary all or any of these Terms and Conditions, wholly or in part, or to withdraw the scholarship program.

Applicants who have already been granted a scholarship will not be affected by this cancellation.

If the scholarship recipient fails to contact SSO and accept the scholarship or fails to provide SSO with any required information or documentation within 60 days from the acceptance of the scholarship, SSO reserves the right to revoke the scholarship and award it to another applicant at the Scholarship Selection Committee's discretion.

If your SSO Scholarship Program application is successful, funds will be sent directly to your university, college, vocational institute or trade school. There is no flexibility in this policy.

SSO only issues one scholarship per degree/diploma/certificate.

Applicants who are reapplying to the scholarship program must not have received a scholarship from SSO for their current program of study.

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SECTION 5: APPLICATION

The information you provide in this section will be used by SSO to process your application and administer the scholarship award, if you are successful.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name:

Address:

City:

Postal Code:

Home Phone Number:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

Birth Date (mm/dd/yy):



EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND COURSE INFORMATION:

Last Completed Level of Education:

High school

Trade or Vocational School

Undergraduate degree

Other (Masters, PhD, etc.)

If Trade/ Vocational School/ Undergraduate Degree/ Other, please explain:

Academic institution to which you are seeking entrance or currently attending :

Name:

Address:

Student Number:

Field of Study/ Program:

What is the total cost of the course(s) that you would like the scholarship to cover (excluding books and other supplies)?

Have you completed the registration for your chosen institution?

Yes

No

If you're not selected for an SSO scholarship, how will this impact your ability to attend school? (No more than 120 words)

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Category of scholarship for which you are applying (If applicable, you may select more than one option.)

- Schizophrenia Society of Ontario Scholarship Say Yes to Me Scholarship Klara Boadway Memorial Scholarship

Amount of scholarship funding requested (Please note recipients are not guaranteed full funding for the amount requested. Amounts do not exceed \$5000.)

SECTION 6: ESSAY QUESTIONS

SSO respects the privacy of family members, caregivers, and healthcare professionals and will not use full names of anyone named in the following questions, except for the applicant themselves.

FOR INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH SCHIZOPHRENIA OR PSYCHOSIS

Both Schizophrenia Society of Ontario Scholarship and Say Yes to Me Scholarship

Please complete each of the following essay questions. Each answer should be 200 to 500 words

i. **What you have learned as you have moved towards recovery? Please highlight the reintegration and rehabilitation activities that you are involved in.**

ii. **What support systems do you have in place? How will you cope with the stressors of attending school?**

iii. **What are your career and study goals?**

KLARA BOADWAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Please complete each of the following essay questions. Each answer should be 200 to 500 words

i. What you have learned as you have moved towards Recovery? Please highlight the reintegration and rehabilitation activities that you are involved in.

ii. What support systems do you have in place? How will you cope with the stressors of attending school?

iii. What are your career and study goals?

SECTION 7: CHECKLIST

For application submission, please ensure that all of the following items are fulfilled and checked off. Your scholarship application package must include this completed sheet.

- You have completed this application in its entirety, including all forms, essay questions and attachments.
- You are a resident of Ontario and attending a university/college/vocational institute/trade school in Canada.
- You have read, understood and signed each section of the Terms and Conditions to be considered for scholarship. The signed Terms and Conditions are included with your application package.
- You have submitted typed answers to the various essay questions. Each answer should be a minimum of 200 words and a maximum of 500.
- You have submitted recommendations from two references professional references. Reference should 1-2 pages in length, provide context of your relationship and address the applicant's positive characteristics and strengths.

Signature _____

Date _____

SECTION 8: GLOSSARY

Diagnosis (Clinical):

Identification of a disease, illness or condition by a scientific evaluation of physical signs, symptoms, history, laboratory test results, and procedures.

Family:

The SSO defines “family” as a caring relationship between people with schizophrenia, their relatives, friends and other individuals in a supportive capacity.

Deferral:

Refers to recipients who find themselves in a situation where they cannot attend school for extenuating circumstances i.e., relapse, familial conflict, death of a loved one, serious illness and hospitalization.

Disenrollment (Voluntary):

Refers to a student’s voluntary withdrawal from the course being funded either prior to the beginning of the course or once the course has commenced. Reasons for disenrollment include change or lack of interest in the course or with one’s education.

Mental Illness:

A substantial disorder of thought or mood which significantly impairs judgement, behavior, capacity to recognize reality or ability to cope with the ordinary demands of life. It may be due to changes in the brain caused by genetic, toxic, infections, psychosocial or traumatic influences.

Parent:

A person who assumes the responsibility of parent by way of rearing, raising and supporting a child through to their adult years. A parent can be a biological parent, a step-parent or an adoptive parent.

Psychosis:

The term “psychosis” describes a group of symptoms that affect how an individual perceives reality and that affect the ability to tell the difference between what is real and what is not real.

Recovery:

While recovery means different things to different people, it is generally understood as an on-going journey that involves controlling the symptoms of schizophrenia and psychosis, maintaining independence, having friends and social support all while sustaining one’s ideal quality of life.

Schizophrenia:

Schizophrenia is a chronic and serious disease of the brain. It is a psychotic disorder, which involves a loss of contact with reality, making it very hard for a person to distinguish between what is real and what is not. Schizophrenia greatly alters how a person thinks and perceives the world, and consequently how they feel and behave.

Treatment:

The type of treatment a mental health professional recommends varies from person to person. It may include medication, counselling or therapy, self-help or support groups.