

## **THE OTA PROFESSIONAL DRIVER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

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The Ontario Trucking Association (OTA) is pleased to sponsor an annual scholarship to aid a university student who is the son or daughter of a professional commercial truck driver. The scholarship honours the memory of David Virgoe, a truck driver and truck hero who died in June, 2007 in a crash caused by street racers on Highway 400. It also recognizes the hard work, dedication and professionalism of all Ontario truck drivers who safely share the road with the general motoring public every day.

One scholarship of up to \$1,000 is available annually for an applicant who meets the scholarship eligibility criteria. The scholarship recipient will be selected by the OTA Education Foundation Selection Committee. The scholarship winner will be contacted by mail, and the scholarship funds will be forwarded to the applicant's post-secondary institution to be credited to his/her student account.

### ***Eligibility Criteria***

In order to be considered for a scholarship, each applicant must be:

- Twenty-five (25) years of age or under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the academic year for which the application applies;
- Enrolled or registered to attend a recognized Ontario university on a full-time basis;
- A resident of Ontario; and,
- The child of a commercial driver (employed or owner-operator) who has been driving professionally for a minimum of 5 years.

### ***Application Requirements***

All completed and signed applications must be received by *July 15<sup>th</sup>*. All applicants must also:

- Include a short essay (500 words or less) that describes why you think your parent is an outstanding professional driver (e.g.—accident free, driving awards, acts of bravery, etc.);
- Include a type-written letter (500 words or less) addressed to the *OTA Education Foundation Selection Committee* that describes your personal and academic accomplishments, as well as your personal, academic and career goals and what motivated you to pursue those goals;
- Arrange for an official transcript of your most recent marks must be forwarded directly to the Foundation by **July 30<sup>th</sup>**. Applications that are not accompanied by official transcripts will be disqualified. A final (not mid-term) transcript must be provided.



APPLICATION FORM FOR ACADEMIC YEAR COMMENCING: 20\_\_\_\_\_

**I. Personal Information**

Last Name:	First Name:	<input type="checkbox"/> male <input type="checkbox"/> female	Date of Birth: Y_____ M_____ D_____
Address:			Social Insurance # <sup>1</sup> : _____ - _____ - _____
City:	Province:	Postal Code:	
Cell Phone/Text #: ( )	Email: _____ @		

**II. Education History**

Most recent academic year completed:  Grade 12 [complete (a)] **OR**  Year \_\_\_\_\_ of a \_\_\_\_\_ year post-secondary program [complete (b)]

(a) Name and Location of Secondary School:

(b) Name(s) and Location(s) of Post-Secondary School(s) since the Completion of Secondary School:

Name of Institution	Location	Field of Study	Full-Time/Part-Time	Start Date (mm/yyyy)

**III. Current or Proposed Full-Time Studies**

Name of University:	Student #:		
Campus Name:	Location (City):	Length of Program (years):	
Level of Study	<input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate (Bachelor) Degree	<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate (Master's) Degree	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
Program Name/Faculty:	Degree Name:		

**IV. Professional Driving Background of Parent**

Name of parent <b>driver</b> employed by/contracted to trucking company:	License Class:		
Company Name:	Phone: ( )		
Company Address:	City:	Prov.:	P/C:
<input type="checkbox"/> Company driver <input type="checkbox"/> Owner-operator	Employed/Contracted since (year):	Total Years Driving:	
Name of Manager/Supervisor (please print):	Position:		
Signature of Manager/Supervisor: _____	Date: _____		

**V. Declaration**

I hereby certify that the above information is true and that any false information will automatically disqualify me from eligibility for an OTA Education Foundation Scholarship. I also agree to allow the OTA Education Foundation to publish my name, essay, letter or portions thereof in news releases, annual reports, the OTA Education Foundation's website, or other material used for promotional purposes only.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

- All completed and signed applications must be received by **July 15<sup>th</sup>**. You must also:
  - Include a short essay (500 words or less) that describes why you think your parent is an outstanding professional driver (e.g.—accident free, driving awards, acts of bravery, etc.);
  - Include a type-written letter (500 words or less) addressed to the *Foundation's Selection Committee* that describes your personal and academic accomplishments, as well as your personal, academic and career goals and what motivated you to pursue those goals;
  - Arrange for an **official** transcript of your most recent marks must be forwarded **directly** to the Foundation by **July 30<sup>th</sup>**. Applications that are not accompanied by **official** transcripts will be disqualified. A final (not mid-term) transcript must be provided.
- Faxed applications will not be eligible. A fax copy is acceptable if required to meet the application deadline; however, the original must be sent by mail.
- Only scholarship winners will be notified. Scholarship funds will be advanced to the student's post-secondary institution and will be credited to the account identified by the above student number.

<sup>1</sup>The OTA Education Foundation will issue T4A Tax Slips to all scholarship recipients. Scholarship funds will not be advanced until the student's social insurance number has been provided. This information will only be used to meet the Foundation's legal requirements regarding the issuance of tax slips.