

THE OTA PROFESSIONAL DRIVER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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.

The scholarship recipient will be selected by the OTA Education Foundation Selection Committee. The maximum scholarship amount is \$1,000.

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 1st of the academic year for which the application applies.
- Enrolled in or registered to attend a public Ontario university on a full-time basis.
- A resident of Ontario.
- The child of a commercial driver (employee or owner-operator) who has been driving professionally for a minimum of 5 years.

Application Requirements

The following must be submitted by **July 15th**:

- A completed *OTA Professional Driver Memorial Scholarship* application form. Applications received by fax or email will not be eligible, unless submitted only to meet the application deadline. However, ***original forms and documents must be submitted by mail.***
- A type-written essay of 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.).
- A type-written letter of 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 along with what motivated you to pursue those goals.

The following must be provided by **July 30th**:

- An ***official*** transcript from your most recent academic year with final (not mid-term) marks, which ***must be sent directly from the issuing institution*** to the OTA Education Foundation at the address below. Students who are applying for multiple *OTA Education Foundation* scholarships are permitted to arrange for only one official transcript to be sent to the Foundation. Applicants are asked to indicate that they are applying for other Foundation scholarships on the application form.

Please Note: Only the scholarship winner 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 student number provided on the application.



I. Personal Information

Last Name:		First Name:		Date of Birth (yyyy/mm/dd):	
Address:				Social Insurance # ¹ : _____ - _____ - _____	
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 <u>driver</u> 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. Transcript

Official Transcript Requested. School Name: _____ **Transcript Deadline: July 30th**

I am applying for other OTA Education Foundation scholarships, and understand that I only need to request one transcript. Please link my transcript to the following additional applications:

OTA Education Foundation Scholarship JD Smith and Sons "Leaders of Tomorrow" Scholarship The Erb Group of Companies "Service to Community" Scholarship

Bison Transport Scholarship OTA Allied Trades Scholarship

VI. 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.

Name in Print: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

- Completed and signed applications must be received by **July 15th**.
- 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 along with what motivated you to pursue those goals;
- An **official transcript** of your most recent *final* (not mid-term) marks, which must be sent directly from the issuing institution to the OTA Education Foundation, must be received by **July 30th**.

¹The 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.