



## **The Garda Family Memorial Scholarships**

The Garda Family Memorial Scholarships honours the memory of PC Darius Garda, an officer who died by suicide after struggling with mental health issues. Darius was a graduate of the University of Toronto and a firm believer in the power of knowledge and lifelong learning. The Garda Family Memorial Scholarships serves to recognize students who have a strong commitment to learning and a passion for mental health initiatives and advocacy in their community.

Scholarships:

1. Advocacy and Excellence in Mental Health Scholarship (Grade 12)
2. Resilience and Inspiration in Mental Health Scholarship (Grade 12)
3. Advancement and Research in Mental Health Scholarship (Grade 12/Post-secondary)

All applicants need to provide their most recent report card or transcript, or their graduating transcript of the last academic institution attended.

Please read all the requirements below and you can access the Scholarship Form on our website [www.torontobeyondtheblue.com](http://www.torontobeyondtheblue.com) Best of luck!

## **1. Advocacy and Excellence in Mental Health Scholarship**

Mental illness affects each and every one of us in one way or another. This scholarship is for Toronto students who are championing mental health initiatives within their school or community. This scholarship will provide students with financial support to pursue post-secondary education and celebrate efforts to reduce stigma.

### **Where Tenable**

To be used for any educational institution within Canada

### **Field of Study**

Unrestricted

### **Value**

\$1,000 X 1

### **Apply**

Online application available at [www.torontobeyondtheblue.com](http://www.torontobeyondtheblue.com)

### **Eligibility**

Open to students who have organized mental health initiatives within their school or community.

Candidates must be Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents registered in Grade 12 and completing the requirements of a high school diploma that will qualify them for a post-secondary education. Open to recipients who will be attending an accredited Canadian post-secondary institution offering a degree, diploma or certificate upon completion.

Applicants are required to submit an original essay describing their current involvement in mental health initiatives and the impact within their school or community. The essay must be no more than 700 words.

Applicants are requested to submit at least one (1) letter of reference, preferably from a school official or community member who is well aware of the applicant's initiatives and character.

### **Selection & Payment**

Selection will be based on essay and reference letter. Selection will be made by the Toronto Beyond the Blue Selection Committee and may include the donor. Recipients will be notified by June. The recipient must be registered at an accredited Canadian institution within 12 months of notification to claim the award. Payment is made directly to the post-secondary institution upon proof of registration.

**Deadline: April 30**

## **2. Resilience and Inspiration in Mental Health Scholarship**

Mental illness affects each and every one of us in one way or another. This scholarship is for Toronto students who have struggled or are struggling with their mental health, or is a mental health caregiver. This scholarship will provide students with financial support to pursue post-secondary education and celebrate their resilience.

### **Where Tenable**

To be used for any educational institution within Canada

### **Field of Study**

Unrestricted

### **Value**

\$1,000 X 1

### **Apply**

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### **Eligibility**

Open to students who have struggled or are struggling with their mental health.  
Open to mental health caregivers who are supporting someone struggling with their mental health.

Candidates must be Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents registered in Grade 12 and completing the requirements of a high school diploma that will qualify them for a post-secondary education. Open to recipients who will be attending an accredited Canadian post-secondary institution offering a degree, diploma or certificate upon completion.

Applicants are required to submit an original essay describing their personal mental health journey and/or goals for the future, and/or how they have helped and supported a loved one with their mental health. The essay must be no more than 700 words.

Applicants are requested to submit at least one (1) letter of reference, preferably from a school official or community member who is well aware of the applicant's efforts and character.

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### **3. Advancement and Research in Mental Health Scholarship**

Mental illness affects each and every one of us in one way or another. This scholarship is for Toronto students who are specifically entering into the or in the mental health field of study. This scholarship will provide students with financial support to pursue or continue post-secondary education and celebrate the dedication to understanding and advancing our understanding of mental health.

#### **Where Tenable**

To be used for any educational institution within Canada

#### **Field of Study**

Unrestricted

#### **Value**

\$1,000 X 1

#### **Apply**

Online application available at [www.torontobeyondtheblue.com](http://www.torontobeyondtheblue.com)

#### **Eligibility**

Open to students who are pursuing an education in the field of mental health.

Candidates must be Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents registered in Grade 12 and completing the requirements of a high school diploma that will qualify them for a post-secondary education. Open to recipients who will be attending an accredited Canadian post-secondary institution offering a degree, diploma or certificate upon completion. Candidates can also be currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution.

Applicants are required to submit an original essay describing their reason for pursuing a degree in mental health and future goals and/or their current focus of study and future goals. The essay must be no more than 700 words.

Applicants are requested to submit at least one (1) letter of reference, preferably from a school official or community member who is well aware of the applicant's initiatives, course of study and character.

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