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# 2024 WHSC Annual Student Scholarship Contest

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### 2024 RULES

The Workers Health & Safety Centre (WHSC) is pleased to call for applications for the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual student scholarship contest.

<p><b>Awards</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The top applicant will be awarded the Clifford Pilkey, WHSC Founder Memorial Scholarship and receive <b>\$5,000.</b></li> <li>▶ The second place applicant will be awarded the Fred Upshaw, Champion for Social Justice Memorial Scholarship and receive <b>\$3,000.</b></li> <li>▶ Up to five additional successful applicants will receive <b>\$1,000 each.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Eligibility*</b></p>	<p>Any full-time high school student residing in Ontario and beginning, in Fall 2024, their first year in full-time or part-time studies leading to a diploma, certificate or degree from any publicly funded Ontario college or university. <i>(Applications from students having graduated prior to summer 2023 will not be accepted.)</i></p>
<p><b>Application</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Each applicant must write an essay addressing the topic outlined below.</li> <li>▶ Each applicant must also submit a completed application form**, a description of co-curricular activities, and a letter of recommendation from a teacher, school administrator or representative of a recognized community organization.</li> <li>▶ All submissions must not violate privacy or copyright laws.</li> <li>▶ <b>Only one submission per applicant.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Topic</b></p>	<p>Research evidence and the experiences of workers tell us being new to work or new to a task, and not age, raises the risk of suffering an injury compared to others with more experience. As a student, you may already work or will soon and may be placed in harm's way because of this "newness". Though, occupational health and safety law is designed, when acted upon and enforced, to help protect workers, including those new to work.</p> <p>In Ontario, employers and supervisors have the most significant obligations to protect workers. Though workers themselves have legal rights under the <i>Occupational Health and Safety Act</i> they can act on to help ensure work is safe and healthy.</p> <p>Share your understanding of these worker rights, including mandatory training, protections from employer reprisals for acting on your rights and where you might turn to for help relating to occupational health and safety. Please include any workplace experience you or someone you know had relating to unsafe or unhealthy work and use of worker rights.</p>
<p><b>Essay Rules</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Essays must be a minimum of 600 words and a maximum of 1,000 words.</li> <li>▶ All pages must be numbered.</li> <li>▶ Place correct word count at the end of the document.</li> <li>▶ The document must be word processed in a 12-point font and double-spaced.</li> <li>▶ Do not place your name on any page of the essay.</li> <li>▶ Essays must include a bibliography.</li> <li>▶ Essays as submitted will be final – no revisions.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Submission Criteria</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Essay submissions will be judged on knowledge of subject matter, understanding of the WHSC vision, understanding of the role the WHSC plays in supporting all workplace parties and the general public in the pursuit of safer and healthier work environments, originality of ideas, development of point of view, insight, clarity of expression, accuracy of information, organization and execution.</li> <li>▶ Scholarship recipients will be chosen based on a weighted average of the essay submission and their co-curricular contributions to their school and larger community. The essay will count for three quarters (3/4) of the total weight and co-curricular contributions will count for one quarter (1/4) of the total weight.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Submission Requirements</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Each submission must include the following electronic documents. And all should be sent to the attention of Sandy Warden, email: <a href="mailto:swarden@whsc.on.ca">swarden@whsc.on.ca</a> in one email:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Essay in Word format;</li> <li>2) Application form in PDF format;</li> <li>3) Description of co-curricular activities in Word or PDF format; and</li> <li>4) Letter of recommendation in Word or PDF format.</li> </ol> </li> <li>▶ Please add <b>WHSC Student Scholarship</b> to the subject line of the e-mail.</li> <li>▶ <b>Entries not meeting submission requirements will be disqualified.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Submission Deadline</b></p>	<p><b>Friday, July 26, 2024 at 4:00PM</b></p>
<p><b>Successful Applicants</b></p>	<p>Successful applicants will be announced in Fall 2024. Each successful applicant must submit verification of enrolment from the institution's office of the registrar. Each applicant can only qualify for one scholarship award.</p>
<p><b>Essay Ownership</b></p>	<p>All essays submitted become the property of the WHSC. Successful entries may be published by the WHSC and may be shared widely through our community partners, government agencies and media.</p>

▶ WHSC reserves the right to limit the number of awards should suitable submissions not exist.

▶ WHSC is not responsible for entries which are lost, incomplete, damaged or destroyed.

\*Excluding the immediate family of an employee of the WHSC. Immediate family is defined as sibling, child, step-child, niece, nephew or grandchild.

\*\*For a copy of the application form please visit the WHSC website: [www.whsc.on.ca/Resources/For-Young-Workers/Scholarship-Bursaries](http://www.whsc.on.ca/Resources/For-Young-Workers/Scholarship-Bursaries)

No portion of government grants from employer assessments or WHSC revenue generation support this important awareness initiative. All student scholarships are financed solely through funds raised at **The Clifford Pilkey Memorial Golf Fundraiser.**

**WHSC facilitates this fundraising event to fund these post-secondary education scholarships.**

