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Active Living Scholarship Fund

The OhioOntario International Games has established the **Active Living Scholarship Fund** to support post secondary education in the area of physical activity.

Each year applications are invited from Elgin County residents, and the Active Living Scholarships are awarded based on the following criteria:

- ✓ Eligible applicants must be a resident of Elgin County, and be a Canadian Citizen or permanent resident (landed immigrant) at the time of application for scholarship.
- ✓ Students must show proof of enrolment in a post secondary program at an accredited institution, or a certificate program with a recognized sporting association. (eg: Coaching certificate)
- ✓ Students who have graduated Grade 12 in the last year as well as Mature Students are eligible for Grants from this Scholarship Fund.
- ✓ Applicants will have demonstrated leadership ability and demonstrated interest in the importance in participation and inclusion over the importance of winning.
- ✓ Provide a 500 word essay stating why this is your chosen profession.
- ✓ Provide a letter of recommendation from community member, teacher or guidance counsellor.
- ✓ Provide high school transcripts/marks verified by Guidance Counsellor (where applicable).
- ✓ Preference will be given to first time applicants.
- ✓ Cheques will be issued to qualified donees (charitable Foundation of appropriate College/training institution), which will then issue cheques to successful applicants.

The deadline for applications is June 01 each year, and applications should be forwarded to the Elgin-St. Thomas Community Foundation office at Box 20150, St. Thomas, N5P 4H4. Early applications are appreciated as we aim to have applications reviewed and scholarships awarded in time for graduation ceremonies the third week of June. We appreciate early notification of your grad ceremony dates.

Successful applicants will be required to provide a short final report on completion of the school year for which this funding is applied.

HISTORY OF OHIONTARIO INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP GAMES

The OhiOntario International Friendship Games were created to demonstrate a community approach to international goodwill by promoting active living in the sister cities of St. Thomas Ontario, Canada and Bowling Green Ohio USA. In doing so, the following were the aims of the GAMES:

- a. To encourage maximum participation in all eligible age categories in amateur recreational competition between St. Thomas and Bowling Green,

- b. To develop and maintain community support of the GAMES from the public, the industrial and business sectors, and service organizations,
- c. To provide the opportunity for cultural exchange between the two cities,
- d. To share valuable resources, both physical and human in each community,
- e. To emphasize the importance of participating over the importance of winning.

Participants in the GAMES had to be a minimum of 9 years of age.

The OhiOntario International Friendship Games were held from 1992 to 2001 and encouraged maximum participation of all ages in non competitive community sports.