

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

### **The Sisters of Service Scholarship**

The Sisters of Service Scholarship will be annually awarded to **two students (one youth and one adult)** who are recent immigrants or convention refugees<sup>1</sup> and have expressed a desire to pursue further and/or continuing education.

Each recipient will be awarded a monetary reward of up to \$5,000.

#### **The Applicant:**

- Is a Child or youth up to 29 years of age or is an adult over the age of 29 years
- Resides, studies, or works within the geographic area of the Archdiocese of Toronto
- Is in good academic standing
- Is a recent immigrant or convention refugee to Canada who has obtained landed immigrant or permanent resident status over the past five years
- Must be endorsed by a teacher, an agency, or a community partner whose values align with those of CCAT.

#### **Submission Documentation Checklist**

Apply via email, including the following:

- ☐ A submission paper (2 pages maximum) or short video (5 mins maximum) outlining why you are pursuing a career in your field of study and the impact you hope to have on your community. Please indicate how long you have been in Canada.
- ☐ Proof of acceptance into your program with an accredited institution.
- ☐ **Two** letters of reference (e.g., academic, community involvement) to be submitted directly to Catholic Charities by your reference provider via this link: [Catholic Charities Scholarship Reference Form – 2026 – Fill out form](#) or by scanning this QR Code.
- ☐ Applicants will complete the attached declaration, attesting to the authenticity of their application. *Refer to Attachment 1 for the Attestation*
- ☐ Completed application to be submitted to Catholic Charities by April 30th to [info@ccat.ca](mailto:info@ccat.ca) with the subject line: **Application for the Sisters of Service Scholarship.**

Catholic Charities Scholarship  
Reference Form – 2026



#### <sup>1</sup> **Convention Refugees Abroad Class**

The word “Convention” refers to the United Nations Convention relating to the Status of Refugees.

You are a Convention Refugee Abroad if you:

- are afraid of persecution because of your race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or political opinion; and
  - are outside Canada;
  - are outside your country of nationality and unable or, because of your fear, unwilling to obtain the protection of your country; or
  - if you have no country of nationality, are outside your country of former habitual residence (home country) and unable or, because of your fear, unwilling to return to that country.

**Submission Process**

- These applications will be reviewed by the Scholarships and Awards Committee of the Catholic Charities Board of Directors to determine the qualified candidates for each scholarship between the months of June and July.
- The Committee will shortlist at least two qualified candidates for each scholarship and will schedule an interview with each candidate if needed.
- The Committee will make the final selection of the recipients for each scholarship and endorse the successful candidates to the CCAT Board by the third Thursday of September.
- Upon receiving a scholarship administered by CCAT, students will be ineligible to reapply for five years.

**Recognition**

- The successful candidates will be informed by September 30<sup>th</sup> and will be invited to attend an award ceremony at a date determined by Catholic Charities, which may be photographed, recorded, and posted on CCAT social media platforms and newsletter.
- The list of awardees and their contributions will be posted on CCAT social media platforms.
- A brief write-up on each awardee and service to the community will be published on the CCAT website and CCAT Newsletter.

**Administrative Considerations:**

Frequency:

Annually

Deadline for Application Submission:

April 30<sup>th</sup>

Contact:

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**Attachment 1**

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION – ATTESTATION FORM**

The undersigned applicant hereby certifies that all material submitted to support their scholarship application is accurate and true to the best of their knowledge.

The undersigned also acknowledges that the submission of false information and/or falsified/plagiarized materials will result in their disqualification and the forfeiture of any funds awarded.

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_