



# Student Bursary Program

## **Objective**

The Ontario Municipal Water Association (OMWA) is the “voice of municipal water supply in Ontario”. The OMWA represents approximately 200 municipal water supply authorities in Ontario.

In 2007, the OMWA celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As part of the anniversary celebration, the announcement of this bursary was made. This bursary is intended to promote careers in water operations and management in the municipal water supply industry to college students in programs that would be applicable to this industry.

The Walkerton Inquiry outlined the importance of water operators and the management of water supply to the safety of all water customers. The OMWA realizes the importance of front line water professionals and this bursary is intended to promote this profession.

## **Eligibility**

An applicant for this bursary must be a resident of Ontario and a student registered at an Ontario Community College. The student shall also be enrolled in a program such as environmental technology or resource management that could lead to a career in the water supply industry.

## **Annual Scholarship Program**

Each year applications will be received by the OMWA Board of Directors. The Deadline for applications is November 15 each calendar year. There will be up to 4 bursaries of \$500.00 each. Generally, the scholarships will be awarded as follows:

- 1) one bursary to a student that has a permanent residence in Northwestern Ontario (west of Nipigon)
- 2) one bursary to a student that has a permanent residence in Northeastern Ontario (east of Nipigon, north of Parry Sound)
- 3) one bursary to a student that has a permanent residence in Eastern Ontario (south of Parry Sound, east of Hwy 11)
- 4) one bursary to a student that has a permanent residence in Southwestern Ontario (south of Parry Sound, west of Hwy 11)

The OMWA Board reserves the right to alter the award of bursary in a given year at its discretion. The bursary will be announced by February of the following year and the successful applicant must still be a registered student at that time (this includes Cooperative education terms).

## **Application Process**

Application shall be made on the forms provided by the OMWA. All applications will be treated confidentially with the exception that the winners name, college and picture may be published.

Application may be made electronically or by mail. One copy of the application is required.

## **Selection Criteria**

The OMWA Board will decide how they will evaluate the applications. The following criteria will generally be used as a guide to selecting the successful applicants:

	Maximum Score
*Essay (see below)	35 points
**Community Activities, reference letters	35
Marks from most recent transcript (or report card)	20
<u>Completed Application</u>	<u>10</u>
Total	100

\*Essay – an essay of up to 1000 words is required as part of the application. The topic shall be related to the importance of municipal water supply and some suggestions are:

- the role of water operators in protecting public health
- the role of water system management in protecting public health
- impacts of the Walkerton Inquiry for water supply
- importance of safe drinking water to public health

The applicant is welcome to choose their own topic and the above are only listed for illustrative purposes.

\*\*Community Activities – each applicant is required to list up to 5 community activities that they have been involved with as a participant, volunteer, organizer, etc. The community activities can include volunteer work, sports; etc. The applicant is also to include two reference letters that speak to some of the community activities listed in the application.

## **Miscellaneous**

The OMWA Board reserves the right to amend the bursary program at any time.

# Student Bursary Application Form

## Personal Information

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Permanent address:</b>	
<b>Postal code:</b>	
<b>Email address:</b>	
<b>Telephone:</b>	
<b>College:</b>	
<b>Description of College Program</b>	

**Essay Title:** *applicant to type title here*

*Insert essay here (1000 words maximum), if not submitting electronically this will not fit in this box and can be submitted on an attached sheet of paper*

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**Community Activities**

	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Period of Time Involved</b>	<b>Description of Involvement</b>
1)			
2)			
3)			
4)			
5)			

**Other Required Information**

**Attachments required to be included with the application are listed as follows:**

- 1. Each applicant is required to provide two reference letters that speak to some part of the information provided in the application (for example, the community activities listed)**
- 2. Copy of most recent transcript or report card if the student is in their first semester at college**

**Completed Applications will be received until November 15 each calendar year. The applications are to be clearly identified as a bursary application and submitted to:**

**[dparker@omwa.org](mailto:dparker@omwa.org)**

**Or**

**Ontario Municipal Water Association  
43 Chelsea Crescent  
Belleville, ON  
K8N 4Z5**