

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Father Paul Lennon | Doreen Cullen Social Work Scholarship

The Father Paul Lennon | Doreen Cullen Scholarship is awarded annually by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto to persons wanting to pursue:

Studies in Social Work – students must be entering into their **2nd year of study or beyond**, in a degree-granting Social Work or diploma-granting Social Services program in a Canadian college/university accredited by a recognized accrediting agency.

While preference will be given to applicants who are graduates of the Catholic school system in the Archdiocese of Toronto, it is open to all applicants who are prepared to make a commitment to pursuing a career in social work. It is also open to those persons already working with a member agency of Catholic Charities, who wish to pursue further study.

Scholarships will be awarded in amounts of no less than \$1000, to a maximum of \$5000, at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. Multiple recipients will be considered.

Candidates Commitment

To be considered for a Lennon Cullen scholarship, all applicants must show a commitment to working for a social service agency through their volunteer or work experiences. The scholarship is limited to Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents.

Submission Documentation

To be considered for as a candidate for the scholarship, all applicants must submit to the chair of the Catholic Charities Scholarship Committee a completed application, by emailing to info@ccat.ca, with the subject line: ***“Application for Lennon/Cullen Scholarship”***. All applications must be inclusive of the following documents:

- Resume / CV
- A short essay on the significance of working in the Social Services sector.

Essays must be between 500-750 words or two-three typewritten pages of 250 words each.

- At least two letters of endorsement from a teacher, parish priest, volunteer coordinator, or agency supervisor.

Only complete applications with all required supporting materials that are received by the published deadline will be considered by the Scholarship Committee for evaluation.

Interviews of the shortlisted candidates will be conducted with the Scholarship Committee.

To be eligible for scholarship payment, all applicants for Lennon Cullen scholarships must provide written proof of enrollment in the program, for which a scholarship is sought, before the funds are released. Proof of enrollment is a letter from the registrar's office.

Proof of enrollment, which should include a letter from the Registrar, must document the following

- Student enrollment status (full-time/part-time)
- Level of study (undergraduate/graduate)
- Program of study

Submission Deadline

The DEADLINE for submission of required documents for those applying for a scholarship is **June 1st**. Applicants will be notified either by email or letter, by **August** of the same year.

Application details for each academic year are posted on Catholic Charities' website:
<http://www.ccat.ca>.

Committee Assessment

All completed applications accompanied by all required supporting materials will be reviewed by the Catholic Charities Scholarship Committee to ensure that every applicant receives full consideration.

All decisions by the Scholarship Application Evaluation Committee are final and any attempts by applicants to lobby or persuade the committee during the process will result in immediate disqualification.

Unless otherwise specified, scholarships are given for only one (1) academic school year. The year for which the scholarship is provided will be identified in the award. Only one scholarship per program, can be awarded to an applicant.

Applicants who are awarded a Lennon Cullen scholarship will have three weeks from the date of notification to submit proof of enrollment. If documentation is not submitted before the deadline, the scholarship offer will be withdrawn. Exceptions to this policy will be considered on a case-by-case basis if extenuating circumstances are demonstrated.

Scholarship recipients consent to the use of their names and images to be used in current and future publicity & marketing materials, including (but not limited to) press releases and social media posts.

Scholarship payment will be made directly to the student.