



2023/2024

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP - INSTRUCTION SHEET

Up to 2 x \$30,000

In our continued commitment to recognize outstanding high school students, Lakehead University is pleased to offer Presidential Scholarships. Each year, up to two high achieving students are awarded our prestigious \$30,000 scholarships. These entrance scholarships, valued at \$7,500 per year for four years, are awarded to full-time students entering Lakehead University upon graduation from high school with a minimum average of 90% in their highest six (6) Grade 12 U and M academic courses or equivalent. **Applicants shall demonstrate leadership qualities and have made significant contributions to their high school and community.**

You will be considered on the basis of: a letter of application; two letters of support; academic performance; interests and activities involving leadership, citizenship and community service; and an interview with the selection committee.

Candidates selected for an interview will have their expenses paid to travel to Thunder Bay/Orillia.

You must maintain an overall average of 85% in subsequent academic years to be eligible to receive the second, third and fourth year instalments. The Lakehead University Presidential Scholarship may be held for a maximum of four years or until the first degree is obtained, whichever occurs first. If your university academic average falls between 80.0% - 84.9%, you will receive an amended scholarship valued at \$2,500 per year for each subsequent academic year for the remaining term of the scholarship. Should you complete an 80% but less than 100% of your course load for your program and year level, your scholarship value will be prorated.

This scholarship is not tenable with a Lakehead University Northwestern Ontario and Simcoe County Citizenship Scholarship or the Academic Entrance Scholarship.

If you have a minimum high school average of 90%, we encourage you to apply by submitting the following application electronically to awards.safa@lakeheadu.ca :

1. A completed "Lakehead University Presidential Scholarship Application Form".
2. A two (2) page, double-spaced essay, emphasizing leadership and how you have contributed to your school and community (standard font and font size required). Essays over the 2 page limit will not be considered.
3. In resume style, a chronological list of achievements, accomplishments and involvement during high school years (*not elementary school*) under the headings listed below. Where appropriate, indicate the dates of involvement (**from when to when**), positions held and whether or not payment was received. (*Ontario students must indicate separately the activity and hours of community service submitted to meet high school graduation requirements.*)
 - a) Awards (*academic, community, recognition, etc.*)
 - b) School Involvement- extra-curricular activities (*student council, athletics, etc.*)
 - c) Volunteer and Community Involvement
 - d) Employment – include co-op placements
 - e) Career Aspirations



4. Two letters of reference (dated, signed and on letterhead as applicable):
 - a) one from a teacher who taught you within the last two years; and,
 - b) one from a person in the community (*not a teacher or relative*) who knows you well.

Please ensure that your referees are aware of the following:

The selection committee welcomes any information which will aid in evaluating your merits with regard to:

- a) scholastic record and ability in school;
 - b) participation and achievement in the life and activities of the school and community (*specific instances of interest in athletics, debating, public speaking, writing, dramatics, music, youth organizations, etc. will be helpful*);
 - c) character, personal qualities and temperament and how these relate to your achievements and contributions;
 - d) genuine interest in others and ability to lead.
5. If you are currently in classes, a Credit Counselling Summary that indicates your midterm grades for your current courses. If your midterm grades are unavailable, Lakehead University will inquire with your school after the application deadline.
If you are not currently in classes, please include an official high school transcript.

Application Deadline: April 25, 2023

Incomplete Applications / Applications received after the deadline will not be considered

Please email all documents, including reference letters in one email, indicating "PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION- LASTNAME, First Name" in the subject heading to awards.safa@lakeheadu.ca.

Files should be submitted in the following manner:

- LAST NAME, First Name – Application Form
- LAST NAME, First Name – Essay
- LAST NAME, First Name – Achievement List
- LAST NAME, First Name – School Reference
- LAST NAME, First Name – 2nd Reference
- LAST NAME, First Name – Credit Counselling Summary or Official Transcript

Direct Inquires to: Student Central at studentcentral@lakeheadu.ca or (807) 343-8500