



2026/2027

## LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP - INSTRUCTION SHEET

Up to 2 x \$40,000

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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 \$40,000 scholarships. These entrance scholarships, valued at \$10,000 per year for four years, are awarded to full-time domestic 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 should 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 reference; academic performance; interests and activities involving leadership, citizenship and community service; and an interview with the selection committee.

**Candidates selected for an interview will be contacted for a zoom interview.**

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 Award or the Academic Entrance Scholarship.

**If you have a minimum high school average of 90%, we encourage you to apply by uploading the following application documents to google forms using your Lakehead email:**

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 date started to date ended*), position 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. Reference Letters – Download the Lakehead University Presidential Scholarship Reference Form and fill in the two sections for *Student Information and Reference Details (one for each reference)*. Forward the completed form to each person that will be providing your reference letters:

a) one from a teacher who taught you within the last two years; and,

b) one from a person in the community who knows you well that is not a teacher or relative.

Your referee will upload their reference letter for you using the link provided on the form.

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.

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**Application Deadline: April 25, 2026 by midnight**

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

Please upload all documents to google forms using your Lakehead email: [Presidential Scholarship Application](#)

Files saved as a PDF should be uploaded to the link above 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 – use either Credit Counselling Summary or Official Transcript

Thank you for your interest in this scholarship and in Lakehead University.

Direct Inquires to: [Student Central](#)  
(807) 343-8500 Thunder Bay campus or (705) 330-4010 Orillia campus  
Thunder Bay Campus: Student Central (UC 1002) Orillia Campus: Student Central (Simcoe Hall)