



CICS-Cheng Family Scholarship for Social Services Studies Application

With a generous donation from the Cheng family, CICS is proud to offer the CICS-Cheng Family Scholarship for Social Services Studies. The Scholarship is designed to encourage and empower students in post-secondary studies preparing to enter social and community services as future careers.

Individual scholarships of \$2,500 will be awarded to successful candidates. To be eligible, applicants must be enrolled in a post-secondary study program related to social services in a recognized post-secondary education institution on September 1, 2024. Both new and returning students are eligible to apply.

Please complete this application, save it as a .docx or .pdf document with your name <first and last name> as the file name and return to Scholarship@cicscanada.com with your name as the email subject no later than 5:00pm on August 1, 2024. In the same email, please also attach a copy of your latest transcript.

First Name	
Last Name	
Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)	
Address	
Phone	
Email	
Name of post-secondary institution enrolled in as of Sept 2024	
Program of Study and Areas of Focus (if applicable)	
Year of Study as of Sept 2024	
Projected Year of Graduation	

Please answer the following questions in 250 words or less each in the space provided below:

- (1) What prompted you to pursue post-secondary studies in social services and can you share your career goals and aspirations at this point?

(2) Given a choice, which population or demographic will you be most interested in serving after you complete your studies? What do you think are the most pressing issues facing that population?

(3) Please provide your previous volunteering and employment history related to community human services.

(4) Please choose **ONE** of the following topics and provide a response of maximum 250 words:

- a. Recent public opinion polls suggests that there is a growing sentiment among Canadians that we should slow down the rate of immigration in the country. Please research and quote a recent poll. Do you agree with the implication or interpretation of its findings that Canada should reduce our immigration targets?
- b. The housing crisis and high inflation has been dominating the news headlines lately. Some have argued that newcomers are largely responsible for driving up housing and living costs. Please provide a counter argument based on historic and current data and provide suggestions on how to approach and address this crisis.
- c. Food insecurity and poverty has become a serious problem in Toronto with more and more people relying on foodbanks. If you are given the opportunity to provide input in a strategic planning process for CICS for the upcoming 5 years, please outline a strategy how CICS can contribute to the fight against poverty and address food insecurity in the community.

Declaration and Consent

I certify all information submitted above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I certify my essay in response to question (4) above is entirely my own work.

I give consent to the Centre for Immigrant and Community Services (CICS) to share the personal information I provided in this application to individuals involved in the selection of successful scholarship recipients.

In the event that I am selected as a successful applicant, I give consent to CICS to publish my name, photograph, video and/or audio files from interviews in CICS' official websites, social media channels as well as in any media coverage. I understand the pictures and recordings are exclusive properties of CICS and can be used for future marketing and promotion purposes without compensation.

As a successful applicant, I commit to attending the CICS Annual General Meeting on **September 28, 2024** to receive the award in person.

Name of Applicant	
Signature of Applicant	
Date (DD/MM/YYYY)	

Application Submission Checklist:

- Have I completed and signed the application form above?
- Have I saved the completed application in a MS WORD or PDF file with my name as the file name, and the subject for the email submission?
- Have I also attached a copy of my latest transcript or report card?
- Have I set aside September 28, 2024, on my calendar to receive the award in person in case I am one of the successful applicants?