Achieving the Dream Through Education

**Gord Wickham Scholarship  
Application**

**DEADLINE: APRIL 30, 2024, 11:59PM**

All applications are reviewed by the Achieving the Dream Through Education Board of Directors (BOD). The BOD reserves the right to require additional information if needed.

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| **Application Check List:** | |
| * Declaration * Personal Information * Education Information * Acceptance Letter * Proof Matawa First Nations Membership (i.e. Status Card) | * Supporting Documentation   + One support letter   + Transcript or Report Card * Budget * Bursary Impacts |
| Once completed, please send your application and all supporting documentation to the following location: | |
| **By mail:**  Attention: Brittany Kennedy  Achieving the Dream Through Education  200 Lillie Street North, Thunder Bay, Ontario  P7C 5Y2  **By email:**  [dream@matawaeducation.ca](mailto:dream@matawaeducation.ca)  Subject line: “[NAME OF APPLICATION] Student Name” | |

**Scholarship Information**

**PROGRAM NAME**Gord Wickham Scholarship

**Award amount:**$1,000 per award

**DESCRIPTION**The *Gord Wickham Scholarship* is funded by Mr. Gord Wickham, who strongly supports post-secondary education for Matawa youth and supports students in realizing their dreams of post-secondary education. **REQUIREMENTS**In order to be eligible for the *Gord Wickham Scholarship,* youth must meet the following requirements:

* A graduating student who is beginning their post-secondary pathway.
* Applicant must be a member of a Matawa First Nation and show proof.
* Applicant must demonstrate academic achievement and/or excellence.
* Applicant must be enrolled in a high school and have received acceptance into a recognized post-secondary program in Canada OR enrolled in their first year of post-secondary education.

**Declaration**

As part of the application process, we also collect from you the detailed information below consisting of identifying information, demographic information, information regarding your language and indigenous affiliation, your educational background and future aspirations, your work history and other activities, and your finances and income, including the finances and income of relevant family members, and other information you provide on this form. You may be asked to provide additional information to us during the application process, which we will use to verify your eligibility for our bursaries, scholarships and awards.  
  
In addition to collecting information from you using this form, we may also collect information indirectly from third parties in order to assess or verify the information that you have provided. This may be done on a random basis as part of our audit procedures, or such information may be collected by us because we have received information from you or from third parties that is relevant to your application and which leads us to believe that we need to verify certain information.  
  
We may verify your educational background and graduation record with your academic institution and will collect information from your academic institution for this purpose.  
  
We will use the information that we collect from you and from third parties in order to evaluate your application against the criteria we have set for the grant of the bursaries, scholarships, and awards that we provide and administer.  
  
We may disclose your name, gender, age, address and education-related information to our Sponsors, who may contact you in order to congratulate you on the grant of a bursary, scholarship, or award or to offer you employment or internship opportunities. We may also use the results of your educational and graduation verification to report back to our sponsors/funders.  
  
We may also use your personal information, including information you have previously provided, to perform program evaluations and conduct research into the performance of our programs, activities, and the needs of the communities we serve. The data we collect will also be used for research purposes and to increase the impact of student success and education outcomes within our programs.  
  
By participating in the application process, you consent to our collection, use and disclosure as outlined above and as outlined in the specific terms and conditions we will ask you to agree to at the end of this application.  
  
In addition, before you provide us with the personal information of third parties (such as the information we request pertaining to family members' incomes and finances), you must ensure that you have obtained their consent to provide us with this information.  
  
Achieving the Dream Through Education Charity respects your privacy. The information on this form is collected and used, and disclosed for the administration of the organization's education programs, communications and fundraising activities. By submitting this application, you agree to the collection, use and disclosure of information. For more information, please contact dream@matawaeducation.ca. \*

* Yes, I understand and agree to the terms.
* No, I decline to agree to the terms.
  + If no, would you like to share why the terms mentioned may be a concern for you? We would love to hear from you so that we can better support Matawa youth applying to the Achieving the Dream Through Education Charity.

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| Personal Information |
| First Nation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Surname: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Given Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Current/Most recent Highschool attended: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

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| Education Information | | |
| What grade are you in? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | |
| Have you applied to a Post-Secondary Education pathway (College, University, Internship, Apprenticeship)? | * No | * Yes |
| If you chose 'yes,' where did you apply? List the name of the Institution/organization and the program if applicable.:   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  What is your current/most recent Highschool attended: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | |

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| Supporting Documentation |
| **Please supply the following form and any additional information.**  **One support letter:** A Support Letter can be from a Principal, Vice-Principal, Coach, Teacher, Leader, or more.  **Acceptance Letter or Transcript from a Post-secondary Education institute:** An acceptance into a recognized post-secondary program in Canada, OR, if you are in your first year of post-secondary education upload your first-year transcript.  **Transcript:**  *High school student:*   * Transcript: A transcript or report card showcasing your academic achievement.   *First Year Post-Secondary student:*   * Transcript: A transcript showcasing your academic achievement.   If you are unsure as to how to write a resume, you can find examples and templates on www.achievingthedream.ca under the “Funds and Bursary” tab. You will also find Support Letter templates on the website as well. |

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| Scholarship Impacts |
| What are your dreams (goals) for your future, and how would being awarded this scholarship help you achieve them? |
| What academic honours or distinctions have you received during your time in high school that would make you a great candidate for the *Gord Wickham Scholarship*? |
| If Achieving the Dream Through Education is unable to help support your dream (goal), what other supports have you found? |
| *Achieving the Dream Through Education Charity* understands success is not defined by academic advancement, rather by personal growth and development. The short essay question is intended to provide the Board of Directors with your unique insight into what 'achieving your dreams' means to you.  Max Word Count: 500  **Essay Question** (choose one of the following questions to ask):   1. As you begin your journey into post-secondary education, explain what you hope your career profession will be and how it will impact your future? 2. As you begin your journey into post-secondary education, explain what challenges you foresee and how you plan to overcome these obstacles? What excites you the most about this next chapter in your education journey? |

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| BUDGET (adjust as needed) |  |

**Resources:** *What financial resources do you have that will help you achieve your dream? Some examples may include:*

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| **Resources:** | **Totals:** |
| **Bank balance at the beginning of the term, including savings from work-term:** |  |
| **Parental contribution:** |  |
| **Spouse’s net income: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mths** |  |
| **Academic Awards:** |  |
| **Total OSAP:** |  |
| **Net part-time earnings:** |  |
| **Other income (Ontario Works, ODSP, Child Tax Benefits, etc):** |  |
| **Other funding (First Nation contributions):** |  |
| **Support Payments:** |  |
| **Gifts:** |  |
| **Investment Income:** |  |
| **Other Resources:** |  |
| **Total Resources (TR):** |  |

**Expenses:** *What expenses do you have that require you to pay? Some examples may include:*

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| **Expenses:** | **Total:** |
| **Tuition and compulsory fees** |  |
| **Books/supplies/tools/instruments** |  |
| **Transportation (local and home)** |  |
| **Rent: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mths** |  |
| **Utilities: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mths** |  |
| **Phone: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mths** |  |
| **Food: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mths** |  |
| **Personal Hygiene: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mths** |  |
| **Childcare: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mths** |  |
| **Clothing: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mths** |  |
| **Entertainment: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mths** |  |
| **Other Expenses:** |  |
| **Total Expenses:** |  |

**Financial Assistance Needed:** *Take the total Resources from above and the total Education expenses above and subtract them from each other. This will show you how much you need to achieve your dream.*

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| Total Resources subtract (-) | Total Education Expenses | = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_remaining |

I declare that the information provided on this application is accurate and a true statement of my financial position.

* No, I cannot declare the information is accurate and true.
* Yes, I declare the information is accurate and true.