



At Annie Wright Schools, we strive to foster a dynamic and engaging learning environment, and we do this in part by assembling a class of students who each bring distinct curiosities and interests. To achieve this goal, and thanks to the generosity of our donors, we offer merit scholarships ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000 to deserving local students entering Grade 9.

Our merit scholarship program, then, is not just about recognizing academic prowess—though we do expect our winners to be strong students—or a laundry list of extracurricular activities; it is about discovering the unique qualities, perspectives, and interests that a student will bring to our community. We want a class where each individual adds their distinctive thread to the rich tapestry of our community—in short, rather than searching for ‘well-rounded’ students, we seek lopsided learners who are deeply curious about, and invested in, *something*. And so we ask: “What is *Your* Thing?”

In the spirit of this vision, we invite applicants to showcase their unique interests. To help us understand not only what they love, but why they love it. Through this, they will reveal the aspects of their character, experiences, and aspirations that set them apart. Such a group of students becomes extraordinary not through its uniformity but through its diverse talents, interests, and stories. As you embark on this scholarship application, remember that your uniqueness is your strength. We encourage you to share what makes YOU an interesting and valuable addition to our community.

Eligibility Criteria:

To be considered for this scholarship, applicants must be applying as Day students and meet the following criteria:

1. Character:

- Demonstrated integrity, honesty, and ethical behavior are crucial components of an applicant’s character. We seek individuals who consistently exhibit respect for others, responsibility, and a positive attitude. A short letter of recommendation from a non-family member that highlights these traits is an important addition to the application.

2. Academic Requirements:

- We are looking for students who have done well in school and have consistently challenged themselves by seeking out the highest level of courses their school offers. Students should have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or, or if coming out of an IB school, MYP grades of 6 or better.

3. Demonstrated Interest:

- The student’s essay provides an insight into an applicant’s curiosity and passion for learning. Specifically, we want to know—what is your topic and why do you love it? It might be math, or coding, or history. It might be butterflies, or art, or other extra-curriculars. Where do you lose yourself? Captivate us.

Application Process:

To apply for the scholarship, please follow these steps:

1. Complete the **Application Form**:

- Complete the scholarship application form, ensuring accuracy and completeness.

2. Compose a **Reflective Essay**:

- Applicants are required to submit an essay that outlines what it is you love, and why you love it. Please share with us the **WHAT** in 200 words (max). And in 400 words (max), **WHY** you love it so much. Take us on a journey of discovery and delight. We want to see the world through your eyes.

3. Submit **Supporting Documents**:

- A brief **letter of recommendation** from someone in your life (who is not a relative) that can speak to your character. This letter should be of no more than 250 words. The link to the recommendation form is also in the application form.
- Transcripts and letters of recommendation from the regular application process will also be considered.

4. **Application Deadline**:

- All application materials must be submitted by February 1.

Scholarship Awards:

- The scholarship awards are intended for students starting in Grade 9.
- The number of awards is not predetermined and will depend on the strength of the applicant pool.
- Awards range from \$2,500 to \$10,000 and are renewable annually, providing meaningful financial support to deserving individuals. Renewal is contingent on a student maintaining good social standing and at least a 3.0 GPA.

Selection Process:

- A dedicated scholarship committee reviews all applications and finalists may be invited for an interview to further assess their qualifications and suitability for the scholarship.

Conclusion:

We invite all eligible students to seize this opportunity to not only receive financial support but also become integral members of our school community. The Annie Wright Schools scholarship program reflects our commitment to “cultivate individual learners to become well-educated, creative and responsible citizens for a global society.”

For inquiries or additional information, please contact the Annie Wright Schools scholarship committee at admissions@aw.org.