

Vari Scholarship/Bursary for students interested in becoming secondary school teachers

(VARISCOP) Victoria College in the University of Toronto 2004

The Award

The *Vari* Scholarship/Bursary was established to encourage secondary students to seriously consider teaching at the secondary level as a career. Each year several students entering Victoria College for studies in the Faculty of Arts and Science at the University of Toronto will receive an admissions award of **\$10,000**, renewable for three subsequent years, and for an additional year at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto. (Total value of **\$50,000**). Renewal of the award is conditional upon the maintenance of a sessional average in the A range (GPA 3.50+). There are three scholarships available for 2004.

Criteria

- Nominees must demonstrate through extracurricular activities a genuine interest and commitment to teaching as a profession.
- Nominees must have achieved high academic standing.
- Nominees must have completed, or intend to complete, a broad range of courses, and must meet the admission requirements for the stream of study they intend to enter in the Faculty of Arts and Science at the University of Toronto.
- Nominees must be registered at Victoria College in the University of Toronto to receive this award.
- Nominees must complete the financial statement (part B of application) explaining their financial situation and must be countersigned by a parent or guardian. Under the terms of the *Vari* award, financial need must be demonstrated.
- Nominees must be Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents of Canada graduating in 2004 from an accredited Ontario secondary school.

Selection of Finalists

The Selection Committee for the *Vari* Scholarship/Bursary will review all applications received on or before the deadline of **Friday, January 16, 2004**. The completed application must include all four sections of the application (parts A, B, C, and D) and an official copy of the applicant's most recent high school transcript from the Ontario Ministry of Education.

Approximately 30 finalists will be invited to write a general knowledge examination to be held on **Saturday, March 20, 2004**, at Victoria College in Toronto.* The general knowledge examination is made up of short answer questions, multiple choice questions, and essay questions.

The candidates selected to receive the award will be notified in April 2004.

*Note: Victoria College regrets it is unable to cover expenses for travel to Toronto.

General Inquiries

Inquiries about the *Vari* Scholarship/Bursary and/or the application procedures may be addressed to Ms Angela Prediger, Manager of Student Awards, at 416-585-4403 or via email at angela.prediger@utoronto.ca.

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Part A Personal Statement

To be completed by the student and submitted along with a complete application package.

Personal Information

Surname _____ First Name _____

Address _____

Telephone (_____) _____ Email _____

High School & Address _____

Expected graduation date from high school _____

Personal Statement

On a separate sheet, please discuss your academic interests and outline your goals and aspirations for the future. Explain what events and experiences in your life have led you to develop these plans. Your statement should not be longer than two typed pages.

Declaration

I hereby certify that both this application and the attachments are truthful and entirely the result of my own efforts. I authorize my school to release my academic record to Victoria College. I understand that should I be chosen as a recipient of the *Vari* Scholarship/Bursary for students interested in becoming secondary school teachers, I will register in the Faculty of Arts & Science at the University of Toronto as a Victoria College student.

Signature _____

Date _____

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Vari Scholarship/Bursary Nominations
Victoria College in the University of Toronto
73 Queen's Park Crescent
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Part C Confidential Academic Reference Statement

To be completed by the referee, sealed in an envelope, and submitted along with a complete application package.

The Selection Committee of Victoria College in the University of Toronto has asked all applicants for the *Vari* Scholarship/Bursary for students interested in becoming secondary school teachers to obtain a **letter of reference from someone who is involved with the applicant in an academic environment: a secondary school teacher (preferred) or a guidance counselor**. This prestigious award will go to a student planning a career in teaching at the secondary level who has already demonstrated a commitment to the growth and development of young people in Ontario.

Please tell us how you have come to know this student and the ways in which you believe the student has demonstrated excellence in academic achievement. This reference should be given to the student in a sealed envelope. **Please note that the application package is due at the university no later than January 16, 2004.** If it is not possible for you to give the letter to the applicant in the required time, please send it directly to the address below.

Name of Applicant _____

Name of Referee _____

Signature _____

Date _____ Telephone (_____) _____

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Part D Confidential Non-Academic Reference Statement

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Please tell us how you have come to know this student and the ways in which you believe the student has demonstrated the desired commitment. This reference should be given to the student in a sealed envelope. **Please note that the application package is due at the university no later than January 16, 2004.** If it is not possible for you to give the letter to the applicant in the required time, please send it directly to the address below.

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