

## 2026 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

**Submission Deadline: April 30, 2026**

Kent & Essex Mutual Insurance Company will be offering five \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school students that reside within Chatham-Kent and/or Windsor/Essex and will be pursuing a full time post-secondary education at a university or community college in Ontario in any area of study.

### Eligibility

- Students aged 19 or younger in the year when post-secondary studies begin and are permanent residents of Ontario.
- Students must be enrolled at an Ontario university or college as a full-time student in the current year of the awarding scholarship.
- Students must be attending university or college for the first time as a first-year student.

### Conditions

- The completed application and the essay or YouTube video presentation along with a letter of recommendation from the applicant's high school principal, vice-principal, guidance counsellor or teacher must be received by Kent & Essex Mutual Insurance by **April 30, 2026**. Late and/or incomplete submissions will not be accepted.
- Essay submissions must be authentic to the writer and will be cross referenced for use of ChatGPT and/or other AI based writing tools.
- Children of staff and directors of Kent & Essex Mutual Insurance do not qualify for this award.
- Successful applicants will be announced at their annual convocation ceremonies.
- **Award winners will be required to provide their Social Insurance Number (SIN) and proof of enrollment in a full-time post-secondary educational program (including apprenticeships and co-op programs) from the Registrar's Office prior to scholarship funds being released.**

### Scholarship Topic

*Kent & Essex Mutual Insurance is proud to be part of the communities we serve. A core value for us will be to continue supporting local groups and projects that make a difference. With this in mind, volunteer experience is a requirement for our scholarship. Please describe an organization where you have volunteered, detailing the impact it has on the community and why you chose to volunteer there. Share specific examples of what you did and how this experience has shaped your career goals and personal values.*

Please share your thoughts on the topic in one of the format options below.

| Option 1 - Essay   | Option 2 – YouTube Video Presentation       |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum 750 words</li> <li>• Typed</li> </ul> | Please insert your YouTube video link here: |

### Submission

Please complete the application form (on the next page). Submit your application, essay or YouTube video link, and letter of recommendation via email or mail.

| Email   | Mail   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed documents must be in PDF format.</li> <li>• Email Subject: <i>Scholarship Program</i></li> <li>• Email To: <a href="mailto:scholarship@kemutual.com">scholarship@kemutual.com</a></li> </ul> | Print completed documents and mail to:<br><i>Kent &amp; Essex Mutual Insurance Company</i><br><i>PO Box 356</i><br><i>Chatham ON N7M 5K4</i> |

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This is a form fillable page. Please complete all fields. If you need more space to answer, type your answer(s) in a separate sheet of paper using Microsoft Word or PDF document and attach/submit the document together with your application.

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|---------------------------|--------------|------------------|--|
| First Name:               |              | Last Name:       |  |
| Address:                  |              | City/Town:       |  |
| Province:                 | Postal Code: | Date of Birth:   |  |
| Phone Number:             |              | Email:           |  |
| Secondary School:         |              | Graduation Date: |  |
| Academic Accomplishments: |              |                  |  |

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Other Interests and/or Work Experience:

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Please list the organization(s) where you obtained your volunteer hours.

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 Post-Secondary Institutions (university/college) Applied To:
 

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**Declaration and Privacy Clause**

I authorize Kent & Essex Mutual Insurance to collect, use and disclose any of this personal information, subject to the law and the Company's policy regarding personal information, for the purposes of communicating with me, assessing my application for a scholarship, detecting and preventing fraud and awarding such scholarship should my application be selected.

I hereby consent and give permission to Kent & Essex Mutual to publish or present to the general public, my name and the essay or video presentation I submit with this Scholarship Application. No other personal information about me can be published such as my address, school or photograph without my permission.

I certify that the information in the application is complete and correct. I authorize the selection committee to confirm any and all information contained herein.

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| Signature of Applicant:   | Date: |
| Name & Signature of Guardian (if Applicant is under 18 years of age): | Date: |