



PUT ON A SMILE (POAS) SCHOLARSHIPS AT RICHMOND HILL HIGH SCHOOL

Put On A Smile (POAS) is proud to sponsor several annual scholarships awarded to high school seniors. If you are a graduating senior and currently attending RICHMOND HILL HIGH SCHOOL, you may be eligible for a \$5,000 award from the POAS Scholarship Fund towards your 4-year degree at any college of your choice in the United States.

POAS has been able to carry its mission with support from many community business leaders, philanthropists, and benevolent individuals. Scholarships are essential as they offer students financial support and encouragement to advance their education. Thanks to our sponsors, we can empower our next generation of dreamers, innovators, and creators.

POAS will annually offer three scholarships (Excellence in Community Service and Leadership, Excellence in Arts & Music, Tri-Med Scholarship for Exceptional ENL Achievement) in the amount of \$5,000 each. Each scholarship will be disbursed in the amount of \$1,250 during each academic year (up to 4 years) in which they are enrolled in a full-time matriculated, four-year degree-granting program at an accredited US college or university. The deadline to apply is March 15, 2023. To be eligible for consideration, applicants must complete the scholarship application found at www.PutOnASmile.org. On the application, students must select one of the three scholarships for which they would like to be considered.

An impartial selection committee will choose the winners based on criteria including written answers to application questions, scholastic average, class standing, overall school record, potential for academic success, and a letter of recommendation from a Richmond Hill High School faculty member or other academic or professional mentor (optional). The committee will identify candidates that demonstrate potential in excelling as scholars and leaders.

POAS promotes an equal opportunities policy. Scholarship awards are based on merit following a fair and transparent selection process.

Scholarship Opportunities:

1. Excellence in Community Service and Leadership

- This scholarship seeks to support students who have demonstrated leadership and a commitment to their community.

2. Excellence in Arts & Music

- This scholarship seeks to support students who intend to pursue a career in the arts or music, or have demonstrated strong commitment to these areas of study.

3. Tri-Med Scholarship for Exceptional ENL Achievement

- College students who are English as a New Language (ENL) learners are often met with significant challenges. This scholarship seeks to support ambitious international students who have excelled in the ENL program and seek to advance their education.

Guidelines:

POAS will inform Richmond Hill High School leadership of the committee's decisions by April 15, 2023. Students must continue to attend classes and maintain no lower than a 3.00 grade-point average (or equivalent). When selecting scholarship winners, the committee strongly considers well-rounded students with ambition and a commitment to learning. ALL SELECTIONS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE WILL BE FINAL.

Amount:

Each scholarship winner will receive \$1,250 per academic year (up to 4 years) in which they are enrolled in a full-time matriculated, four-year degree-granting program at an accredited US college or university.

Deadline:

The application deadline is March 15, 2023. This deadline is the date after which applications will no longer be accepted.

Renewal Process:

This scholarship is not renewable. Only high school seniors intending to enroll in a four-year college or university are eligible to apply. Previous scholarship recipients cannot re-apply.

Put On A Smile Scholarship Application

Richmond Hill High School

Thanks for your interest in our Put On A Smile Scholarship Program. We offer scholarships in three different categories. Each applicant can only apply in one of the three categories. Please select below ONE (1) scholarship for which you are applying:

- Excellence in Community Service and Leadership
- Excellence in Arts & Music
- Tri-Med Scholarship for Exceptional ENL Achievement

You must submit your materials as noted on the Foundation's application system. This form is for reference only.

The Foundation's website [www.putonasmile.org] offers guidance in completing your materials and other competition information. Forms are available both as templates and PDF files on the website.

I, _____ have read and understood the conditions of the Put On A Smile Scholarship. I affirm that I plan to pursue higher education and enroll in a four-year degree program in an accredited US university or college. I give permission to officials of my institution to release transcripts of my academic record and other information requested for consideration in the Put On A Smile Scholarship program. I waive the right to access letters of recommendation written on my behalf. I affirm the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date: _____ **Signature:** _____

Preferred Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle

Legal Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle

Permanent Address: _____
Number, Street, and Apartment Number

City State Zip Code

Home Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Current GPA: _____ on a scale of _____

Have you accepted a college admissions offer at this time? Yes No (still waiting on admissions)

What college(s) have you applied for? : _____

What majors in college are you interested in?: _____

Please attach a letter of recommendation from a Richmond Hill High School faculty member or other academic or professional mentor (optional):

Name: _____

5. Describe an experience during which you exemplified leadership. (If you are applying for Excellence in Community Service, select an experience related to community service. If you are applying for Excellence in Arts & Music, select an experience related to arts and music.) (250 word limit)

6. Choose a recent public service activity in which you participated, and tell us why it stands out for you. (250 word limit)

7. Describe a problem within our larger society that you want to address and why. (150 word limit)

8. What are your career goals and where do you see yourself in the next ten years? (150 word limit)

9. What obstacles, if any, currently stand in the way of your academic goals and/or career goals? (150 word limit)

10. Is there any other personal information you wish to share with the Put on a Smile Foundation at this time? (150 word limit)