

How I Meet the Criteria for the Selected Scholarships

I believe I have all of the required aspects for the scholarships which I have indicated I would like the opportunity to apply for. First, I am very active in the school and community. For example, I am the main forum administrator of the Sir Winston Churchill forum server, which many teachers use as a homework delivery system. I upgraded this to Redhat Linux 8 from a proprietary Windows 2000 license. This change allowed the school to save approximately 470 dollars in Windows license fees.

I also volunteer my computer skills, helping teachers and students with various computer software and hardware problems, including viruses, and poor system performance issues.

In April of 2002 I volunteered to help the retired librarian of Sir Winston Churchill, Mr Peet learn how to use the internet, and email effectively. I will shortly be upgrading his computer completely with another computer which I have built for him using discarded parts from the computer lab.

In the spring of 2002 I volunteered to work with the Thunder Bay Rotary Club to write software to track ticket sales in its "Dream Draw" Charity Lottory. This software has enabled them to accurately track ticket sales for their annual fundraising event.

For some of the scholarships which I indicated, high marks are required. Because I am so involved in the community, I have sacrificed grades somewhat, however I still believe that my marks are relatively good and merit consideration.

Regarding the subject of financial need, I intend on paying for university mostly on my own, this means that I must have part-time jobs to finance my education. Though I work as much as my school workload will allow, with almost 100 percent of my earnings going towards university I would prefer to graduate university without the burden of a large student loan. I would ask for your consideration in the awarding of these bursaries and scholarships to help me accomplish this objective.