

INTRODUCTION

The Ontario Municipal Administrators' Association (OMAA) has been in existence for over 55 years as an organization devoted exclusively to supporting the role of the Ontario municipal Chief Administrative Officer.

The Chief Administrative Officer, also known as CAO or "City/Town Manager", provides leadership and professional management within local governments and exercises general control of administrative matters as set out within the Ontario Municipal Act.

It is the desire of the OMAA Board of Directors to promote such professional management for the purposes of good governance at the municipal government level. In so doing there is a recognition of the value of attracting young professionals into the sector to bring energy and fresh views.

The inflow of young talent is vital to maintain the required skills that will culminate in experienced leadership in municipal government.

In the interests of cultivating future generations of CAOs, in 2016 OMAA established "The OMAA Bursary" - a 10 year program offering \$5,000 annually to a successful student for the purposes of contributing to their education that could lead towards potential management career in local government.

The intention of the OMAA Bursary is to:

- Raise awareness regarding the significance of municipal careers
- Promote the profession of Chief Administrative Officer
- Provide an opportunity for OMAA Members to assist students, who may be interested in a local government career, with the financing of their education.

BURSARY ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The opportunity for this Bursary is available to any student in a post secondary program meeting the following criteria:

- Is a student residing in Ontario
- Is a student entering their second year of an Ontario university or an Ontario community college or similar recognized post—secondary institution, in a program that has the potential for leading to a municipal government career.
- Has submitted the completed Application Form, accompanied by the noted requirements (as outlined in the Application Process Section) **by no later than May 31st** of each year.



SELECTION PROCESS

Each year, the OMAA Board of Directors will assemble a Bursary Selection Committee" comprised of two Board Members, and the OMAA Executive Director.

The Committee will assess all submissions under the terms of a Board approved evaluation criteria.

The Successful candidate will be advised of their award by approximately July 1st of each year.

Bursary funds will be made available to the successful applicant between September 15th to November 1st of that same year.

Although not mandatory successful candidates will be invited to attend the OMAA Fall Workshop to be presented in person with their Bursary award.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applicants must complete the "OMAA Bursary" Form on the reverse side

Note: An electronic copy of the form is available at omaa.on.ca

- Information submitted on the form is intended to explain: a) your interest in municipal government b) the value of your current program in meeting your future goals.
- In completing the form, it is desirable for Applicants to show demonstrated experience in leadership positions, a commitment to volunteer service and community involvement.
- In order to demonstrate that they meet the above criteria. Applicants are asked to also undertake **one** of the following and submit with your application:

To design a 3 panel/2 sided brochure

Or

To develop a 5 minute video

Either of which would outline the significance of municipal government service delivery .

- Applicants must include a detailed resume
- The Application is to be reviewed and signed from any Ontario municipality CAO

**For questions regarding the OMAA Bursary,
Please contact the OMAA Executive Director at:**

Maureen McCauley

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OMAA Bursary Application Form

Applicant Information

Name:

Home Address:

Email Address:

Phone:

Academic Background

Name of University or College:

Description of Current Program and how it would support a career in municipal government

Description of any former or potential education and how it would be a good background for a career in municipal government

Please describe how you would make use of Bursary Funds if you are the selected candidate

General Background

Please tell us more about yourself, such as leisure pursuits your volunteer work and or your community involvement

Why are you interested in municipal government?

References

Reference Name:

Relationship:

Email Address:

Phone:

Final Steps

Please ensure you have completed the entire form and attached:

- Proof of successful completion of a full course load in a first year of an Ontario college or university, or similar recognized post secondary institution and proof of acceptance into second year
- A copy of your resume
- A copy of your brochure or video

Please make sure you sign and have an Ontario municipal CAO review and sign your application in the space provided below

A copy of your complete Application package (form and attachments) are to be assembled electronically and emailed to the OMAA Executive Director Maureen McCauley at maureen@mccauleynichols.com **by no later than May 31stst**. Late submissions will not be reviewed.

Name of Student

Signature of Student

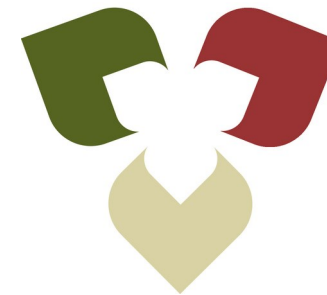
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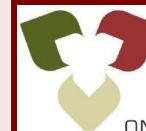
Municipality

Signature of Ontario CAO

Date:



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