Queen Elizabeth II Aiming for the Top Scholarship (QEIIA4T)

The Queen Elizabeth II scholarship is being phased out gradually over the next two years, and no students who currently receive this award and meet renewal criteria will lose funding. The last Queen Elizabeth II scholarship selection was for the 2011-2012 academic year.

How to Claim Your Scholarship

If you are attending a publicly-assisted college or university, the scholarship funding will be applied directly to your outstanding tuition and compulsory fees by your financial aid office. If you have already paid your fees, your financial aid office will provide the funding to you directly.

If you are attending a private institution, you will need to inform your financial aid office that you are a Queen Elizabeth II Aiming for the Top Scholarship recipient. At that point, your financial aid office will confirm your enrolment, and your scholarship funding will be sent to your financial aid office for you to pick up.

If you are not planning to attend postsecondary studies during the 2013-14 academic year, or are planning to attend a postsecondary institution that is not approved for the purposes of this scholarship, you may defer your scholarship for up to one year.

If you are attending a publicly-assisted college or university, and you wish to defer your scholarship, you must inform your financial aid office no later than February 1, 2014. If you are attending a private institution, and you wish to defer your scholarship, you must inform your financial aid office no later than July 31, 2014.

Please note that scholarships can only be deferred once.

How to Stay Eligible for Scholarship Renewal

To be eligible to have your scholarship renewed, you must achieve an average of at least 80 per cent, or the equivalent in Grade Point Average (GPA) or letter grades, as determined by your postsecondary school, for each academic year. (For example, your postsecondary marks for the fall and winter terms in the 2013-2014 academic year must meet the renewal requirements to have your scholarship renewed for the 2014-2015 academic year).

You must also continue to attend an approved postsecondary school, be enrolled full-time in an eligible program for the purposes of this scholarship and maintain all other eligibility criteria.

If you withdraw from studies early, and you have not made a request for deferral or transfer before your withdrawal occurs, some or all of the scholarship that you have received may be withheld from your tuition refund by your institution, and you will become ineligible to receive further assistance through this scholarship.
How to Know if Your Scholarship Has Been Renewed

All students who meet the renewal criteria will receive a letter from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities informing them that their scholarship has been renewed, along with information providing further details on the scholarship.

Students may also contact their financial aid office to confirm that their scholarship has been renewed.

Reviews for Meeting Renewal Criteria

In most cases, if you did not meet the renewal criteria, your scholarship will not be renewed, and you are no longer eligible to receive this scholarship.

However, if your academic performance was affected by extenuating circumstances, such as illness, death in the family, etc., you may contact your financial aid office to request a review of your eligibility for the scholarship. Your financial aid office will ask you to provide a letter explaining these extenuating circumstances, and you will be asked to provide documentation that supports your claim.

All requests for review must be submitted to your financial aid office before October 31, 2013.

How to Transfer Your Scholarship

You may transfer between approved postsecondary institutions, either in-year or between years, without affecting your eligibility for the Queen Elizabeth II Aiming for the Top Scholarship.

If you choose to transfer, you are responsible for promptly notifying in writing the financial aid office at both your original and receiving postsecondary institution so they can check the amount of your award and apply it against your tuition and fees at your new institution.