MSS’s Community Graduation Awards

The following awards are determined by the MSS Graduation Awards Committee and are presented to graduating MSS students.

Carruthers, Shaw and Partners Scholarship
Criteria:  - a graduating student
          - accepted for full-time study
          - financial need will be a consideration in this award
          - good academic performance
Award: $200

Caring and Sharing Scholarship
Criteria:  - a minimum overall average of 80% for the school year
          - a minimum of six courses in the final graduating year
          - consistent contributions that influence the community
          - demonstrated caring and sharing for others
Award: $100

Caryn Mohammed Award
Criterion:  - demonstrated a keen interest and commitment to issues concerning the environment, racism and/or medical research
Award: $100

Chris Durham Staff Award
Criteria:  - is enthusiastic and encouraging to others
          - has contributed to the school community in a variety of ways
          - is a role model for others
Award: $100

Director’s Achievement Award
Criteria:  - has achieved academic success
          - has contributed in significant ways to the school community
          - is recognized as a leader and role model by the school and broader community
Award: $150 to three students

Frank Scarpitti Charitable Foundation Inc. Award
Criteria:  - be a resident of the Town of Markham
          - have graduated from a Markham secondary school in this calendar year
          - be accepted and enrolled in a recognized college/university full-time program
          - have contributed in a meaningful way to the life of the school in student government or the arts or athletics
          - have actively committed to their community, preferably in a volunteer role in any of the following: needs of seniors, leadership of peers, disadvantaged
Award: $500
Lieutenant Governor’s Community Volunteer Award
Criterion: - exemplary student involvement in the community through volunteering a significant number of hours that were not part of the school program
Award: Pin

Markham IODE Marilyn Taylor Citizenship Award
Criteria: - a graduating student
- recognizes citizenship, including a willingness to serve and help others
- demonstrated an active interest in many aspects of school life
Award: $150

OSSTF Award
Criteria: - a graduating student
- achieved a high average
- destination is work-related or a college course
Award: $200

Ruth Peckham Staff Award
Criteria: - a positive, encouraging personality whose sense of humour has lightened the lives of others
- a good citizen who has made a contribution to the school or community
- likes to help others learn
- has dealt with an obstacle and overcome it due to his/her fighting spirit
- marks and career goals are not important in this award
Award: $100

Sheila Cardno Staff Award
Criteria: - a graduate who has not won a major award
- a behind-the-scenes student who has made a major contribution to life at MSS but has seldom been recognized for his/her effort
- supportive with time and energy but not necessarily in a leadership role
- a person who has shown improvements in academic, sports or other activities
Award: $100

YRDSB Student Trustee Award for Character
Criteria: - models an optimistic attitude and positive character attributes
- demonstrates self-discipline and motivation
- is a life-long learner and critical thinker
- is a role model who inspires others
- strives for genuine happiness
Award: $100
MSS Community Graduation Awards
Application Form - Graduation 2010

A paper copy of this completed application form and supporting material must be submitted to the Guidance Office by 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26th, 2010. Late applications will not be considered.

Your Name: ____________________________________________________________

Please list up to three community graduation awards for which you are applying.

1. __________________________________________________________
2. __________________________________________________________
3. __________________________________________________________

Please list three staff members who can speak on your behalf and act as references for your application.

1. __________________________________________________________
2. __________________________________________________________
3. __________________________________________________________

Attach to this form a one-page (typed, double-spaced) summary of the experiences and accomplishments that qualify you for the award(s). Specifically address the criteria listed with the awards.

Every effort will be made by the Awards Committee to inform winners of their award(s) during the first week of June.
Additional Awards Available to Graduating MSS Students

Other awards are available to graduating students from the Town of Markham, York Region and the Province of Ontario. These awards have different due dates and application procedures. A partial list of these awards is attached. Contact the Guidance office for deadlines and more information.

- Aird Scholarship (physical disabilities)
- Assoc. of Black Law Enforcers program (visible minorities only)
- BBPA Harry Jerome Awards (African Canadians only)
- Burger King Scholars (work an average of 15 hours per week)
- Canadian Association of Principals Senior Student Leadership Award
- Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation
- Garfield Weston Merit Scholarship
- Herbert H. Carnegie Future Aces
- Justin Sherwood Scholarship Award (computers and technology)
- Millennium Excellence Award
- OSSTF Status of Women Award (females only)
- Retail Council of Canada (business-related program)
- Royal Bank Award
- Silver Jubilee Awards of Excellence
- SPIRE Markville Mall Scholarship Award
- TD Canada Trust Scholarships for Community Leadership
- Terry Fox Humanitarian Award Program
- Toronto Real Estate Board Award
- Toyota Earth Day (environmental action)
- University of Toronto National Book Award and Scholarship
- Wendy’s Awards

In addition, every post-secondary institution will have their own scholarships for potential students. Check the school’s website to see what is available. Entrance scholarships are usually based purely on academic standing and generally do NOT need to be applied for. In you are in doubt, do not hesitate to contact the institution directly.

Try the following websites for a list of various private scholarships for which you may be eligible: www.scholarshipscanada.com and www.studentawards.com.