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**2021-2022 Scholarship Assistance Program**

**Announcement from the Masaryk Memorial Institute**

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The Masaryk Memorial Institute (MMI) is pleased to announce the continuation of our scholarship assistance program for the 2021-2022 academic year. The MMI scholarships are available to Ontario residents admitted as first-year students for study at post-secondary educational institutions (university or college). The intent is to provide financial assistance and recognition of students of Czech or Slovak ancestry who can demonstrate a commitment to and involvement in their culture.

The MMI Scholarship Assistance Program was conceived in 1987 with generous donations from several individuals. While the program has not been offered continuously since 1987, about $30,000 has been awarded to students since its inception. MMI members take pride in this initiative as an ongoing way to support the youth in our community.

**Eligibility**: Applicants must have achieved standing as an **Ontario Scholar** (80% grade average or higher) in their final year of secondary school **and** demonstrate a **commitment to or involvement** in their Czech or Slovak community. Examples of community involvement include an ability to converse in either Czech / Slovak; attendance at a Czech / Slovak language school; membership or involvement in an organization such as MMI or Sokol; **or** participation in a Czech / Slovak dance, music, theater or church group.

**Amount**: MMI is awarding up to $1,000 per successful applicant.

**Requirements:** Applicants are to submit a completed application form with appropriate documentation no later than October 31, 2021. Details regarding eligibility criteria and an MMI Scholarship application form are posted on the MMI website at www.masaryktown.ca / What’s New tab.

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