

The Gabriel Nikov Memorial Award was created in memory of Gabriel Nikov, a victim of gun crime, and will award **\$1,500.00** to a youth in the Greater Toronto Area who has overcome serious life challenges and is on a positive path to post-secondary education (after high school). This could be attendance at a community college, vocational school or trade school including private vocational colleges or schools, university or participation in online learning or apprenticeships.

"Pick up a book, not a gun" is the motto of this award. It encourages youths to live their best lives through positive and meaningful education and work that will help them build self-esteem and success for the future. **The deadline date for this Award's Contest is May 31, 2019.**

NOTE:

You may print this form, complete it by hand, sign it and mail via Canada Post (see next page for address) - **OR** - You may also scan the completed and signed Application Form and email to: ***kelly@redballoonfoundation.ca***
This award contest closes on Friday, May 31, 2019

For more information, please visit our website at: <https://redballoonfoundation.ca/> or call **416-504-2849**.

Eligibility:

To be able to apply for this **\$1,500.00** award you must meet all 6 requirements below:

1. Be between 17 and 21 years old;
2. You must live in Toronto or the Greater Toronto Area (e.g. York Region, Halton, Peel or Durham Region).
3. Be enrolled by August 1, 2019 in a college, vocational school, trade school, apprenticeship or university (you must attach a photocopy of acceptance letter or enrollment to this form);
4. Write/type a 500 word essay on ***"How you were able to overcome major life challenges towards a more positive path?"***
5. Provide a "Letter of Recommendation" from one of the following: teacher, mentor, pastor, imam, supervisor, youth worker or organization you have worked with. The letter must have the person's name, organization's name (if appropriate), position, phone number, and email address. For more information see: <https://redballoonfoundation.ca/gabriel-nikov-memorial-award/faq/>
6. Indicate by your signature on this form your permission for the Award panel to contact your reference.

Your Information

Your First Name	Your Last Name
Current School or Job	Your Date of Birth (Year/Month/Day)
Your email address (Please write clearly)	Your Phone/Cell number where you can be reached
What are your career or employment goals?	Name of College, Trade School, or University, etc. you will be or are attending
Address of where you currently live (incl. Street, Apt number, City and Postal Code)	Your Signature (Please print and sign this form)
	Date you are submitting this form

Please put your name at the top of each document/page you are sending.

PRINT YOUR NAME HERE:

You may use this space to type your response here, or print this form and hand write your essay.

Attach this page so we know who you are and put your name at the top of each page you are submitting -- *thank you!*

Write a **500 word essay** (single-spaced) in response to the following question:

“How you were able to overcome major life challenges and turn towards a more positive path?”

Checklist and Form Submission Information

- Do you meet all of the “Eligibility” requirements shown on Page 1?
- Is your essay 500 words?
- Have you attached a copy of your Letter of Recommendation?
- Have you marked the top of all your documents with your name and signed the form?

- If sending by email, put “**2019 Gabriel Nikov Awards**” in the Subject line and email to:
kelly@redballoonfoundation.ca
If sending by Canada Post, please mail to: K. Whetter, 671 College Street, Toronto ON M6G 1B9
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