

2023 BURSARY PROGRAM

Purpose

- To encourage and assist youth from Caribbean countries who are currently resident in Ontario to pursue their educational goals at the university or college level.
- To recognize academic effort, community involvement and contributions to the Caribbean community in Ontario.

Number and Value of Awards

In 2023, Twelve (12) bursaries will be awarded.

- Two (2) sponsored by Grace Foods Canada Inc., one of Canada's leading suppliers of Ethnic Foods and Canada's top brand for Caribbean Food & Drink;
- Three (3) "Loved Ones" Bursaries. The Loved Ones Bursaries are named in honour of individuals who are being recognized for their contribution to the CCAC and/or the Caribbean Community and. This year's Loved Ones' Bursaries are in honour of Gideon Exeter, Elroy Joseph and Lionel Bedessee, the late founder of Bedessee Imports; (Please visit website "www.caribbeancouncilcanada.org/scholarship-history" for details on Loved Ones Bursaries);
- One (1) from Pine Ridge Memorial Gardens by Arbor Memorial; and
- Six (6) by the Council of Caribbean Associations - Canada

The value of each bursary is CDN \$1,000.00 and is to be used towards full courses of study leading to a first diploma or first degree.

Bursaries are non-renewable and non-transferable.

Eligibility: *Applicants must meet the following criteria:*

1. Be a first year or continuing student enrolled at or currently attending a Canadian university, college or trade school leading to a first diploma or undergraduate degree;
2. a) If not a member of one of the CCAC Member Associations, be no older than 24 years of age as of August 31 in the year of application but whose parents, guardians or grandparents are of Caribbean descent; OR,
b) Be a Financial/Honorary Member of one of the CCAC Member Associations that is in good financial standing regardless of his/her age;
3. Demonstrate active involvement in the community or engagement in extracurricular school activities.
4. Attend presentation ceremony in order to receive this bursary.

Previous CCAC Scholarship Bursary recipients are not eligible.

Adjudication

A Selection Committee consisting of representatives from the CCAC community and appointed by the Board of the CCAC will be responsible for administering the selection process. The committee will select recipients and their decision shall be final.

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Application package

You will be judged on the state of completion of your applications. Please ensure that all documents listed below are included and contain the Letterhead of the institution, date, and signature of issuing official.

The follow documents must be included in your application package and points will be awarded as shown in brackets.

1. Completed application form (10 points)
2. A copy of your most recent Academic transcript. (10 Points)
3. Proof of enrollment to the qualifying university/college/trade school (10 points)
4. Two letters of reference:
 - a. One from an academic institution attended within the past two years (10 points)
 - b. One from a community member other than a parent (10 points)These letters must explain:
 - i. How the referee came to know you.
 - ii. How long the referee has known you.
 - iii. Why the referee thinks you are deserving of the award.
5. An essay of approximately 250 words, written by the applicant, explaining why the applicant should be selected and any economic factors relevant to the applicant (10 points)
6. Details of academic achievements, volunteer activities and any community leadership roles assumed (10 points)
7. Demonstrate financial need. (10 points)
8. Demonstrate active involvement in Caribbean Community organizations/programs. (20 points)

Obligations of the Recipients

The recipients are encouraged to participate in future CCAC programs and be willing to serve as role models in the CCAC Community.

Bursary Payment details

Payment for the full amount of the award will be made payable to the institution that the successful applicant attends and presented at an event organized by the Council of Caribbean Associations - Canada.

Closing date for applications: August 31, 2023

Completed application package must be sent together via email in pdf or jpg format to:
admin@caribbeancouncilcanada.org

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