

2025 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 2025, five (5) bursaries of up to \$3,000 each will be awarded. They will be distributed in annual installments of \$1,000, based on the length of time remaining in the successful applicant's current studies.

For example:

- For a first-year student in a three-year program, the bursary would be \$3,000.
- If in the second year of a three-year program, the bursary would be \$2,000.
- If in the final year of their program, the bursary would be \$1,000.
- For a student in the first year of a two-year program, the bursary would be \$2,000.00.

Bursaries are non-renewable and non-transferable.

The bursaries mentioned above are separate and distinct from full scholarships that may be offered by educational institutions.

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 member of a CCAC Member Association that is in good financial standing, regardless of the applicant's age;
3. Demonstrate active involvement in the community or engagement in extracurricular school activities.
4. Attend the presentation ceremony to receive this bursary/scholarship.

Previous CCAC Scholarship Bursary recipients are not eligible.

For the list of member associations, please visit: <https://caribbeancouncilcanada.org/about>

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.

Application package

You will be judged on the state of completion of your applications. Your application will be rejected unless documents listed below are included and contained on the Letterhead of the institution, date, and signature of the issuing official.

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

1. Completed application form (up to 10 points)
2. A copy of your most recent Academic transcript. (up to 10 Points)
3. Proof of enrollment to the qualifying university/college/trade school (up to 10 points)
4. Two letters of reference:
 - a. One from an academic institution attended within the past two years (up to 5 points)
 - b. One from a community member other than a parent (up to 5 points)These letters must explain:
 - i. How the referee came to know you.
 - ii. How long has the referee 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 (up to 10 points)
6. Details of academic achievements (up to 10 points)
7. Demonstrate financial need. (up to 10 points)
8. Details of volunteer activities and any community leadership roles assumed (up to 10 point)
9. Demonstrate active involvement in Caribbean Community organizations/programs. (up to 20 points)

Obligations of Applicants

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

Bursary Payment Details

Bursaries will be made payable to the institutions that the successful applicants are attending.

Closing date for applications: June 30, 2025

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

When spider webs unite, they can tie up a lion!