

2024 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

- a) **New:** In 2024, five (5) bursaries will be awarded up to \$3,000.00 each, to be distributed in annual installments of \$1,000.00 for a maximum of 3 years based on the duration of time the successful applicant has remaining in their current studies. For example, if the successful applicant is in his or her first year of a three-year program, the value of the bursary would be \$3,000.00; if the successful applicant is in their second year of a three-year program, the value of the bursary would be \$2,000.00; if the successful applicant is in the final year of their program, then the value of the bursary would be \$1,000.00.

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.

- b) Through **Seneca Polytechnic** - a full tuition-paid scholarship for up to four (4) years at \$6,000.00 per year depending on the field of study the successful applicant has chosen.

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) Be a Financial/Honorary Member of one of the CCAC Member Associations that is in good financial standing regardless of his/her age;
b) 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;
3. Demonstrate active involvement in the community or engagement in extracurricular school activities;
4. Must 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

The applicants will be judged on the state of completion of their applications. Please ensure that all documents listed below are included and contain the Letterhead of the institution, date, and signature of 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 (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 of the applicant (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 is attending and presented to the successful applicants at an event organized by the Council of Caribbean Associations - Canada.

Closing date for applications: August 31, 2024

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

Addressed to: The Secretary, CCAC, P.O. Box 62518, 85 Ellesmere Road, Toronto, ON M1R 5G8

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