



CCAC Launches Scholarship Program Bursaries to be awarded to youth of Caribbean Heritage

(TORONTO – May 22, 2012) The Council of Caribbean Associations - Canada (CCAC) has launched a scholarship program to assist students of its member associations in their pursuit of post-secondary education.

The Council which was launched in 2009 and its goals are To promote and support the political, social, economic, cultural, and recreational development of people of Caribbean ancestry living in Canada; To encourage and develop networking opportunities among member associations and outside organizations with similar goals; and To ensure representation and promotion of the interests of all member Associations.

The core of the CCAC mandate is to work with organizations within the community that represent and cater primarily to persons of Caribbean descent resident in Canada. CCAC's three strategic pillars focus on youth, seniors and disaster preparedness for the Caribbean.

In its inaugural year of the scholarship program, bursaries of \$1,000.00 each will be awarded to qualified applicants who meet the eligibility requirements. It is expected in future years that there will be different forms of scholarship available within the program.

The closing date for accepting applications is July 15, 2012. Presentations are scheduled to take place on September 9, 2012 at a brunch to be held at Rembrandt Banquet Hall, 900 Progress Avenue, Scarborough.

For further information including the program outline and application form, please visit www.caribbeancouncilcanada.org or contact any of the following affiliated associations: Alliance of Guyanese Canadian Organizations, Antigua & Barbuda Association of Toronto, Association of Bahamians in Canada, Barbados Overseas Community-Canada Inc., Commonwealth of Dominica, Ontario Association, Grenada Association (Toronto), Jamaica Diaspora Canada Foundation, Maison d'Haiti Du Grand Toronto, Montserrat Association (Toronto), NevCan Cultural Association, St. Kitts-Canadian Association (Toronto), St. Lucia Toronto Association, St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Toronto and Trinidad & Tobago Association of Ontario.

Donations are being accepted towards the growth of the scholarship fund. If you wish to make a donation or require additional information, please contact Gideon Exeter at (ccac@sympatico.ca).