

2022 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

Eleven (11) \$1,000.00 each Bursaries will be awarded. They are sponsored as follows:

- Six (6) sponsored by Grace Foods Canada Inc., one of Canada's leading suppliers of Ethnic Foods, and Canada's top brand for Caribbean Food & Drink;
- One (1) sponsored by Pine Ridge Memorial Gardens, a subsidiary of Arbor Memorial Inc;
- One (1) sponsored by New Haven Funeral Centre, a Caribbean owned funeral home in Mississauga;
- Three (3) in the Loved Ones Bursary Category named in honour of:
 - 1) Gideon Lamont Exeter; 2) Elroy Joseph and 3) Lionel M. Bedessee of Bedessee Imports.

(Please visit our website "www.caribbeancouncilcanada.org/scholarship-history" for details on the Loved Ones Bursaries.)

Bursaries are to be used towards full courses 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) Must not be older than 24 years of age as of August 31 in the year of application and your parents, guardians, or grandparents must be 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. Recipients must attend the presentation in order to receive the 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 application. 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 up to the amount shown in brackets will be awarded.

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, if 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 the successful applicants are attending and the presentation is done at an event organized by the Council of Caribbean Associations - Canada.

Closing date for applications: August 31, 2022

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

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