The Genevieve Lewis Loved Ones Bursary

The Gratitude of the James–Lewis Family

The **Council of Caribbean Associations–Canada (CCAC)** is honoured to introduce a new opportunity within its **Loved Ones Bursary Program** for the 2026 scholarship cycle.



Mrs. Genevieve Lewis

In **2016**, **Kadesha James** was awarded a one-time **$1,000 bursary** to support her studies at the University of Toronto. On the day of the awards ceremony, Kadesha and her mother shared with CCAC representatives that they would be unable to stay for the full event as Kadesha's beloved grandmother, **Mrs. Genevieve Lewis**, had passed away the night before.

Kadesha went on to graduate with an **Honours BSc., majoring in Physiology and Psychology**, and later a **Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences**. In **2020** she joined the CCAC Scholarship Committee. Since then, she has served as the anchor of the organization's online presentation ceremonies, giving back to the same community that once supported her academic journey.

For **2026**, Kadesha and her family have chosen to name one of the bursaries in honour of her late grandmother, **Mrs. Genevieve Lewis**, ensuring her legacy continues to inspire and uplift future students. **Mrs. Genevieve Lewis** was a passionate educator and had a **long career in Antigua as a teacher, and eventually, principal**. Her dedication to the field of education and her joy and generosity toward helping young people succeed led to her being affectionately known as "Teacher" throughout the community. Kadesha and her family hope that this award will positively impact the learning journey of a student this year.

The **Loved Ones Bursary Program**, launched in **2020**, invites individuals and families to sponsor bursaries in tribute to loved ones, supporting students pursuing **post-secondary education in Ontario**. The addition of the **Genevieve Lewis Loved Ones Bursary** reflects the James–Lewis family's deep appreciation for community support and their commitment to helping the next generation pursue their dreams.

This bursary now makes six (6) bursaries of up to $3,000.00 each, paid over 3 years that CCAC is offering for 2026, along with three (3) scholarships – two at up to $24,000.00 each, and one at up to $8,000.00, paid over up to 4 years.