

ABOUT CCAC

The Council of Caribbean Association - Canada (CCAC) is a registered non-profit umbrella organization comprising of registered Caribbean National Associations operating in the GTA.

The financial member organizations are:- Antigua & Barbuda Association of Toronto (ABAT), Alliance of Guyanese Canadian Organizations (AGCO), Barbados Overseas Community Canada (BOCC), Commonwealth of Dominica Ontario Association (CDOA), Grenada Association Toronto (GAT), Montserrat Association Toronto (MAT), St. Lucia Toronto Association (SLTA), and St. Vincent & Grenadines Association of Toronto (SVGAT).

Launched in 2009, the organization aims at among other things, to work with other organizations in our community that represent and cater primarily to people of Caribbean descent who have made Canada their home. CCAC focuses on three major areas:

(1) to assist young persons in their pursuit of higher learning and sustainable employment; (2) to undertake a disaster preparedness program that provides outreach and guidance when disasters strike the Caribbean; and (3) to work with our seniors to better provide them vital information to enhance their productivity in their golden years.

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CCAC'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Purpose:

To encourage and assist youth from Caribbean countries who are currently resident in Ontario to pursue their educational goals at university or college level.

To recognize academic efforts; community involvement and contribution in the Caribbean community in Ontario.

Number and Value of Awards:

CCAC will annually determine the number of bursaries it will make available for open competition. The value of each bursary to be awarded annually is CDN \$1,000.00; to two recipients. The bursary is non-renewable and non-transferable. The bursary is to be used towards full course of study; leading to a first diploma or degree.



2018 Bursary Recipients



Saturday, October 27, 2018

***In conjunction with
St. Vincent and the Grenadines
39th Independence Anniversary***

LAVON JOHNSON



Lavon Johnson was born in Chateaubelair, St. Vincent and the Grenadines to a Guyanese mother and a Grenadian Father. Her desire to defend others began at a tender age; though she was not known as one to defend herself physically, she took a stand for injustice—offering her support and speaking words of comfort to those who were often seen as failures in society.

As the years progressed, Lavon took her vocal defenses to new heights; she attended the Petit Bordel Secondary School where she engaged in student political debates, and aided her school and town in earning first place at every competition she took part in. At the age of 13, Lavon migrated to Canada and attended North Kipling Junior Middle School in Rexdale. Despite her strong Vincentian accent, after 5 months of being in Canada, Lavon did her first speech on the misuse of marijuana and the effects of premarital sex, and won first place at her school's Public Speaking Competition.

At the age of 17, she was forced to discontinue her high school education until she was granted permanent residency in Canada. After a few years of struggling with the Canadian government, Lavon was able to continue her studies and she gained entrance into a dual credit program with Durham Alternative and Centennial College. Lavon graduated in June of 2014 from Durham Alternative Secondary School with an overall average of over 95% and the proud winner of the Leader's award from Durham District School Board and the Ontario Principal's Award. Lavon was later accepted into the Paralegal Program at Durham College, where she graduated on the President's list with Honours.

It was through the bad that she sought to do good; it was through her struggles that she found strength to persevere. Lavon continues to be the futuristic achiever that she was destined to be. She has now dedicated her time to mentoring at risk youths in the Rexdale community and partaking in missions work directed to the Caribbean and Central America. Her heart's desire is to unite the divide in the black community and to destroy the barriers that have prevented black immigrants from accomplishing greatness in Canada.

Currently, Lavon attends the University of Ontario Institute of Technology; she is in her third year of studies in the Criminology and Justice program. Lavon has chosen to specialize in Youth Crime and Justice and will be graduating in 2020. Lavon aspires to be an immigration lawyer and use her skills for the edification of the Black community and immigrants as a whole.



ANDRE MULLINGS

I currently attend the University of Waterloo and am going into my last year studying Legal Studies and Business.

I have been blessed to have had numerous opportunities over the course of my studies. Most recently, I finished an eight-month internship at Microsoft's headquarters in Mississauga working alongside the Consumer Devices and Sales team. I am very passionate about marketing and hope to pursue a career in either the Tech or Sports and Entertainment field. I hope to one day provide a scholarship for students of Caribbean descent coming from a single-parent household.

While working at Microsoft, I helped organize a tech-empowerment day for an under-served community in Rexdale. To inspire so many kids who are in a position I was once in was rewarding—to say the least. Being raised by a single-mother, I understand the plights of life – I hope to one day provide a boost to those in need.

I am very appreciative for the CCAC for awarding me this bursary – I will continue to defy odds with your support!