

## **LOVED ONES BURSARY PROGRAM**

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The Council of Caribbean Associations – Canada (CCAC) is adding another dimension to its scholarship program.

The “Loved Ones Bursary Program” is intended for individuals, families, organizations and institutions to name a bursary in honour of their loved ones.

The scholarship program was launched in 2012 offering students of Caribbean descent resident in the Greater Toronto Area who are attending colleges and universities a chance to compete for two (2) \$1,000.00 bursaries annually to assist with their tuition related expenses. Since then, 16 students have benefitted from the program. The Loved Ones Bursaries will add to the two other bursaries that are currently made available. It is hoped that a number of individuals, families and organizations will use the opportunity to establish bursaries in honour of their loved ones and encourage our young people to be able to finance their education.

While contributions of any amount will be accepted to support the scholarship program, in order for a bursary to be named in honour of a loved one, the sponsor would make a commitment of at least \$1,000.00 per year for a three-year period.

The CCAC is an umbrella organization launched in 2009 and consists of the national organizations of 13 Caribbean communities including the 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.

The Council was launched with the goals 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.

For information about the CCAC please visit the website, [www.caribbeancouncilcanada.org](http://www.caribbeancouncilcanada.org).