



The Jamaican Canadian Association is to deliver programs and services, provides a physical hub, and to advocate to improve the well-being and equity of Jamaican, Caribbean and African-Canadian communities within the Greater Toronto Area.

The Jamaican Canadian Association (JCA) is a registered non-profit organization committed to identifying and responding to the needs of the Caribbean / African community. This includes community outreach as well as responding to the educational needs of this community through the establishment of a Scholarship Program. The purpose of the JCA Scholarship Program is therefore to provide financial assistance to eligible students from the Caribbean and African communities, who are pursuing post-secondary studies in Ontario universities or colleges.

The minimum award value of each available scholarship is \$1000 CAD.

AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS

Dr. Lancelot Brown Dental Scholarships

Dr. Lancelot A. Brown has been in private practice since 1992, with a particular interest in cosmetic and implant dentistry as well as dentistry for children. Born in Montreal to Jamaican parents, he graduated from McGill University and served in the military in the Canadian Forces Dental Services (1984-1992), where he was appointed the officer-in-charge of the Royal Military College Dental Clinic from 1990-1992. He held the rank of Captain from 1989-1992. Dr. Brown has been a scholarship sponsor with the JCA since 2004. He remains committed to community involvement by organizing food, toy and book drives in his office and participating in 5K and 10K runs. Dr. Brown also sponsors a scholarship through the Association of Black Law Enforcers (ABLE) and supports his alma mater, McGill University, by funding a dental operatory in their Undergraduate Teaching Clinic. Since 2010, Dr. Brown has been involved with the Project for the Advancement of Childhood Education (PACE Canada), sponsoring two basic schools in Westmoreland, Jamaica.

In addition to standard eligibility requirements, priority for this scholarship is given to applicants pursuing dental studies (i.e., dentistry, dental hygiene, dental assistant). Preference is also given to students with exceptional aptitude in the health sciences and visual arts.

Marcia Brown Productions Scholarship

Marcia is the Founder and Artistic Director of one of Canada's and this province's most vital theatre companies, Marcia Brown Productions. She is an acclaimed producer, writer, director and performer. As one of the top female actors in the Toronto's Caribbean community Marcia is definitely no stranger to avid theatre goers. When Marcia decided to audition for the LTM Pantomime in Jamaica about two decades ago, she would never have imagined that what started out as a curiosity would turn out to be her greatest love ... the theatre. Through her dedication and zest to learn, Marcia overcame all the odds of not being a drama school graduate to become a well-rounded and versatile thespian, and many would agree that she is now positioned as one of the most sought after actors in our community. Marcia has produced and performed in unforgettable plays such as *Common Law*, *Wipe that Smile*, *Rosetta*, *Single Entry*, *Feminine Justice*, *Children Children*, and *Country Duppy*. Marcia has worked with some of the very best actors in Jamaica, including the King of Comedy, Oliver Samuels, and her very close friend, mentor and Jamaica's Queen of Theatre, Leonie Forbes.

In addition to standard eligibility requirements, preference is given to applicants pursuing studies in the performing arts, media or a related field.

Buchanan Family Scholarship

Sponsored by Stacy-Ann Buchanan and Kenneth Buchanan, the Buchanan family strongly believe that education is an important factor in the further development of their community.

In addition to standard eligibility criteria, this award is given to a student entering their first year of post-secondary education in a Liberal Arts or Fine Arts program. Selection criteria include the recipient demonstrating financial need and having an excellent academic record.

Dr. Mary Anne Chambers Scholarship

Dr. Mary Ann Chambers is a former Senior Vice-President at Scotiabank. She has served as a member of Provincial Parliament, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, and Minister of Children and Youth Services in the Government of Ontario. She currently serves as Governor of Canada's International Development Research Centre and a Director of GraceKennedy Ltd., GraceKennedy Financial Group and Grace Foods Canada Inc. Mary Anne has been appointed to the Order of Ontario and has received Honorary Doctor of Laws Degrees from the University of Toronto, York University, Lakehead University and the University of Guelph. Her other awards include a Vice-Chancellor's Award from the University of the West Indies, a YWCA Woman of Distinction Award, the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, the Golden Jubilee Medal of Queen Elizabeth II, and the Prime Minister of Jamaica's Medal of Appreciation. For the past ten years, Mary Anne has partnered with the University of Toronto Scarborough to sponsor an academic mentorship program for hundreds of middle and high school students. She has also personally funded scholarships for more than 40 students in Ontario universities and colleges.

In addition to standard eligibility requirements, priority is given to applicants facing personal challenges, including the inability to secure the financial resources required to achieve their potential.

Professor Erma Collins Scholarship

Professor Erma Collins, B.A., M.Ed., retired from George Brown College in 1998. Of her 32 years of service, 27 were as a Professor of English and five as Chairperson of the English and Liberal Studies Department at the St. James Campus, the first African Canadian to hold such a position. While at George Brown, Professor Collins also wrote Brush up Your English, a textbook for use by students in the Remedial English Lab. Since retirement, Professor Collins has done stints on Ontario's College and Education Relations Commission and on the Council for the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. A lifelong volunteer who has held many positions in the JCA and other organizations, and a firm believer in the power of education, she readily became a scholarship sponsor in the program's inaugural year. As well, she sponsors a scholarship through the Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association. Through the Project for the Advancement of Childhood Education (PACE Canada), she has also adopted Norwood Basic School in Jamaica.

In addition to standard eligibility requirements, priority for this scholarship is given to applicants attending an Ontario college.

Fay Conville Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is donated in memory of the late Fay Conville. Fay was a devoted member and builder of the JCA for more than 40 years. She was a dedicated volunteer, especially with the Scholarship Committee and the Saturday Morning Tutorial Program. Fay Conville is sadly missed by the JCA and wider community.

Jay Douglas Scholarship

Jay Douglas first took to the stage in Montego Bay, Jamaica many years ago as a teenager. With over 45 years of showmanship, he has developed a wide-ranging repertoire of American blues, West Indian rhythms, jazz standard, fancy footwork, and plenty of stage charisma. In the early '60s, Jay fronted tough R&B band "The Cougars," who, with their skill and verve, lit up Toronto's Yonge Street bars in the '70s with soul, funk and reggae. Jay has also made numerous television and film appearances, and earned prime-time support slots for a veritable who's who of musical legends including Fats Domino, Joe Tex, Percy Sledge, the Drifters, Toots and the Maytals, Sly and Robbie, Steel Pulse, Ziggy Marley and too many more to mention. Jay is a Toronto-based performer who has been recognized numerous times for his work, including being a two-time Juno nominee. More information about Jay can be found at www.jaydouglasmusic.com.

In addition to standard eligibility criteria, preference is given to applicants who are pursuing studies in music.

Dr. Gervan Fearon Scholarship

Dr. Gervan Fearon is passionate about education and the transformative opportunities it holds for individuals and communities. He currently holds the position of President and Vice-Chancellor of Brock University. As well, Dr. Fearon is a visiting scholar at the University of Washington and faculty administrative leader of York University's TD Community Engagement Centre, which is an innovative, community-based facility designed to improve public access and involvement in university activities and resources. He previously held the position of Dean of Ryerson University's G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education, and the former president of Tropicana Community Services.

Tiffany Harris Scholarship

Tiffany Harris is a Chartered Accountant who received a JCA scholarship in 2003 that helped to jump start her educational journey of excellence. Graduating from the University of Toronto with High Distinction in the Bachelor of Business Administration program, Tiffany obtained her Chartered Accountant designation in 2009. She holds the position of Controller, Research Financial Operations for the Hospital for Sick Children. Prior to that Tiffany worked as the Manager of Risk and Compliance for Sears Canada and as a Senior Accountant for Ernst and Young, where she was the recipient of Gold and Silver Awards in recognition of her commitment to the organization's values and her high quality of work and professional attitude.

Humber College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning Scholarships

As one of Canada's leading educational institutions, Humber College supports its students through scholarships and bursaries. Humber, a member of Polytechnics Canada, is committed to student success through excellence in teaching and learning. Humber's broad range of career-focused programs includes apprenticeships, certificates, diplomas, bachelor's degrees, and post graduate certificates. With more than 150 programs to choose from, Humber's 20,000 full-time students and 55,000 part-time students have the flexibility to customize their educational path. Humber students learn from award-winning faculty in state of the art labs and classrooms that simulate working environments. More than 90% of Humber graduates are employed within six months of completing studies.

In addition to standard eligibility requirements, this scholarship is offered to a Humber College first year student who exemplifies community leadership and maintains a high academic standing.

Luann Jones Covenant Funeral Homes Scholarship

Luann Jones is the first Black founder and director of a funeral home in Canada. As the owner of Covenant Funeral Homes in Scarborough, Ontario, Luann believes she was called to serve families and care for their loved ones during times of bereavement, and considers it a privilege to do so. She has worked in the industry for 22 years, graduating from Humber College's Funeral Services Program in 1997. Luann is also a past JCA scholarship recipient and believes strongly in giving back to her community. She is pleased to be able to pay it forward as a donor in the Scholarship Awards Program.

In addition to standard eligibility requirements, first priority is given to applicants who are pursuing studies in funeral services. Preference is also given to applicants who are single parents pursuing post-secondary education.

Dudley Laws Memorial Scholarships

This scholarship is sponsored in memory of the late Dudley Laws, a civil rights activist and executive director of the Black Action Defence Committee (BADC). A welder and mechanic by trade, he worked at Standard Engineering Works until he emigrated to the United Kingdom in 1955 and became involved in defending the rights of the West Indian community. He influenced the development and launch of the Somerleyton and Geneva Road Association in Brixton and also joined the Standing Conference of the West Indies and the St. John's Inter-Racial Club. In 1965, he relocated to Toronto, where he worked as a welder and taxi driver. He joined the Universal African Improvement Association, a Garveyite organization. Laws became prominent in the 1970s and 1980s as a critic of the then Metropolitan Toronto Police Force, due to a number of young black men being shot by police constables, as well as other allegations of racist practices against the police. He was also a prominent advocate for immigrants and refugees, and worked as an immigration consultant in the 1990s. In 1988, he founded BADC following the police shooting of Lester Donaldson.

Two scholarships are available, one of which is available only to students of Humber College. In addition to standard eligibility criteria, for both scholarships, preference is given to applicants enrolled in studies related to social justice or the trades.

JCA Past Presidents' Scholarship

This scholarship is donated by JCA Past Presidents Roy Williams, Herman Stewart, Nehemiah Bailey and Kamala-Jean Gopie. In addition to standard eligibility criteria, this award is intended for relatives of JCA members or for students who have volunteered, or participated actively in the organization.

JCA Walk Good Scholarship (open to international students)

These scholarships are sponsored by the JCA from partial proceeds of the annual Walk Good Walk-A-Thon fundraising event.

This scholarship is prioritized for international students from the Caribbean or Africa, in addition to standard eligibility requirements.

Dr. Ezra Nesbeth Foundation Scholarship

Dr. Ezra Nesbeth is a graduate of the University of Waterloo and the University of Toronto with varied and extensive experience in community and health programs. He has completed post-doctoral studies in health science and psychopathology in the United States. He worked as a consultant with UNESCO and the WHO developing community health programs for various jurisdictions domestically and internationally. He was head of clinical education at the Clinical Institute, Addiction Research Foundation in Toronto, consultant at the Clark Institute of Psychiatry, and Assistant Professor of Applied Psychology (Community Health) at the University of Toronto. Dr. Nesbeth donates generously to the Afro-Canadian community and the JCA. After donating \$25,000.00 to the JCA in 2003 towards the establishment of the Dr. Ezra Nesbeth Scholarship, he formed the Dr. Ezra Nesbeth Scholarship Foundation as a separate entity that would focus specifically on the education of Afro-Caribbean Canadian youth providing them with one other source of assistance to help offset the increasing cost of post-secondary education. He has since personally contributed in excess of \$100,000.00 to this cause. A total of \$25,000.00 was made available from the Foundation this year for funding additional scholarships through the JCA Scholarship Awards program.

Please see the section below on Eligibility Criteria and Application Requirements for the specific requirements of this scholarship.

The Honourable Judy Sgro Scholarship

The Honourable Judy Sgro is the Member of Parliament for the Ontario riding of Humber River-Black Creek. First elected in 1999, she has worked tirelessly to advance a national and international agenda that is progressive and respectful to human rights.

Raphaelita Walker Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is sponsored by longstanding JCA member Gifford Walker, in memory of the late Raphaelita Walker, who died in 2016. Raphaelita, affectionately known as "Aunt Raph" at the JCA, was also a longstanding member who worked as an RNA and practiced her expertise in caring full time for the elderly, while at the same time carrying out volunteer work as a Social Worker to those in need. Her humanitarian commitment and public relations endeavours were excellent, starting in Jamaica, England and then in Canada, mostly at the JCA, where she served on almost all volunteer committees. Gifford is a graduate of the Mechanical Engineering Program of Kingston Technical High School. He also attended the City and Guilds of London Institute, where he obtained a first class in Metalwork. Gifford worked as a pipe fitter and welder with the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices for several years prior to his retirement in 1998. Both Raphaelita and Gifford have played active roles in various events at the JCA, including being Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus at the Annual Children's Christmas Party.

Western Union Canada Scholarship (open to international students)

Western Union Canada believes that education is the surest pathway to economic opportunity, and in giving back to local communities. Western Union is proud to partner with the JCA's Scholarship Awards Program to support youth as they pursue their educational goals, and their path to success.

York Regional Police Scholarship

This scholarship is donated by York Regional Police, in keeping with their motto, Deeds Speak. In addition to standard eligibility requirements, preference is given to applicants pursuing studies in policing, the justice sector, or a related field.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Successful candidates will receive only one scholarship of those available and **MUST** be able to attend the JCA Scholarship Awards Ceremony (see below).

All applicants for scholarships/bursaries (except the Dr. Ezra Nesbeth Foundation Scholarship):

1. Must provide proof of status in Canada. Domestic students of Caribbean/African background must provide proof of either Canadian citizenship or permanent residency. International students of Caribbean/African background who are applying to eligible scholarships must provide proof of student status in Canada.
2. Must attend the JCA Scholarship Awards Ceremony in-person on September 21, 2019 to receive their award, if selected as a recipient.
3. Be enrolled as a full-time student at an Ontario university, college or other post-secondary institution.
4. Should demonstrate remarkable academic performance or progress in high school, except where otherwise noted.
5. Must demonstrate involvement and leadership in campus and/or community activities.
6. Must demonstrate financial need.
7. Must include an original or copy of the most recent university/college transcript, or report card from the last semester of high school verifying academic performance.
8. Must include a two-page double-spaced essay describing the applicant's academic and career goals. This should include how local community/campus activities in which the applicant is involved will enhance these goals.
9. Must provide two letters of recommendation as character references and descriptions of the applicant's performance, potential as a student, leader, and employee or volunteer.
10. Must provide a digital photograph (JPEG or PNG format), for applications submitted by e-mail. For applications submitted by mail, applicants must provide two passport sized photographs. These photographs become the property of the JCA and may be used for purposes related to the Scholarship Program.

Applicants for the Dr. Ezra Nesbeth Foundation Scholarship:

1. Must be a college or university student studying Business, Technology, Computer Science or Health Science.
2. Should have high academic standing (minimum B average).
3. Must have completed at least one (1) year of college or university in Canada.
4. Should demonstrate leadership ability.
5. Must demonstrate strong oral and written communication skills.
6. Should be involved in extracurricular activities within the university, Afro-Canadian community, or wider Canadian community.
7. Must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.
8. Should not be in receipt of more than one other award of equal or greater value in the current year.
9. Must demonstrate economic need, a key selection criterion.
10. Must have a good understanding of the importance of economic self-sufficiency and entrepreneurship to the success of African Canadians in the Greater Toronto Area, and elsewhere in Canada (an essay is required for this).
11. May be required to complete an additional application form.

APPLICANT SELECTION CRITERIA

Based on the following criteria, recipients will be selected for each scholarship by the JCA Scholarship Selection Committee. **The decision of the selection committee is final.**

- Demonstrated scholastic ability
- Applicant's response to the essay question
- Involvement and leadership in community/campus activities
- Significant personal achievements beyond scholastic ability which may include personal accomplishments in spite of adversity
- References demonstrating the applicant's accomplishments
- Commitment to career goals

Application forms are available online at www.jcaontario.org/scholarship

Completed applications can be submitted by e-mail to scholarships@jcaontario.org

Applications may also be mailed to:
 The Jamaican Canadian Association Centre
 Attention: Scholarship Committee
 995 Arrow Road
 Toronto, Ontario
 M9M 2Z5

Completed applications must be submitted to the JCA Scholarship Committee by 11:59 p.m. on August 10, 2019.

JAMAICAN CANADIAN ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please place a checkmark beside each item to indicate that the requested supplementary information has been provided and that your application is complete. Please submit this form with your completed application form and required supplementary documents.

Proof of status in Canada

Proof of post-secondary enrollment

Most recent university/college transcript or high school report card

Two reference letters

Essay (note additional essay requirement for the Dr. Nesbeth Scholarship)

Applicant photograph (digital photograph for e-mailed applications, 2 hard copy passport sized photographs for mailed applications)

Evidence to support community participation and leadership skills
Requisite financial information to demonstrate financial need

Completed applications can be submitted by e-mail to scholarships@jcaontario.org.

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JAMAICAN CANADIAN ASSOCIATION (JCA) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2019 APPLICATION FORM

APPLICANT PERSONAL DATA

Name:

First Name

Last Name

Address:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Phone Number:

E-mail Address:

Parent/Guardian Name:
(if under 18 years of age)

Parent/Guardian Phone Number:

Status in Canada: Citizen

Permanent Resident

Student Visa Holder

Scholarship being applied for:

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

University/college of enrollment:

Program of study:

List of all major awards received during this year:

REFERENCES

Name:

Phone Number:

E-mail:

Name:

Phone Number:

E-mail:

APPLICANT CONSENT AND SIGNATURE

I consent to the use of my submitted photograph for purposes related to the JCA Scholarship Program.

I consent to the JCA contacting me about matters related to the JCA Scholarship Program.

Applicant Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)