



## **NACCA Scholarship Award**

The NACCA Scholarship is awarded to students who are entering their first year of full time post-secondary studies and demonstrate academic excellence and a commitment to community service in order to break down barriers and build inclusive spaces.

## **Committee Composition**

The Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association and its members, volunteers and executive council, understand the importance of impartiality and the consideration of any potential conflicts of interest in carrying out its scholarship selection process.

The selection of recipients for the NACCA Scholarship is conducted in an impartial manner through an independent selection committee. Candidate selection is based on evidence obtained from the applicants and is not influenced by other interests or other parties.

## **Terms and Conditions**

To be eligible for consideration for the NACCA scholarships, students must:

1. Self-identify as a person of African descent /Black / African Canadian / Afro Caribbean or any other term denoting an African (racialized Black) ancestry.
2. Be a York Region resident and graduating from a York Region secondary school in June 2023.
3. Show proof of acceptance and enrolment in a post-secondary institution (including apprenticeship and trade programs) as a full-time student beginning in September 2023.
4. Be currently enrolled full-time in a York Region secondary school (minimum of four Ontario grade 12 courses within the 2022-2023 regular school year).
5. Have been continuously enrolled full-time (no gaps in full-time attendance prior to the 2022-2023 regular school year).
6. Must be pursuing post-secondary studies for the first-time.
7. Demonstrate academic excellence (minimum average of 80% in 6 Ontario grade 12 credits).
8. Must demonstrate involvement in extracurricular activities at high school or involvement in community or volunteer work.
9. Must attend the awards ceremony held in July 2023.
10. Must participate in 1-2 NACCA activities in the first year of post-secondary

education. Newsletters/communications will be sent to inform scholarship recipients of volunteer opportunities.

11. Consent to the publication of their name and image by NACCA, if selected as a scholarship recipient.

### **The NACCA application asks that students include the following:**

1. A personal statement outlining the reasons you should be considered for a NACCA Scholarship. The essay must reflect your capacity for original thought and your leadership/community activities: you will indicate the leadership/community activities/positions that you have been involved in during your final two years in secondary school (max 500 words).
2. Grade 11 Transcript & Grade 12, Semester 1 and Semester 2 transcripts
3. Two (2) letters of reference:
  - (a). academic reference letter that confirms your scholastic/academic abilities. This reference may also speak to your leadership within your school.
  - (b). Community reference letter should address your leadership/community endeavours. It should not verify academic achievement.

### **Submission Details:**

1. Applicants must personally submit their application including their full address with postal code and contact number
2. Only PDF's of original transcripts/documents will be accepted
3. All required documentation (application form, signed waiver, transcript, report cards, personal statement, letters of reference) must be submitted together in **one email** with documents in PDF format
4. All email communications to NACCA must have your name (first, last name) and the topic in the subject line.
5. Applicants must send their full application to: [naccascholarshipaward@gmail.com](mailto:naccascholarshipaward@gmail.com)

**Timelines:** All scholarship applications are due by March 31, 2023. Scholarship winners are announced at the end of June, 2023.

### **How, when and where award is advertised**

- NACCA Newsletter, social media outlets, and website, January - March
- York Region District School Board and York Region Catholic District School Board guidance departments
- Black-serving organizations in York Region

*Award amount: \$1000- \$2000 per recipient*