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The Guelph Community Foundation awards 18 students a total of \$26,900 in scholarships and bursaries

Guelph, Ontario – Friday, June 6, 2025 – The Guelph Community Foundation and our fundholders are proud to announce our 2025 scholarship and bursary recipients.

Eighteen outstanding Guelph and Wellington County students will be awarded scholarships and bursaries set up by generous community fundholders to help these students achieve their academic goals. Many of these scholarships and bursaries support students pursuing business, STEM subjects, athletics, or are there to help support those pursuing post-secondary education but are facing financial barriers. The student recipients have all shown demonstrated determination, perseverance, compassion, respect for others and their community, and have shown tremendous potential.

We sincerely thank our fundholders and donors who help fund these scholarships and bursaries, and who understand the impact that these funds will have on these young peoples' lives. The creation of these awards is often in memory of someone important to the fundholder's family and is a thoughtful way to keep their generous spirit and memory alive. Our philanthropic fundholders believe it is important to remove some of the heavy financial barriers to these students' successes and are happy to reward exceptional students in their post-secondary educational pursuits. Thank you to the Foundation's volunteer Grants Committee and the many school administrators who helped to determine this year's recipients.

Wellington Catholic District School Board:			
School Name	Scholarship Name	Award Winner	Amount Awarded
Bishop Macdonell Catholic High School	Angelo and Rina Longo Scholarship	Miranda Hennick	\$500
Bishop Macdonell Catholic High School	Eric Goegan Scholarship Award	Tyson Borghese	\$500
Bishop Macdonell Catholic High School	John A. Hourigan Memorial Award	Olajire Deborah Ilori	\$200

Bishop Macdonell Catholic High School	Mary Phelan Scholarship	Oliwia Kot	\$1,000
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic High School	Angelo and Rina Longo Scholarship	Esther Okubote	\$500
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic High School	Frank Taylor Bursary	Arthula Mongu	\$200
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic High School	Iolanda Maugeri Hall Business Education Bursary	Abbey Hewitt	\$3,500
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic High School	John A. Hourigan Memorial Award	Kascelyne Thieu	\$200
St. James Catholic High School	Angelo and Rina Longo Scholarship	Emma Westendorp	\$500
St. James Catholic High School	John A. Hourigan Memorial Award	Eden Kisakye	\$200
St. John Bosco Catholic School	Smith Valeriot Education Bursary	Tegan Read	\$5,000
St. John Bosco Catholic School	Mabel Anne Brouwer Scholarship Fund - Women in STEM	Taya Garcia	\$1,000

Upper Grand District School Board:

School Name	Scholarship	Award Winner	Amount Awarded
Centennial Collegiate Vocational Institute	Smith Valeriot Education Bursary	Jacob Vanden Beukel	\$5,000
Centennial Collegiate Vocational Institute	Class of '71 Kathryn Winegard Memorial Scholarship	Avery Turow	\$500
Centennial Collegiate Vocational Institute	Bruce Graham Memorial Fund - Women in STEM Scholarship	Emmerson Dunn	\$1,000

Halton District School Board:

School Name	Scholarship	Award Winner	Amount Awarded
Acton High School	Jamie Vickery Memorial Fund	Melissa Cote	\$350

The University of Guelph			
Department	Scholarship	Award Winner	Amount Awarded
Ontario Veterinary College	Bill Mactaggart Memorial Scholarship	Lucie Weiland	\$5,000
College of Social and Applied Human Science	OMS Scholarship in Industrial Organizational Psychology	Simonne Mastrella	\$1,750

Congratulations to all of 2025's award recipients!

Financial barriers for students are high and ever on the rise, especially as inflation has so dramatically increased the price of living. These scholarships, which will be helpful to the students, often only scratching the surface of their upcoming financial need as they invest in their post-secondary education. Many of these students have been working full-time jobs while in school and will be supporting themselves financially. If you are interested in learning more about how you or your family can create a scholarship, or are looking at ways to support students in our community, contact the Foundation at info@guelphecf.ca or visit the website, guelphecf.ca.

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About The Guelph Community Foundation

The Guelph Community Foundation is a charitable public foundation whose purpose is to provide leadership in community philanthropy and enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Guelph and surrounding areas through endowments, stewardship, and granting programs. The Foundation pools the charitable gifts of donors into permanent, interest earning endowments. The income from the endowments supports a range of charitable programs and activities. The Guelph Community Foundation is located at 55 Wyndham St. N., Suite 4A, in the Old Quebec Street Shoppes in downtown Guelph. To learn more please visit guelphecf.ca.