

Announcing the Creation of New Scholarships and Awards

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[Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto](#)

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto (CCAT) is delighted to announce the creation of new scholarships designed to support learners from diverse backgrounds and capacities, including newcomers and people seeking refuge in Canada, outstanding and dedicated youth, and adults seeking to gain a degree or diploma or augment their skills in the services sector education such as in social work, community development, disability studies, and social services.

Beginning in 2024, five new scholarships, in the amount of up to \$5,000 each, will be granted annually to recipients living, studying, or working within the Archdiocese of Toronto who come from one of four categories:

- The Sisters of Service Scholarship will be given to two recipients who are new immigrants or refugees;
- Another Scholarship will be awarded to one recipient who is studying Palliative Care and/or Gerontology;
- The Indigenous Community Youth Leadership Scholarship will be given to one recipient;
- The Lifelong Learner Scholarship will be awarded to one recipient.

In addition, the Michael Fullan Community Service Awards will be given annually to recognize achievement in the human services sector and meaningful service to a local community within the Archdiocese of Toronto. The prizes are named after Fullan to recognize the extraordinary contributions he made to CCAT over his 29-year career as Executive Director before retiring earlier this year. The pool of those eligible for nomination will include both paid staff and volunteers. Nominations can be made by anyone familiar with the candidate's record.

Recipients will receive an award of \$1,000, as well as a certificate signed by the Archbishop of Toronto and the Executive Director of Catholic Charities. Nominees will come from three categories:

- Individuals with more than 10 years' experience in the human services sector who have made an outstanding contribution to that sector or to a local community;
- A child, youth, or young adult up to the age of 29 who has shown commitment to serve a local community and who has had a positive impact on the community's wellbeing;
- Individuals who have made an exceptional difference to a minority community.

"These new awards and scholarships represent a good-news story," says CCAT Executive Director Dr. Agnes Thomas. "It is gratifying to be able to recognize those who make such important contributions to our neighbours with a sign of our appreciation, while these new scholarships reflect the importance of encouraging and supporting communities historically underrepresented in the social services world, as well as encouraging those who are keen to respond to the growing need for elderly and end-of-life support."

These newest awards join the [Fr. Paul Lennon/Doreen Cullen Social Work Scholarship](#), which was established in 2013 on the occasion of CCAT's 100th anniversary. As of 2024, the community service award winners and scholarship recipients will be announced during Catholic Charities Week, which runs the final week of September.

More information about the prizes and scholarships, including the application criteria, will be posted to Catholic Charities' website shortly.

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