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Catholic Charities Scholarships and Awards Recipients 2024

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TORONTO—This year, Catholic Charities Week heralds the announcement of our 2024 Scholarship, Community Service Awards, and Family Bursary recipients. Building from our single scholarship offering just one year ago, Catholic Charities is proud to present five scholarships, three community service awards, and four bursaries this year. This growth is a testament to our commitment to education and community service and the generosity of our benefactors. It fills us with pride and optimism for the future.

Our goal to grow our slate of scholarship and awards offerings was realized with the support of the Sisters of Service, who pledged to support refugees and new immigrants in our community. Inspired by their generosity, we were eager to establish the Cardinal Collins Palliative Care & Gerontology Studies Scholarship, the Indigenous Community Youth Leadership Scholarship, the Lifelong Learner Scholarship, and the Michael Fullan Community Service Awards.

With the generous patronage of yet another donor, we created the Pantaleo Family Bursary, to provide financial support for the educational pursuits of young families. This continued growth is welcome news to our Scholarship & Awards Committee.

Committee Chair Nicola Harris shared her perspective, "Scholarships are a great source of financial assistance for post-secondary students. Unlike loans, scholarship funds are free money. That means that individuals are able to stress less and focus more on their studies. We feel honored to be able to facilitate the support for these well-deserved individuals and contribute to building our leaders of tomorrow".

Selected from a vast pool of submissions, our recipients exemplify a strong commitment not only to their education but also to their communities. They demonstrate tenacity in pursuing their goals in the face of adversity, which we recognize as an achievement unto itself. Last night, we celebrated their accomplishments at a special reception with His Grace Archbishop Francis Leo.



Please join us in congratulating our 2024 recipients.

Cardinal Collins Palliative Care & Gerontology Scholarship

- Felicia Kontopidis

Indigenous Community Youth Leadership Scholarship

- Christian Cimino

Fr. Paul Lennon/Doreen Cullen Social Work Scholarship

- Karina Nytko

- Lynaea Fraser-Moore

Lifelong Learner Scholarship

- Victory Okeugo

Sisters of Service Scholarship

- Armita Sasani

- Fabiola Cruz Li

Michael Fullan Community Service Awards Recipients

- Catherine Clarke

- Mehmood Murad

- Dr. Georgina Wilcock

Pantaleo Family Bursary

- Ashley Mitchell

- Leah Sandhu

- Anika Singh

- Haylee Pallister

We are already preparing for the 2025 submission period and welcome the opportunity to support more students next year. Find out more about our scholarships and awards by visiting: [Scholarships and Awards – CCAT Website](#)

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