



Guyana Awards Council

invite you to apply for the

GUYANA AWARDS 2010 SCHOLARSHIPS



The Guyana Awards National Scholarship program was formally launched by the Guyana Awards Council in 2008, and is dedicated to supporting and promoting the achievements of academic excellence by students of Guyanese heritage pursuing post-secondary education in Canada.

The Guyana Awards National Scholarship Program provide monetary awards to students of Guyanese heritage who are currently enrolled, or planning to enroll no later than Fall 2010, in a full-time undergraduate degree, diploma or certificate program at an accredited college, university, or vocational-technical school in Canada. Scholarship recipients will be selected based on a combination of high academic achievement, financial need and community involvement. The Scholarship award will be paid upon receipt of certification of student enrollment from the post-secondary institution. 7 inaugural scholarships were awarded in 2008, and 5 scholarships awarded in 2009.

Scholarship recipients are selected by an independent panel of judges from scholarship applications submitted to the Guyana Awards Council, and scholarship recipients are honoured at the annual Guyana Awards Gala event on Saturday, May 29, 2010.

The Guyana Awards Council recognizes and promotes outstanding contributions of individuals and organizations in the Guyanese-Canadian community towards the achievement of excellence, and the development of Guyana, and Guyanese heritage and culture in Canada. The ultimate goal of the Guyana Awards Council is to develop a comprehensive National Scholarship program that benefits a wide range of students, while encouraging business partnership opportunities with corporate citizens, as well as mentorship programs and career counselling for scholarship recipients.

***Guyana Awards Scholarship applications
must be received at the office of the Guyana
Consulate no later than March 1, 2010.***



Eligibility:

You are eligible for a **Guyana Awards Scholarship** if you are a student of Guyanese heritage who is:

1. A Canadian citizen or permanent resident;
2. Between **17** and **30** years of age as of September 1, 2010
3. Currently enrolled, or planning to enroll no later than Fall 2010, in a full-time undergraduate/graduate course of study at an accredited college, university, or vocational-technical school in Canada.

Selection Criteria:

1. High academic achievement – 75%.
2. Financial need – 10%.
3. Recognized community involvement – 10%.
4. Character/Goals – 5%.

The Scholarship will be paid upon receipt of certification of enrollment from the post-secondary institution.

Application Requirements:

1. A completed application form (photocopied forms are acceptable).
2. A letter describing why you would be a worthy recipient of a **Guyana Awards Scholarship**. Include your contribution to your community, other volunteer activities, your academic achievements, your most important accomplishments and your future goals.
3. A completed financial information schedule stating your budget for the coming year, including information on your expected sources of funding (e.g., other scholarships received, student loan, parents, etc.), family income and related information, to assist us in determining your financial need.
4. Letters of reference from the two individuals named in your application. One must be a teacher from your high school, college or university. The other must be an individual, other than your teacher or a family member, who is familiar with your community service.
5. An up-to-date official school transcript.

Application File Format:

-A complete portfolio of Award Nomination and Scholarship Application Forms and information may be downloaded in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF from <http://www.guyanaconsulate.com>. Scholarship Applicants may also call Felicia Kwang 416-494 6040 Ext. 23 and request that the relevant form(s) and information be sent to them by e-mail.

-If you have any questions about the Scholarship Form, please call 416-494-6040 Ext. 23.



Guyana Awards Scholarship Application Submission: Packaging:

- Submit the original application and three (3) identical copies
- Bind all four (4) applications with a binder clip or paper clip. *Do not use staples, folders or report covers.*
- Application materials should be placed in the following order (front-to-back): (i) Application Form; (ii) Letter describing why you should be a recipient; (iii) Letters of Endorsement (community contribution, volunteer activities, academic achievements), (iv) Letters of Reference (teacher & individual listed on your application) (v) Up-to-date official transcript (vii) Photograph; (viii) News Articles (optional); (viii) Biography (no more than 300 words).
- All materials must be sent or delivered in a single package to:

Guyana Awards Council (Canada)
c/o Consulate General of Guyana
505 Consumers Road, Suite 206
Willowdale, Ontario, M2J 4V8

Deadline for Submission of Applications:

Scholarship applications must be received at the office of the Guyana Consulate no later than **March 1, 2010**.

NOTIFICATION AND RECOGNITION OF WINNERS

Guyana Awards Scholarship recipients will be notified by April 2, 2010, and will be officially honoured at the Guyana Awards Gala on Saturday, May 29, 2010.

REQUIREMENTS OF SUCCESSFUL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

A letter will be mailed to successful scholarship recipients by April 2, 2010, notifying them of their selection. This letter will include specific information about the Scholarship and what is expected of them, as well as the time and place of the Awards Gala.

1. Recipients should inform the Guyana Awards Council no later than April 16, 2010 of their intent to attend the Guyana Awards Gala, or to send a representative.
2. Recipients should also inform the Guyana Awards Council no later than April 16, 2010 of the correct spelling of their name, and provide the Council with a recent 4" x 6" colour photograph. The recipient may be asked to have their picture taken by the Council's photographer.
3. **RELEASE:** The recipient must sign a release permitting the Guyana Awards Council (Canada) to use their photograph and information for the purpose of promoting the Guyana Awards. Release forms will be sent to honourees with notification.



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The Guyana Awards Council wishes to thank all applicants for their interest. Please note that we will notify you directly only if you have been selected for the 2010 Scholarship

award. The names of all recipients will be added to our websites. For enquires please contact Felicia Kwang at (416) 494-6040 Ext 23.

Mail or deliver completed application to:

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NOTE: Applicants **MUST** comply with **ALL** of the instructions/requirements set out for Scholarship applicants or your /application will be declared invalid.

All materials submitted will become the property of the Guyana Awards Council (Canada) and will not be returned. **Applications may not be submitted by e-mail.**



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2010 GUYANA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please print. DO NOT use abbreviations.

NAME: Surname, First Name, Initial or Middle Name	Male () Female ()
Canadian Citizen: Yes () No () Permanent Resident: Yes () No () (e.g., Landed Immigrant) Social Insurance Number: _ _ _ / _ _ _ / _ _	Ministry of Education ID Number (if attending High School) College/University Student Number (if available)
Date of Birth (Year/Month/Day):	
Permanent Address Street:	Telephone (Home):
City/Town:	Telephone (Cell):
Province/Territory:	
Postal Code:	
E-mail address:	
Name of educational institution from which you most recently graduated or are currently attending (secondary school, college, university, other)	Status of Study Have you graduated? Yes () No ()
Name of Canadian college or university in which you plan to enroll in the Fall:	
Program of Study:	
Career Goals:	
Provide 2 References (The two individuals listed must each provide a letter of reference)	
1) Name:	Telephone:
(This individual must be a teacher at the institution at which you are currently enrolled or from which you recently graduated)	
2) Name:	Telephone:
(This individual must be able to describe your involvement in, and contribution to, your community)	
I certify that the information given above is accurate and complete, and understand that any false or incomplete information may invalidate my candidacy. I accept that scholarship decisions may only be made by the 2010 Guyana Awards Scholarship, and agree to the public release of my name and photograph should I be awarded a scholarship. I also agree that scholarship funds will only be granted to me if I am enrolled as planned in an educational institution in the Fall, and that such funds may be distributed by the Scholarship and Awards Office of my school.	
Signature of Applicant	Date:



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FINANCIAL INFORMATION SCHEDULE

<u>EXPENSES \$</u> <i>(to the nearest \$100)</i>	<u>SOURCES OF FUNDING \$</u> <i>(to the nearest \$100)</i>
Tuition Fees \$	Scholarships and/or Bursaries \$
Residence or Rental Accommodation Costs \$	Personal Savings \$
Living Expenses \$	Parents/Family Contribution \$
Text Books \$	Student Loans \$
Stationery/Academic Supplies \$	Other (State) \$
Transportation \$	
EXPENSES TOTAL: \$	INCOME TOTAL: \$

I certify that the information given above is accurate and complete, and understand that any false or incomplete information may invalidate my candidacy. I accept that scholarship decisions may only be made by the 2010 Guyana Awards Scholarship judges and agree to the public release of my name and photograph should I be awarded a scholarship. I also agree that scholarship funds will only be granted to me if I am enrolled as planned in an educational institution in the Fall, and that such funds may be distributed by the Scholarship and Awards Office of my school.

Signature of Applicant:

Date: