



2021 Sazio Scholarship Fund Guidelines

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We are grateful to the Sazio Family for their generous donation to the Ralph & Rose Sazio Scholarship Fund.

Who can apply to the Sazio Scholarship Fund?

The Ralph and Rose Sazio Scholarship Fund supports people who are current or former service recipients of the Catholic Children's Aid Society (CCAS) of Hamilton and who are pursuing post-secondary education and/or training. This includes people aged 18 and older whose families are currently receiving service.

How many Scholarships are available and how much support do they provide?

There is one multi-year Scholarship awarded each year. The Scholarship provides funds per year for up to 4 years, depending on the individual's program of study or training.

When is the deadline for Scholarship applications?

The Scholarship is awarded once per year. The **2021 application deadline is Monday, April 26 at 4:30 pm**. Funding decisions are made and communicated to applicants in May. The Scholarship is awarded at our Annual General Meeting, which is on Monday, June 21, 2021. It is mandatory that the scholarship recipient attend this event.

How do I apply for the Scholarship?

The application can be found on the [CCAS website](#) under the *Services and impact / Bursaries and scholarships* menu heading. You should review it well in advance of the application deadline. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Amanda Deschenes at 905-525-2012 ext. 3052. You can also speak to your worker for guidance. It is a good idea to let your worker know if you are applying for a scholarship, as your worker will be contacted during the review phase for additional information.

Applications must be submitted to CCAS by Monday, April 26 at 4:30 pm via the CCAS website. **Late applications will not be considered.** All questions must be answered and incomplete applications may not be considered.



How are applications reviewed?

Applications are reviewed by a team of CCAS staff who bring a range of perspectives to the review process. Your worker will not be on the Review Team, but the team will consult with your worker and other agency staff as needed to gain a more complete picture of your application

The Review Team will consider and compare the following aspects of each application when making its funding decisions:

- eligibility and completeness of the application;
- outcomes of the proposed program of study and how well they fit with the applicant's long-term objectives;
- demonstrated ability to set and meet goals;
- financial need.

If my application is successful, what then?

It is a mandatory requirement that all successful applicants attend the agency's Annual General Meeting on Monday, June 21, 2021 to be recognized as an award recipient and to say a few words of thanks to the audience of approximately 100 guests, including donors. Your family and close friends are welcome to attend. You can ask your worker for assistance in preparing your brief comments.

You will also be required to sign a letter of understanding that highlights the requirements of ongoing eligibility and explains how funds will be disbursed over time. **Please note, disbursement of funds will be directed toward tuition at your selected post-secondary institution.** You can discuss the disbursement of funds further with your worker or contact Amanda Deschenes at 905-525-2012 ext. 3052.

What if my plans change and I don't pursue the activity that I received the Scholarship for?

If your plans change, you must contact Amanda Deschenes at 905-525-2012 ext. 3052 to let her know about the change.

If I have questions, who should I contact?

You can contact Amanda Deschenes at 905-525-2012 ext. 3052 or amanda.deschenes@hamiltonccas.on.ca

