



2025 DiNardo Scholarship Fund Guidelines

**OUR SHARED
VISION**

**Safe and
thriving
children and
youth**

**Empowered
families**

**Stronger
communities**

We are grateful to Ersilia DiNardo for her ongoing commitment to the educational outcomes of the children, youth and families we serve.

Who can apply to the DiNardo Scholarship Fund?

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

Scholarship Details

There is 1 multi-year Scholarship awarded every two years, providing \$2,000 per year for up to 4 years, depending on the individual's program of study or training.

How to Apply

The application is available on the [CCASH website](#) under the *How You Can Help / Our Bursary and Scholarship Program* menu heading. Please review all details well in advance of the application deadline.

Please notify your worker if you are applying for the scholarship, as they will be contacted during the review phase for additional information as required. If you have any questions or concerns.

Application Deadline

Applications must be complete and submitted via the CCASH website by **Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 4:30 pm**.
Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Application Review Process

Applications are reviewed by a team of CCASH staff who bring a range of perspectives to the review process. Your worker will not be on the review team, however, they will be consulted along with 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 decision:***

- 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.



Successful Applicants

Funding decisions are made and communicated to applicants in May, and the Scholarship is awarded at our Annual General Meeting in June. If successful, you will be contacted with all necessary details and asked to provide a video or photo testimonial thanking donors for their contributions.

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.

Questions & Support

For any questions or assistance with your application, please contact: Deb Emberson at bursaries@hamiltonccas.on.ca.

