

# 2026 Youth & Family Opportunity Bursary Guidelines

Catholic  
Children's Aid Society  
of Hamilton



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## Bursary Eligibility

The Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton (CCASH) along with support from our committed donors, proudly provides a number of bursaries designed to uplift and enrich the life trajectories of individuals we serve.

Current &  
Former  
Wards

Kin Families

Children &  
parents receiving  
services from the  
agency

Children in  
families that  
foster children  
through CCASH  
(max of one  
bursary)

Bursary awards support any activities that are considered life-enhancing, such as:



Ongoing education  
and skills training



Employment outcomes  
& possibilities  
(equipment,  
electronics, training)

If you are considering a new, life-enhancing activity and would like to check its eligibility for bursary funding, please contact: Glenn Cooke at [bursaries@hamiltonccas.on.ca](mailto:bursaries@hamiltonccas.on.ca).

## How To Apply

The Bursary application can be found on the [CCASH website](#) under the How You Can Help / Our Bursary Program menu heading. **Please review it well in advance of the application deadline.**

Please notify your worker if you are applying for a bursary, as they will be contacted during the review phase for additional information as required.

For any questions or assistance with your application, please contact: Glen Cooke at [bursaries@hamiltonccas.on.ca](mailto:bursaries@hamiltonccas.on.ca).

**Applications must be submitted via the CCASH website by Wednesday, April 22, 2026 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, 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 decisions:

- Eligibility of the applicant and the proposed life-enhancing activity
- Completeness of the application
- Demonstrated ability to set and meet goals
- Financial need

## Successful Applicants

Funding decisions are made and communicated to applicants in May, and the bursary 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 testimonial thanking donors for their contributions.
- A clear headshot photo of yourself
- A second semester check-in with the Development team

**Disbursement of funds will be directed toward tuition at your selected post-secondary institution, or distributed as a reimbursement for supplies (ie: books, laptop, etc.) with proof of purchase. You can discuss the disbursement of funds further with the Director of Fund Development & Communications.**

## Reapplying

You can reapply next year for another bursary to support multi-year activities, or to support a new life-enhancing activity.

## Questions & Support

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