



# Guyana Awards Council (Canada)

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## GUYANA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 1, 2010

**The 2010 Guyana Awards National Scholarship Applications deadline closes on March 1, 2010, and the Guyana Awards Council invites students of Guyanese heritage to apply for a Guyana Awards Scholarship.**

The Guyana Awards National Scholarship program was formally launched by the Guyana Awards Council in 2008. The Guyana Awards Council is dedicated to supporting and promoting the achievements of academic excellence by students of Guyanese heritage pursuing post-secondary education in Canada; by providing monetary awards for students 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 are selected based on a combination of high academic achievement, financial need and community involvement; and are paid upon receipt of student enrolment certification from the post-secondary institution.

The goal of the Guyana Awards Council is to maintain 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 counseling for scholarship recipients. 7 inaugural scholarships were awarded in 2008, and 5 scholarships awarded in 2009. Scholarship recipients are chosen by an independent panel of judges from applications submitted to the Guyana Awards Council. 2010 Scholarship recipients are honoured at the 10th annual Guyana Awards Gala event on May 29th.

The Guyana Awards Council will also honour outstanding Guyanese-Canadians at this year's 2010 Gala while recognizing and promoting 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.

A complete portfolio of 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 at the Guyana Consulate for any questions they may have at 416-494-6040 Ext. 23.

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

February 5, 2010