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GUYANA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Guyana Awards Council, under the patronage of the Guyana Consulate, invites students of Guyanese heritage to apply for a Guyana Awards National Scholarship. The Guyana Awards National Scholarship Program was established by the Guyana Awards Council in 2008, to support and profile the achievement of academic excellence by students of Guyanese heritage pursuing post-secondary education in Canada. 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. In 2008, seven inaugural scholarship recipients were chosen by an independent panel of judges from applications submitted to the Guyana Awards Council.

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 2009, in a full-time undergraduate degree, diploma or certificate program at an accredited college, university, or vocational-technical school in Canada. Candidates must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents between the ages of 17 and 30. Scholarship recipients will be selected based on a combination of high academic achievement, financial need and community involvement.



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Honorary Consul General, Danny Doobay, explained that the Council's ultimate goal is to develop a scholarship endowment fund that would benefit a wide range of students in Canada and Guyana. "In future years, we would like also to expand the Guyana Awards Scholarship Program to include Guyanese youths who are pursuing graduate and post-graduate studies." The Scholarship winners will be presented at our annual Guyana Awards Gala on May 23, 2009.

The Guyana Awards Council will also honour outstanding Guyanese-Canadians at the Gala on May 23, 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 28, 2009.**

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