

# Garfield Weston Awards



for students entering  
1<sup>st</sup> year of full-time  
college studies  
in the fall of 2009

application deadline: **march 27th, 2009**  
for more info: [www.garfieldwestonawards.ca](http://www.garfieldwestonawards.ca)



## 2009 GARFIELD WESTON AWARDS

### FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 1ST YEAR OF FULL-TIME COLLEGE STUDIES IN THE FALL OF 2009

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE AWARDS

The Garfield Weston Awards program was established in 1999 by the generous contribution and vision of The W. Garfield Weston Foundation. Administered by the Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation, the program is designed to recognize outstanding college-bound students who show a strong commitment to their fields of study and are interested in making positive contributions to their communities.

The Garfield Weston Awards program will distribute **up to 25** Entrance Garfield Weston Awards to students entering their first year of college studies in Canada for use during the 2009-2010 academic year. Each Entrance Garfield Weston Award comprises a tuition waiver from a consortium college renewable for one or two additional years; an \$8,000 stipend renewable for one or two additional years; access to summer program funding, up to \$3,500; and mentorship.

#### CONSORTIUM COLLEGES

All public and accredited colleges in Canada are eligible to participate in our program, providing that they are able to waive tuition for the candidates who are chosen as recipients of Garfield Weston Awards. The colleges presently in the consortium are:

Algonquin College, Assiniboine College, Aurora College, Collège Boréal, Bow Valley College, British Columbia Institute of Technology, Cambrian College, Centennial College, La Cité collégiale, The College of the North Atlantic, Conestoga College, Confederation College, Douglas College, Durham College, Fanshawe College, Fleming College, George Brown College, Grande Prairie Regional College, Grant MacEwan College, Holland College, Humber College, Keyano College, Lakeland College, Lambton College, Langara College, Loyalist College, Marine Institute, Maritime College of Forest Technology, Mohawk College, Mount Royal College, New Brunswick Community College, New Brunswick College of Craft and Design, Niagara College, Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, Northern College, Northern Lights College, Northwest College, Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Nova Scotia Community College, Okanagan College, Olds College, Red River College, Sault College, St. Clair College, St. Lawrence College, Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology, Selkirk College, Seneca College, Sheridan College, Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, University College of the North, Vancouver Community College, Yukon College, and all public CEGEPs in Quebec.

#### SELECTION CRITERIA

Entrance Garfield Weston Awards recognize and reward the outstanding college-bound student who is:

- passionate about his or her field of study;
- curious, courageous, and willing to try new things; and
- community-minded and truly interested in becoming involved and making a difference in society.

#### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

In order to be eligible for an Entrance Garfield Weston Award, a student must:

- be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident;
- be presently completing secondary school diploma/credentials OR have been out of school for a minimum of three years (students presently enrolled in colleges doing their high school equivalency are eligible to apply);
- be entering his or her first-year of full-time college studies in the fall of 2009 leading to a diploma or applied degree (university transfer programs, post-graduate, and pre-university DEC studies are **not** eligible) in a program recognized as eligible by the college and the Garfield Weston Awards;
- be entering full-time college studies of at least 16 months in duration with a 100% full-time course load; and
- have a minimum average of 75% in courses required for his or her college program of choice.

## APPLICATION FORM CHECKLIST

- Complete the application form by using a computer or typewriter, or printing neatly in blue or black ink. Note that pages 6-8 must be typed. To complete electronically, please download the application from our web site at [www.garfieldwestonawards.ca](http://www.garfieldwestonawards.ca), fill-in and print. This form cannot be saved.
- Ensure that you are entering studies at a college, not a university, and that your program is recognized as eligible by the college and by the Garfield Weston Awards. NOTE: university-transfer programs, traditional degree programs, post-graduate, and pre-university DEC programs are not eligible.
- Answer all the questions. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Use only the space provided. Extra pages will not be read.
- Proofread your application carefully.
- Find a reference who can complete Page 9. Make sure to choose someone who is not a relative but who knows you and your activities well. Provide him or her with a copy of your completed application.
- Do not forget to *sign and date* your application.
- Your complete application package must include the following:
  - One original application with an official transcript stapled at the end. (Students who do not have their final marks at the time of application should submit available transcripts and mid-term marks; final marks will be requested for applicants invited to interview).
  - Two photocopies of the complete application, each including a photocopy of your transcript.
  - One additional copy of the first page (page 5) of the application.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR ADULT LEARNERS

Adult learners are asked to submit one additional page which should include a brief biographical sketch, a more extensive employment history, and a paragraph about why they have decided to pursue college studies. Adult learners are those individuals who have been out of school for at least three years.

## MAILING INSTRUCTIONS & DEADLINE INFORMATION

- All applications must be *received* (not postmarked) **by March 27th, 2009**
- Applications must be sent using Canada Post services only. These include: regular mail, Priority Courier, and Xpresspost services that do **not** require a signature.
- Applications sent by fax, hand delivered or mailed through private couriers (ie: Purolator, UPS, Fedex, etc.) are **not** accepted.
- Mail completed entrance applications to:
 

Entrance Garfield Weston Awards  
The Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation  
460 Richmond Street West, Suite 502  
Toronto, ON M5V 1Y1
- To receive an acknowledgement of receipt of your application, please include a self-addressed and **stamped** envelope.

## SELECTION PROCESS

After receipt of all entrance applications, the Garfield Weston Awards selection committee will assess the applications and select candidates to attend regional interviews. Selected candidates will be notified at least two weeks before regional interviews, to be held on June 6th and June 20th, 2009.

## FURTHER INQUIRIES

Please call the CMSF office toll-free at **1-866-544-2673** or **416-646-2120**, or visit [www.garfieldwestonawards.ca](http://www.garfieldwestonawards.ca)



The Garfield Weston Awards for outstanding college students were established in 1999 by the generous contribution and vision of The W. Garfield Weston Foundation. Administered by the Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation, the program is designed to recognize outstanding college students who show a strong commitment to their fields of study and are making positive contributions to their communities. Awards are available for students entering college or CEGEP as well as for those upper-year students already enrolled in participating colleges and CEGEPS.

---

# THE W. GARFIELD WESTON

## FOUNDATION

---

The W. Garfield Weston Foundation is a private, family, charitable foundation committed to making grants in Canada for the benefit of Canadians. It is named for Willard Garfield Weston, who established bakeries and other successful enterprises throughout Canada and in many parts of the world. Today, these businesses include the George Weston Limited and Loblaw Companies Limited, companies in food retailing, processing and distribution.

The Foundation is supported by an endowment from the Weston family. For three generations, The W. Garfield Weston Foundation has maintained a family tradition of helping charitable organizations to make a difference and enhance the quality of life for Canadians.

Historically, the Foundation has made donations to Canadian charitable organizations reflecting a wide variety of urban and rural needs, from medical and nutritional research to programs in the arts, education and environment. These grants have been distributed throughout all provinces and territories in Canada.

In recent years however, the Foundation has become more proactive and more narrowly focused in its grant making. At present, grants fall into three categories:

- 1) Education: The Foundation is currently focused on Canada-wide university and college scholarship programs through the Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation. In addition, through the Children First: School Choice Trust, tuition assistance grants are provided to elementary students in Ontario. Other initiatives include the Weston Family Innovation Centre at the Ontario Science Centre and the Royal Ontario Museum.
- 2) Land Conservation: From coast to coast, the Foundation works in partnership with the Nature Conservancy of Canada in land conservation projects that protect critical habitats and the endangered species that call them home.
- 3) Northern Research and Education: This work focuses on initiatives that position Canadian scientists to take leadership roles in international issues that affect Canada's North.

The Trustees of the Foundation also make donations to charities which they search out themselves. These reflect a variety of interests and needs across Canada.

For more information please visit <http://www.westonfoundation.org>

# 2009 GARFIELD WESTON AWARDS ENTRANCE APPLICATION

**IMPORTANT: Applicants must read instructions on pages 2 & 3 before completing this application.**

Last Name:	First:	Middle:	Preferred Name:
------------	--------	---------	-----------------

Female    Male   Date of Birth [D/M/Y]: \_\_\_\_\_   Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_   Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident?  Yes  No  
 Mailing Address / Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_   Province: \_\_\_\_\_   Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Telephone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_   E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 How many brothers do you have? Older \_\_\_\_\_ Younger \_\_\_\_\_   How many sisters? Older \_\_\_\_\_ Younger \_\_\_\_\_  
 Language(s) spoken at home: \_\_\_\_\_   Preferred language of communication    English    French  
 How many people live in your city/town? \_\_\_\_\_   Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_ If you have children, what are their ages? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Father or Guardian: (  Living    Deceased )   Mother or Guardian: (  Living    Deceased )  
 Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_   Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation : \_\_\_\_\_   Occupation : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check here if address is same as above    Check here if address is same as above   
 Full Address: \_\_\_\_\_   Full Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_   \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATIONAL HISTORY**, list all schools (secondary and post-secondary) you have attended, starting with the most recent:

Name of school and program of study	City/Country	# of Students in your School	Years Attended (Start/End)	Graduation Date(s)

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_   School Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
 School Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_   City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Province: \_\_\_\_\_   Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_   School Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 School Fax: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_   School Contact email: \_\_\_\_\_

**COLLEGES / CEGEPS YOU ARE CONSIDERING, IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE:**

Institution Name	Location	Program Name	Program Length

**CAREERS YOU ARE CONSIDERING:**

1)	2)	3)
----	----	----

**HOW DID YOU FIRST HEAR ABOUT THIS SCHOLARSHIP?** (please circle all that apply)   Teacher/Counsellor   Poster   Google   Facebook

College web site   Friend(s)   Newspaper article   Studentawards.com web site   Studentawards.com e-mail   Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

<small>I certify that the information provided in this application and in the accompanying documentation is true, accurate and complete. I authorize the provision of any information held or to be held by post-secondary and secondary institutions, references, community groups and others, relating to my application, including but not limited to personal evaluations and transcripts, to the Garfield Weston Awards program. I understand and accept that: (1) such information, as well as the personal information contained in this application, will be used by the selection committees of my college and the Garfield Weston Awards for the purposes of selection, for statistical analysis, and to facilitate ongoing administrative correspondence with applicants and to improve the selection process; (2) the Garfield Weston Awards will not release application evaluations or the results of the evaluation process, except to inform me if my application has been accepted for an award; and (3) for all questions regarding my personal information held on file by the Garfield Weston Awards, including updates thereof, I may contact the Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation at the address on the Garfield Weston Awards web site. Finally, if my application is selected for an award, I authorize the publication of my name, city, photo, and educational institution on the Garfield Weston Awards web site, annual report, newsletters and other publicity materials.</small>	<b>SIGNATURE:</b> _____  <b>DATE:</b> _____
---	---

PLEASE TELL US WHAT ACTIVITIES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM YOU HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN DURING THE PAST THREE YEARS.

**EXTRACURRICULAR/ARTISTIC/ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES**

ACTIVITY	SHORT DESCRIPTION OF YOUR INVOLVEMENT	START/END DATES	HRS/WEEK

**VOLUNTEER WORK**

ACTIVITY	SHORT DESCRIPTION OF YOUR INVOLVEMENT	START/END DATES	HRS/WEEK

HOBBIES & INTERESTS:

CONFERENCES/TRADE SHOW/COMPETITIONS ATTENDED:

WERE YOU REQUIRED TO COMPLETE COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES TO RECEIVE YOUR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA? PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS OF HOW YOU FULFILLED THIS REQUIREMENT.

PLEASE LIST YOUR CURRENT AND PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT IN THE PAST THREE YEARS:

Employer	Short description of position and responsibilities	From (MM-YYYY)	To (MM-YYYY)	Avg. hours/week
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

1. PLEASE LIST UP TO THREE SCHOOL OR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU HAVE INVESTED YOUR TIME AND ENERGY FOR A SIGNIFICANT PERIOD OF TIME, AND STATE WHY EACH WAS IMPORTANT. BE SURE TO INCLUDE APPROXIMATE HOURS PER WEEK/MONTH AND THE START AND END DATES (MM-YYYY) FOR EACH ACTIVITY.

ACTIVITY	
YOUR ROLE AND DATES OF INVOLVEMENT	
WHO OR WHAT PROMPTED YOUR INVOLVEMENT	
IMPORTANCE	

ACTIVITY	
YOUR ROLE AND DATES OF INVOLVEMENT	
WHO OR WHAT PROMPTED YOUR INVOLVEMENT	
IMPORTANCE	

ACTIVITY	
YOUR ROLE AND DATES OF INVOLVEMENT	
WHO OR WHAT PROMPTED YOUR INVOLVEMENT	
IMPORTANCE	

2. What drew you to your selected college program(s)? Why do you feel suited to this(these) program(s)?

3. Describe a time when you challenged yourself by taking on a task/project for which the outcome was uncertain. What setbacks did you encounter? How did you deal with them?

4. Describe an experience where you had the responsibility of leading a group. What did you learn from the successes and failures of that experience?

5. List five tasks that you have completed that, taken together, tell us who you are.

- i) \_\_\_\_\_
- ii) \_\_\_\_\_
- iii) \_\_\_\_\_
- iv) \_\_\_\_\_
- v) \_\_\_\_\_

**LETTER OF REFERENCE**

**This page is to be filled out by your reference. Make sure to choose someone who is not a relative or a friend but who knows you and your activities well. Provide him or her with a copy of your completed application.**

Name of reference: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I have known the applicant for the period of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

I know the applicant in my role as: \_\_\_\_\_

Please state briefly the applicant's qualifications to receive a Garfield Weston Award in the space below. Extra pages will not be read.

I have reviewed the applicant's activity page and attest that it is a truthful and accurate reflection of the applicant.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_