

2021 Graduation Awards Program Overview



**Application Deadline:
Friday April 16, 2021**

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- Pages 16 through 20 highlight awards that students are automatically considered for; no application required.
- Recipients are either selected based on their academic achievement (cumulative average, final course grades) or are nominated by the Student Awards Committee; all eligible students are considered.

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- Graduation Awards recipients will receive their award either through a direct deposit process through their student account or by cheque (which will be sent along with the parchment mailing)
- Recipients will be notified via email of what award(s) they are receiving, and recipients will also be recognized in the Graduation Program that will be developed. A virtual event may also be held to recognize donor support and award recipients; further details will be shared with recipients as plans are developed
- As more details about Graduation 2021 activities are finalized, students will be notified via their uoguelph email address

Notice of Disclosure: it is understood that student award winners' names (except for financial needs-based bursary recipients) will be released to award donors and will be published as a condition of the award.

Questions about the Graduation Awards Program? Contact:
Alison McMahon, Student Financial Aid & Awards Counsellor
rcawards@uoguelph.ca

The University of Guelph, Ridgeway Campus reserves the right to amend advertised awards subject to the availability of funds.

Graduation Awards Application Guidelines

The following guidelines are provided to assist you with the writing of your letter for any awards that require application:

Starting Your Application(s)

- It is strongly encouraged that the same application letter is **not** used for multiple award applications. Letters should be tailored as much as possible to the award selection criteria listed for each opportunity.
- **Word Count:** 1-page letters should be approximately 500 words in length; 2-page letters approximately 750 to 1,000 words in length. Letter length for awards can be found on each award opportunity.
- **Line Spacing:** Single Spaced
- **Font:** Use a legible font, such as Times New Roman, Arial, or Calibri
- **Font Size** 12-point sized font
- **Margins:** “Normal Setting” in Microsoft Word (2.54 cm/1-inch margins)
- The following information should be included at the top of your letter (top left side):
 1. Your Full Name (First and Last)
 2. Your Student Number
 3. Your Academic Program
 4. The Award Name
- Make sure to include a brief introductory paragraph about yourself, 1 to 3 concise paragraphs about the selection criteria, and a brief concluding paragraph to summarize your letter.
- If you are adding a salutation at the start of your letter, you can address it to the Student Awards Committee (ex. Dear Student Awards Committee, ...)

Sending in Your Application(s)

- Please ensure to submit all applications prior to the deadline; late applications will not be accepted
- Word Document or PDF digital file name should be: Last Name, First Name, and Award Name
- All applications are to be emailed to **rcawards@uoguelph.ca**. You will receive an email from the Awards Co-ordinator confirming receipt of your application(s).
- If you are applying for multiple awards, the applications can be submitted through one email.

Summary of Awards Requiring a Letter of Application

Award Name	Found on Page...	# of Awards	Value	Program Eligibility
French's Food Company Prize	5	2	\$2,500 each	All diploma programs
Francis & Anne Ouellette Scholarship: Academic Leadership	6	2	\$500 each	All diploma programs
Dr. Ron Pitblado Memorial Scholarship	7	1	\$300	All diploma programs
Gray Ridge Egg Farms Prize	8	1	\$3,000	Agriculture
Pat Unger Memorial Prize	9	1	\$5,000	Agriculture
Stan Olson Young Agriculturalist Award	10	1	\$500	Agriculture
Dr. Gary Ablett Memorial Prize	11	1	\$1,000	Agriculture
Robert O'Brien Memorial Award	12	1	\$400	Agriculture
William Park Carr Scholarship	13	1	\$1,500	Agriculture
Francis & Anne Ouellette Scholarship: Production Agriculture	14	1	\$700	Agriculture or Horticulture
Francis & Anne Ouellette Scholarship: Agri-Food Industry	15	1	\$500	Agriculture or Horticulture

Graduation Award Application Checklist:

French's Food Company Prize (C0991)

Description: Established by The French's Food Company LLC, these \$2,500 prizes are awarded to students who have completed 12 credits of **any Associate Diploma program** and have a minimum 70% cumulative average.

Selection Criteria: Based on students who demonstrate a strong preference/direction to engaging in tomato production or tomato processing. Preference given to students who have been directly involved in tomato production or tomato processing either at the farm level (i.e. family farm or off-farm) or other work-related experience.

Number of Awards & Value: 2 Awards of \$2,500 each

Application Requirements Checklist

- Graduating from **any Associate Diploma** program
- Minimum cumulative average of 70% or higher

1-Page Letter Outlining the Following:

- Plans for a career in tomato production or tomato processing
- Prior involvement in tomato production at the farm level (preference but not required) **OR**
- Other work experience related to tomato production/processing (preference but not required)

Submission Details

- In your letter, make sure to include:
 1. Your Full Name
 2. Student Number
 3. Your Academic Program
 4. Award Name
- Word Document or PDF digital file name should be: Last Name, First Name, and Award Name
- Email completed application letter to **rcawards@uoguelph.ca**

Graduation Award Application Checklist:

Francis & Anne Ouellette Scholarship: Academic Leadership (C0760)

Description: The Ouellette family offers this annual award to students graduating from **any Associate Diploma** program at the Ridgetown Campus with a minimum 80% cumulative average who have participated in extracurricular activities while being enrolled as a student at Ridgetown.

Selection Criteria: Demonstrated leadership skills as evidenced by involvement in extracurricular activities, organizations, clubs, and campus athletics.

Number of Awards & Value: 2 Awards of \$500

Application Requirements Checklist

- Graduating from **any Associate Diploma** program
- Minimum cumulative average of 80% or higher

1-Page Letter Outlining the Following:

- Leadership skills as evidenced by involvement in extracurricular activities, organizations, clubs, and campus athletics while enrolled at Ridgetown Campus

Submission Details

- In your letter, make sure to include:
 1. Your Full Name
 2. Student Number
 3. Your Academic Program
 4. Full Award Name
- Word Document or PDF digital file name should be: Last Name, First Name, and Award Name
- Email completed application letter to rcawards@uoguelph.ca

Graduation Award Application Checklist:

Dr. Ron Pitblado Memorial Scholarship (RC Award)

Description: This scholarship was established by Weather INnovations Incorporated in the Fall of 2009. It is presented to a graduating student of **any Associate Diploma** program who is transferring to a degree program. Preference is given to a candidate who has demonstrated an interest in vegetable and/or crop production and/or plant pathology.

Selection Criteria: Based on continuation of post-secondary studies at the degree level and expressed interest in vegetable and/or crop production and/or plant pathology.

Number of Awards & Value: 1 Award of \$300

Application Requirements Checklist

- Graduating from the **Any Associate Diploma** program

1-Page Letter Outlining the Following:

- Post-secondary education plans at the degree level
- Interest in vegetable and/or crop production, and/or plant pathology

Submission Details

- In your letter, make sure to include:
 1. Your Full Name
 2. Student Number
 3. Your Academic Program
 4. Award Name
- Word Document or PDF digital file name should be: Last Name, First Name, and Award Name
- Email completed application letter to **rcawards@uoguelph.ca**

Graduation Award Application Checklist:

Gray Ridge Egg Farms Prize (C1009)

Description: This \$3,000 prize established by LH Gray & Son Limited/Gray Ridge Egg Farms is awarded to a graduating student of the **Associate Diploma in Agriculture program** who has a minimum 70% cumulative average.

Selection Criteria: Based on students who demonstrate a strong preference/direction to engaging in egg production. Preference given to students who have been directly involved in egg production at the farm level.

Number of Awards & Value: 1 Award of \$3,000

Application Requirements Checklist

- Graduating from the **Associate Diploma in Agriculture**
- Minimum cumulative average of 70% or higher

1-Page Letter Outlining the Following:

- Plan/career direction of working in egg production
- Direct involvement in egg production at the farm level (preference but not required)

Submission Details

- In your letter, make sure to include:
 1. Your Full Name
 2. Student Number
 3. Your Academic Program
 4. Award Name
- Word Document or PDF digital file name should be: Last Name, First Name, and Award Name
- Email completed application letter to **rcawards@uoguelph.ca**

Graduation Award Application Checklist:

Pat Unger Memorial Prize (C0984)

Description: This \$5,000 prize established by Heartland Farm Mutual Insurance is awarded to a student who has completed 12 credits of the **Associate Diploma in Agriculture** and has a minimum 70% cumulative average

Selection Criteria: Based on leadership abilities and extracurricular activities as demonstrated through involvement in 4-H, Junior Farmers, campus activities such as intramural sports, Spring Expo, student leadership programs, clubs, and student committees.

Number of Awards & Value: 1 Award of \$5,000

Application Requirements Checklist

- Graduating from the **Associate Diploma in Agriculture**
- Minimum cumulative average of 70% or higher

1 to 2 Page Letter Outlining the Following:

- Leadership abilities and extracurricular activities as demonstrated through involvement in one or more of the following areas:
 - 4-H or Junior Farmers
 - Campus extracurriculars (ex. Intramural sports etc.)
 - Spring Expo (ex. Participant or committee member etc.)
 - Student leadership programs (ex. Student Ambassador, Peer Helpers etc.)
 - Student committees (ex. Curriculum committee etc.)

Submission Details

- In your letter, make sure to include:
 1. Your Full Name
 2. Student Number
 3. Your Academic Program
 4. Award Name
- Word Document or PDF digital file name should be: Last Name, First Name, and Award Name
- Email completed application letter to rcawards@uoguelph.ca

Graduation Award Application Checklist:

Stan Olson Young Agriculturalist Award (RC Award)

Description: This \$500 award was established in memory of Stan Olson in 2012. This award goes to a graduating student in the **Associate Diploma in Agriculture** program who is pursuing a career in primary crop production, field crop agribusiness or agricultural research to improve crop production.

Selection Criteria: Based on a student's career aspirations and goals at the primary crop production, field crop agribusiness, or agricultural research levels plus discussion of previous work experience and agricultural experience. A minimum cumulative average of 70% is required

Number of Awards & Value: 1 Award of \$500

Application Requirements Checklist

- Graduating from the **Associate Diploma in Agriculture**
- Minimum cumulative average of 70% or higher

1-Page Letter Outlining the Following:

- Career aspirations in one of the following areas:
 - Primary Crop Production
 - Field Crop Agribusiness
 - Agricultural Research
- Previous agricultural work experience

Submission Details

- In your letter, make sure to include:
 1. Your Full Name
 2. Student Number
 3. Your Academic Program
 4. Award Name
- Word Document or PDF digital file name should be: Last Name, First Name, and Award Name
- Email completed application letter to rcawards@uoguelph.ca

Graduation Award Application Checklist:

Dr. Gary Ablett Memorial Prize (C0944)

Description: The Dr. Gary Ablett Memorial Scholarship is presented to a student graduating from the **Associate Diploma in Agriculture** program. This award is established in memory of Dr. Gary Ablett, a former Director at the Ridgetown Campus.

Selection Criteria: is based on students with a minimum cumulative average of 70% who have demonstrated leadership while attending the Ridgetown Campus.

Number of Awards & Value: 1 Award of \$1,000

Application Requirements Checklist

- Graduating from the **Associate Diploma in Agriculture**
- Minimum cumulative average of 70% or higher

1-Page Letter Outlining the Following:

- Demonstrated leadership skills at Ridgetown Campus (involvement in extracurriculars, student leadership programs, student committees etc.)

Submission Details

- In your letter, make sure to include:
 1. Your Full Name
 2. Student Number
 3. Your Academic Program
 4. Award Name
- Word Document or PDF digital file name should be: Last Name, First Name, and Award Name
- Email completed application letter to **rcawards@uoguelph.ca**

Graduation Award Application Checklist:

Robert O'Brien Memorial Award (C0720)

Description: This \$400 award was established in memory of Robert O'Brien who enjoyed his career in agri-food. Awarded to an **Associate Diploma in Agriculture** student who intends to own and operate a farm enterprise.

Selection Criteria: Based on a student's plans to own and operate their own farm enterprise.

Number of Awards & Value: 1 Award of \$400

Application Requirements Checklist

- Graduating from the **Associate Diploma in Agriculture**

1-to-2-Page Letter Outlining the Following:

- Career plan to own and operate a farm

Submission Details

- In your letter, make sure to include:
 1. Your Full Name
 2. Student Number
 3. Your Academic Program
 4. Award Name
- Word Document or PDF digital file name should be: Last Name, First Name, and Award Name
- Email completed application letter to **rcawards@uoguelph.ca**

Graduation Award Application Checklist:

William Park Carr Scholarship (C0049)

Description: This \$1,500 award is given to an **Associate Diploma in Agriculture** student who has demonstrated a willingness to assume responsibility and leadership in college and community activities.

Selection Criteria: Based on demonstrated willingness to assume responsibility and leadership in college and community activities. Preference will be given to candidates, who upon graduation, take an active part in the operation of a farm, both with the management of day-to-day operations and have a capital investment.

Number of Awards & Value: 1 Award of \$1,500

Application Requirements Checklist

- Graduating from the **Associate Diploma in Agriculture**

1-Page Letter Outlining the Following:

- Demonstrated willingness to assume leadership in college activities
- Demonstrated willingness to assume leadership in community activities
- Upon graduation, taking an active part in the operation of a farm – day to-day operations and capital investment (preference but not required)

Submission Details

- In your letter, make sure to include:
 5. Your Full Name
 6. Student Number
 7. Your Academic Program
 8. Award Name
- Word Document or PDF digital file name should be: Last Name, First Name, and Award Name
- Email completed application letter to **rcawards@uoguelph.ca**

Graduation Award Application Checklist:

Francis & Anne Ouellette Scholarship: Production in Agriculture (C0763)

Description: The Ouellette family offers this annual award to a student graduating from either the **Associate Diploma in Agriculture** or the **Associate Diploma in Horticulture** program at the Ridgetown Campus, who has a minimum cumulative average of 80% or higher and has a career plan in production agriculture.

Selection Criteria: Student's career plan in the production agriculture industry as evidenced by a letter outlining their career plan and participation in extracurricular activities.

Number of Awards & Value: 1 Award of \$700

Application Requirements Checklist

- Graduating from the **Associate Diploma in Agriculture** or **Horticulture**
- Minimum cumulative average of 80% or higher

1-Page Letter Outlining the Following:

- Career plan in production agriculture
- Participation in extracurricular activities that supports production agriculture as a career path

Submission Details

- In your letter, make sure to include:
 1. Your Full Name
 2. Student Number
 3. Your Academic Program
 4. Full Award Name
- Word Document or PDF digital file name should be: Last Name, First Name, and Award Name
- Email completed application letter to **rcawards@uoguelph.ca**

Graduation Award Application Checklist:

Francis & Anne Ouellette Scholarship: Agri-Food Industry (C0765)

Description: The Ouellette family offers this annual award to a student graduating from either the **Associate Diploma in Agriculture** or the **Associate Diploma in Horticulture** program at the Ridgetown Campus who has a minimum cumulative average of 80% or higher and has a career plan in the agri-food industry.

Selection Criteria: Student's career plan in the agri-food industry as evidenced by a letter outlining their career plan and participation in extracurricular activities.

Number of Awards & Value: 1 Award at \$500

Application Requirements Checklist

- Graduating from the **Associate Diploma in Agriculture** or **Horticulture**
- Minimum cumulative average of 80% or higher

1-Page Letter Outlining the Following:

- Career plan in the agri-food industry
- Participation in extracurricular activities that supports an agri-food industry career plan

Submission Details

- In your letter, make sure to include:
 1. Your Full Name
 2. Student Number
 3. Your Academic Program
 4. Full Award Name
- Word Document or PDF digital file name should be: Last Name, First Name, and Award Name
- Email completed application letter to **rcawards@uoguelph.ca**

Graduation Awards: Automatic Consideration

The following awards will be presented at graduation, but do not require students to apply. Recipients are selected based on their academic achievement (cumulative average, final course grades) or are nominated by the Student Awards Committee; all eligible students will be considered.

Westag Alumni Association Resilience Awards (RC Award)

Description: These \$500 awards are given to two students, graduating from any **Associate Diploma or Certificate** program, who have overcome (or are overcoming) challenges and adversity in their lives and are still able to achieve academic success.

Selection Criteria: Awarded to two graduating students from any Ridgetown Campus program who have overcome (or are overcoming) challenges and adversity in their lives.

Number of Awards & Value: 2 Awards of \$500 each

Outstanding College Citizen, Leonard R. Giffin Memorial Award (RC Award)

Description: This \$1,000 award is given to a graduating student in the **Associate Diploma in Agriculture** program who has been active in extracurricular activities, clubs, and intramural sports. This individual can get along with others and fosters other students to work together in the spirit of collaboration.

Selection Criteria: Will be based on demonstrated activity in extracurricular activities, clubs, and intramural sports. A minimum cumulative 70% average or higher is required.

Number of Awards & Value: 1 Award of \$1,000

Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers, Rudy H. Brown Memorial Award (RC Award)

Description: This \$500 award is given to an **Associate Diploma in Agriculture** student who has the highest final grade in the semester three Vegetable Production course.

Selection Criteria: Highest cumulative average in Vegetable Production course (DAGR*3260).

Number of Awards & Value: 1 Award of \$500

Excellence in Farm Project, Peter Conlin Memorial Award (RC Award)

Description: This \$500 award is given to a graduating student in the **Associate Diploma in Agriculture** program who has excelled in the Farm Project course and has completed an extensive financial and production review of their, or a selected, farm operation.

Selection Criteria: Highest final grade in the Farm Project course (DAGR*4650).

Number of Awards & Value: 1 Award of \$500

Ed Bertens Memorial Award (C0714)

Description: This award of \$500 was first established in 1983/84 by the family and friends of the late Ed Bertens, who passed away in 1983.

Selection Criteria: The award is presented to a student graduating from the **Associate Diploma in Agriculture** program who has the highest cumulative average at the end of semester 4.

Number of Awards & Value: 1 Award of \$500

James & Shirley MacDonald Scholarship

Description: James and Shirley MacDonald have created this \$1,000 annual scholarship to recognize academic excellence in support of a student who has completed a minimum 9.0 credits of the **Associate Diploma in Agriculture** program at the Ridgetown Campus. James MacDonald, OAC '50 was past principal at Ridgetown College, now known as the Ridgetown Campus of the University of Guelph.

Selection Criteria: Highest cumulative average at the end of semester 4.

Number of Awards & Value: 1 Award of \$1,000

Academic Proficiency, Associate Diploma in Agriculture Award (C0844)

Description: This award is presented to a graduating student in the **Associate Diploma in Agriculture** program with the highest cumulative average and who has a minimum cumulative average of 80%.

Selection Criteria: Highest cumulative average at the end of semester 4

Number of Awards & Value: 1 Award of \$500

Academic Proficiency Runner-Up, Associate Diploma in Agriculture Award (C0846)

Description: This award is presented to a graduating student in the **Associate Diploma in Agriculture** program with the second highest cumulative average and who has a minimum cumulative average of 80%.

Selection Criteria: Second highest cumulative average at the end of semester 4

Number of Awards & Value: 1 Award of \$375

Chatham-Kent Community Foundation Scholarship (C0986)

Description: This \$1,250 scholarship is established by the Chatham-Kent Community Foundation and is awarded to a student who is graduating from the **Associate Diploma in Environmental Management** program.

Selection Criteria: Awarded to the student with the highest cumulative average. Preference given to a student whose permanent home address is within the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.

Number of Awards & Value: 1 Award of \$1,250

Academic Proficiency, Associate Diploma in Environmental Management Award (C0905)

Description: This award is presented to a graduating student in the **Associate Diploma in Environmental Management** program with the highest cumulative average and who has a minimum cumulative average of 80%.

Selection Criteria: Highest cumulative average at the end of semester 4.

Number of Awards & Value: 1 Award of \$500

Academic Proficiency Runner-Up, Associate Diploma in Environmental Management Award (C0906)

Description: This award is presented to a graduating student in the **Associate Diploma in Environmental Management** program with the second highest cumulative average and who has a minimum cumulative average of 80%.

Selection Criteria: Second highest cumulative average at the end of semester 4.

Number of Awards & Value: 1 Award of \$375

Clinton Raceway Prize (Academic Proficiency, Associate Diploma in Equine Care & Management) (C1096)

Description: This award is presented to a graduating student in the **Associate Diploma in Equine Care & Management** program with the highest cumulative average and who has a minimum cumulative average of 80%.

Selection Criteria: Highest cumulative average at the end of semester 4.

Number of Awards & Value: 1 Award of \$1,000

Academic Proficiency Runner-Up, Associate Diploma in Equine Care & Management Award (RC Award)

Description: This award is presented to a graduating student in the **Associate Diploma in Equine Care & Management** program with the second highest cumulative average and who has a minimum cumulative average of 80%.

Selection Criteria: Second highest cumulative average at the end of semester 4.

Number of Awards & Value: 1 Award of \$250

Academic Proficiency, Associate Diploma in Horticulture Award (C0757)

Description: This award is presented to a graduating student in the **Associate Diploma in Horticulture** program with the highest cumulative average and who has a minimum cumulative average of 80%.

Selection Criteria: Highest cumulative average at the end of semester 4.

Number of Awards & Value: 1 Award of \$500

Academic Proficiency Runner-Up, Associate Diploma in Horticulture Award (C0848)

Description: This award is presented to a graduating student in the **Associate Diploma in Horticulture** program with the second highest cumulative average and who has a minimum cumulative average of 80%.

Selection Criteria: Second highest cumulative average at the end of semester 4.

Number of Awards & Value: 1 Award of \$250

Ontario Parks Association Award (RC Award)

Description: An Ontario Parks Association Membership is awarded to a student who has shown a commitment to the environment and has also demonstrated their dedication to their profession by their respect for green space and our natural heritage.

Selection Criteria: Commitment to the environment and has a respect for green space/natural heritage

Number of Awards & Value: Ontario Parks Association Membership

Academic Proficiency, Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology (Conventional) Award (C0857)

Description: This award is presented to a graduating student in the **Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology, Conventional** program with the highest cumulative average and who has a minimum cumulative average of 80%.average.

Selection Criteria: Highest cumulative average at the end of semester 4.

Number of Awards & Value: 1 Award of \$500

Academic Proficiency Runner-Up, Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology (Conventional) Award (C0851)

Description: This award is presented to a graduating student in the **Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology, Conventional** program with the second highest cumulative average and who has a minimum cumulative average of 80%.

Selection Criteria: Second highest cumulative average at the end of semester 4.

Number of Awards & Value: 1 Award of \$250

Academic Proficiency, Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology (Alternative) Award (C0854)

Description: This award is presented to a graduating student in the **Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology, Alternative** program with the highest cumulative average and who has a minimum cumulative average of 80%.

Selection Criteria: Highest cumulative average at the end of semester 9.

Number of Awards & Value: 1 Award of \$300

Academic Proficiency Runner-Up, Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology (Alternative) Award (C0849)

Description: This award is presented to a graduating student in the **Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology, Alternative** program with the second highest cumulative average and who has a minimum cumulative average of 80%.

Selection Criteria: Second highest cumulative average at the end of semester 9.

Number of Awards & Value: 1 Award of \$200

Academic Proficiency, Veterinary Office Administration Certificate Award (RC Award)

Description: This award is presented to a graduating student in the **Veterinary Office Administration Certificate** program with the highest cumulative average and who has a minimum cumulative average of 80%.

Selection Criteria: Highest cumulative average at the end of semester 2.

Number of Awards & Value: 1 Award of \$300

Academic Proficiency Runner-Up, Veterinary Office Administration Certificate Award (RC Award)

Description: This award is presented to a graduating student in the **Veterinary Office Administration Certificate** program with the second highest cumulative average and who has a minimum cumulative average of 80%.

Selection Criteria: Second highest cumulative average at the end of semester 2.

Number of Awards & Value: 1 Award of \$250
