

**2022
Graduation
Award
Opportunities**

Application Deadline:

Friday, April 8, 2022, at 11:59 PM



**RIDGETOWN
CAMPUS**

About the Graduation Awards Program

- Graduation Awards recipients will receive monetary funds in the form of a cheque, presented at Graduation on Friday, June 3, 2022
- Recipients will be notified via email of what award(s) they are receiving, and recipients will also be recognized in the Graduation Program
- Attendance at Graduation activities is not required to receive Graduation Awards, but recipients are encouraged to attend so their achievements can be recognized by guests and the award donor
- As more details about Graduation 2022 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.

A professional photo may be taken at the time of award presentation, which may be used in various print pieces, through social media, or on the website.

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

Questions about the Graduation Awards Program? Contact:

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

Q: How do I apply for any of the awards listed in this handbook?

A: Please review the available awards for this year then submit your application online through the [Graduation Awards Application Form](#).

Q: When is Graduation for the class of 2022?

A: Graduation is scheduled for Friday, June 3, 2022. Further details relating to graduation activities will be sent to all graduates as it becomes available.

Q: When will I receive my award (monetary or gift)?

A: You will be notified via your uoguelph email if you have been selected to receive an award. Graduation Awards will be awarded at the Graduation ceremony on Friday, June 3, 2022. Monetary awards will be provided in the form of a cheque. If you are unable to attend Graduation, your award(s) and/or other items, including your diploma/certificate parchment will be mailed to your home address.

Graduation Awards: Application Required

All applications must be submitted through the [Graduation Awards Application Form](#)

Award Name	Number of Awards & Value	Program	Description	Minimum Cumulative Average Required	Selection/Application Criteria
Francis & Anne Ouellette Scholarship: Academic Leadership (C0760)	2 awards of \$500	All Diploma Programs	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.	80%	1) Leadership skills evidenced by involvement in extracurriculars, organizations, clubs, and campus athletics while enrolled at Ridgetown Campus
Dr. Ron Pitblado Memorial Scholarship (RC)	1 award of \$300	All Diploma Programs	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.	N/A	1) Post-secondary education plans at the degree level 2) Interest in vegetable and/or crop production, and/or plant pathology
Gray Ridge Egg Farms Prize (C1009)	1 award of \$3,000	DAGR	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.	70%	1) Plan/career direction of working in egg production 2) Direct involvement in egg production at farm level (preference but not required)
Pat Unger Memorial Prize (C0984)	1 award of \$5,000	DAGR	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	70%	1) Leadership abilities and extracurricular activities as demonstrated through involvement in one or more of the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-H or Junior Farmers • Campus extracurriculars • Spring Expo • Student leadership programs (ex. Recruitment Ambassadors, Peer Helpers) • Student committees (ex. Curriculum Review)

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Stan Olson Young Agriculturalist Award (RC)	1 award of \$500	DAGR	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.	70%	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Career aspirations in primary crop production, field crop agribusiness, or agricultural research 2) Previous agricultural work experience 3) Minimum cumulative average of 70%
Dr. Gary Ablett Memorial Prize (C0944)	1 award of \$1,000	DAGR	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.	N/A	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Demonstrated leadership skills at Ridgetown Campus (involvement in student extracurriculars, leadership programs, committees, etc.)
Robert O'Brien Memorial Award (C0720)	1 award of \$400	DAGR	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.	N/A	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Career plan to own and operate a farm
William Park Carr Scholarship (C0049)	1 award of \$1,500	DAGR	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.	N/A	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Demonstrated willingness to assume leadership in college activities 2) Demonstrated willingness to assume leadership in community activities 3) Upon graduating, taking an active part in the operation of a farm (day-to-day operations, capital investment)

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Francis & Anne Ouellette Scholarship: Production Agriculture (C0763)	1 award of \$700	DAGR or DHRT	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.	80%	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Career plan in production agriculture 2) Participation in extracurricular activities that supports production agriculture as a career path
Francis & Anne Ouellette Scholarship: Agri-Food Industry (C0765)	1 award of \$500	DAGR or DHRT	The Ouellette family offers this annual award to a student graduating from either the Associate Diploma in Agriculture or 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.	80%	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Career plan in agri-food industry 2) Participation in extracurricular activities that supports an agri-food industry career path

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 works well 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 3 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 (C0816)

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 a 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 Awards

Description: This award is presented to graduating students in the following programs with the highest cumulative average with a minimum cumulative average of 80%.

Selection Criteria: Highest cumulative average at the end of semester 4 (semester 2 for CVOA students).

- **Agriculture:** 1 Award of \$500
 - **Environmental Management:** 1 Award of \$500
 - **Clinton Raceway Prize (Equine Care & Management):** 1 Award of \$1,000
 - **Horticulture:** 1 Award of \$500
 - **Veterinary Technology:** 1 Award of \$500
 - **Veterinary Office Administration:** 1 Award of \$300
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Academic Proficiency Runner-Up Awards

Description: This award is presented to a graduating student in the following programs with the second highest cumulative average with a minimum cumulative average of 80%.

Selection Criteria: Second highest cumulative average at the end of semester 4 (semester 2 for CVOA students).

- **Agriculture:** 1 Award of \$375
 - **Environmental Management:** 1 Award of \$375
 - **Equine Care & Management:** 1 Award of \$250
 - **Horticulture:** 1 Award of \$250
 - **Veterinary Technology:** 1 Award of \$250
 - **Veterinary Office Administration:** 1 Award of \$250
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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.

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
