

2023 Convocation Award Opportunities

Application Deadline:

Saturday, April 1, 2023, at 11:59 PM

About the Convocation Awards Program

- Convocation Awards recipients will receive monetary funds or gifts at the Convocation Awards Presentation event, which takes place in a separate event prior to the Convocation Ceremony on Friday, June 9, 2023
- Recipients will be notified via email of what award(s) they are receiving, and recipients will also be recognized in the Convocation Program
- Attendance at Convocation activities is not required to receive Convocation Awards, but recipients are encouraged to attend so their achievements can be recognized by guests and the award donor.
- As more details about Convocation 2023 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 will 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 Convocation 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 [Convocation Awards Application Form](#).

Q: When is Convocation for the class of 2023?

A: Convocation is scheduled for Friday, June 9, 2023. Further details relating to convocation 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. Convocation Awards will be awarded on Friday, June 9, 2023, prior to the Convocation ceremony. Monetary awards will be provided in the form of a cheque or EFT through your student account. If you are unable to attend Convocation, your award(s) and/or other items, including your diploma/certificate parchment will be mailed to your home address.

Convocation Awards: Application Required

All applications must be submitted through the [Convocation 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)
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%	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	N/A	1) Demonstrated leadership skills at Ridgetown Campus (involvement in student extracurriculars, leadership programs, committees, etc.)

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			of Dr. Gary Ablett, a former Director at the Ridgetown Campus.		
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	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	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)
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%	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%	1) Career plan in agri-food industry 2) Participation in extracurricular activities that supports an agri-food industry career path

Convocation Awards: Automatic Consideration

The following awards will be presented at convocation, 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.

Best All-Round Ridgetown Student Prize (C0758)

Description: This \$1,000 prize is awarded to a student graduating from **any Associate Diploma** program at Ridgetown Campus with a minimum 80% cumulative average. Selection will be based on participation in extracurricular activities, campus athletics, and demonstrated leadership in student organizations and clubs. No application is required; students will be nominated by the Ridgetown Awards Committee.

Selection Criteria: Participation in extracurricular activities, campus athletics, and demonstrated leadership in student organizations and clubs

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

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. No application is required; students will be nominated by the Ridgetown Awards Committee.

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. No application is required; students will be nominated by the Ridgetown Awards Committee.

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 in non-elective courses 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 CVAOA 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 Technology Alternative:** 1 Award of \$300
 - **Veterinary Assistant & 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 CVAOA 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 Technology Alternative:** 1 Award of \$200
- **Veterinary Assistant & Office Administration:** 1 Award of \$250

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

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. No application is required; students will be nominated by the Ridgeway Awards Committee.

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

Number of Awards & Value: Ontario Parks Association Membership
