



The Trinidad & Tobago Association of Ottawa

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**A.T. Tolley Afro-Caribbean Female
Scholarship C.L.R. James Scholarship
Merle Solomon Scholarship
Dr. Sade Francois Scholarship
The Walker Family Scholarship
Nazru Deen Scholarship**

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

1. **Purpose**

To encourage and reward members of the Association and their families who wish to pursue their educational goals at college or university.

2. **Number and Value of Scholarship(s)**

This year 2026, five (5) scholarships, under the governance of the Trinidad and Tobago Association of Ottawa (TTAO) will be awarded as follows:

Except for the Nazru Deen Scholarship, each scholarship must be used for a full-time course of study which leads to a first degree, postgraduate degree or a diploma.

- **A.T. Tolley Afro-Caribbean Female Scholarship Award** is sponsored by a Trinbagonian who came to Canada many years ago, received assistance while pursuing her studies, and has now decided to pay it forward with **2 X \$2,500** scholarships.
- **C.L.R. James Scholarship** sponsored by The Trinidad and Tobago Association of Ottawa, is named for the world-famous Trinbagonian national, cultural historian, cricket writer and political activist, who was a leading figure in the Pan African movement. Value: **\$1,000**.

- **Merle Solomon Scholarship** is named for a Past President of the Trinidad and Tobago Association of Ottawa. Merle Solomon was instrumental in the establishment of The TTAO Scholarship program. The 2026 scholarship is sponsored by **3's Company** and valued at **\$1,000**.
- **Dr. Sade Francois Scholarship** is sponsored by Dr. Sade Francois who was the recipient of the **C.L.R. James Scholarship** in 2015. Immediately upon graduation, she decided to pay it forward by awarding an annual **\$1,000** scholarship.
- **Walker Family Scholarship** is sponsored by Dr. Alfredo Walker, Stacia Braxton-Walker and their family. The winner of this scholarship will be awarded **\$1,000** each year for the duration of the course of study (to a maximum of four (4) years). **THIS SCHOLARSHIP WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2027-2028**
- **Nazru Deen Scholarship** is sponsored this year by Mrs. Beatrice Deen and the Trinidad and Tobago Association of Ottawa, the scholarship is named for the late Nazru Deen, a school Superintendent and Principal with the now defunct Carleton Board of Education. The scholarship is awarded to a student of Naz' Alma Mater, the **Vistabella Presbyterian School**, Trinidad and Tobago, who has been successful in the SEA exams and will enter Secondary school in September 2026. **(APPLICABLE TO RESIDENTS OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ONLY)**

None of the scholarships **with the exception of The Walker Family Scholarship** are automatically renewable.

Please pay specific attention to the **A.T. Tolley Afro-Caribbean Female Scholarship and the Dr. Sade Francois Scholarship for Young Black Women**, as in addition to the overall requirements for the scholarships, there are specific applicable criteria. If applying for these scholarships, see **Appendix A**.

Note that applicants **need only submit one application form** to be considered for all scholarships **but can only be the recipient of one**.

3. **Where Tenable**

The scholarships are tenable at any recognised university, college or educational institution.

4. **Eligibility**

Members or Associate Members* of the association, their spouses, children or children of deceased members (who were in good standing) are eligible for the scholarships. For scholarship eligibility, children may be defined as a member's:

- Own children (Including adopted or fostered children)
- All other children, including nieces, nephews, grandchildren and stepchildren who are:
- solely dependent on members for support and maintenance; and/or
- living with the member in a regular parent/child relationship.

If you are 18 years and older, you must become a member or associated member by completing the **TTAO's membership form online (please visit www.ttao.ca)**. It can then be printed and remitted with your application form and a cheque or e-transfer in the amount of \$20 individual or \$40 for family membership. Submission can be via mail or email (see header on pg. 1).

*Associate Members shall:

- consist of persons **other than nationals** of Trinidad and Tobago who express an interest in the functioning of the Association.
- not hold any position on the Executive Committee.
- not have voting rights; and
- pay a minimum annual contribution.

NOTE:

- "Members" should be **in good standing** at the closing date for the receipt of application.
- Applicants will normally be expected to **provide confirmation of admission to a post-secondary institution** in accordance with #3 above.
- Applicants must be prepared to commence or continue their higher educational studies in the upcoming school year in which the scholarship is made; and
- Applicants, who are continuing students, must provide proof of successful completion of the previous academic year.

5. **Selection of Scholarship Winners**

The scholarship program is administered by the Education Committee of the TTAO.

Scholarships will be awarded based on scholastic ability, character, leadership qualities and involvement in school or community activities.

All applicants will be notified in writing of the results of the selection process

6. **Obligation of Winners**

Scholarship winners are expected to use the scholarship funds for educational purposes only, as intended; and

The TTAO would appreciate if scholarship winners provide an update of their achievements at the end of the academic year funded through the scholarship.

7. **Method of Payment**

Payment of scholarship funds will be made **by the TTAO or the respective sponsor**, either directly to the institution to be attended or to the recipient, as agreed to by the successful applicant and the association.

8. **Method of Application**

Application forms can be downloaded from the Trinidad and Tobago Association of Ottawa's website at www.ttao.ca, by sending an email to tandtassociation@gmail.com or by calling 613-834-1718.

9. **Closing Date**

Application forms must be post-marked or emailed dated **no later than midnight on Friday, July 10, 2026** and sent to:

- The Trinidad and Tobago Association of Ottawa Scholarship, P.O Box 8401, Station T., Ottawa, ON K1G 3H8 or;
- The TTAO email address at tandtassociation@gmail.com

10. **Information**

For further information, please email tandtassociation@gmail.com, visit the website at www.ttao.ca, visit the TTAO Facebook page, or call 613-834-1718.

Appendix A

The A.T. Tolley Afro-Caribbean Female Scholarship

In addition to the criteria specified under the C.L.R. James and Walker Family Scholarships, the following must also be noted and met to qualify:

1. PURPOSE

The **A.T. Tolley Afro-Caribbean Female** Scholarship is sponsored by a Trinbagonian who came to Canada many years ago, received assistance while pursuing her studies and has now decided to pay it forward with a \$5,000.00 annual scholarship.

2. CRITERIA

- Candidate of Trinidad and Tobago ancestry. If no candidate is found ancestry of qualifying candidates may be from St. Kitts & Nevis, or Grenada.
- Candidate must be female and identify as Black.
- Candidate must be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or on a student visa.
- Enrolling or enrolled full time in a degree or certificate program,
- Student must have confirmed entry to the educational institution (they have to meet the standards of the institution, which do vary widely)
- Award up to \$5,000 per annum, open to repeat.
- Award can also be based on financial need.
- Eligible candidates may submit applications for this scholarship, **as well as any of the other scholarships for which the candidate is eligible, but can only be the recipient of one.**

3. OPTIONAL

If you would like your financial or familial circumstances to be considered, please provide a brief description on the application form. Where possible, refrain from using any identifying information, **e.g. describe the circumstance without the use of names.**

Dr. Sade Francois Scholarship for Young Black Women

In addition to the criteria specified under the C.L.R. James Scholarship, the following must also be noted and met to qualify:

1. PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the Dr. Sade Francois Scholarship is to encourage the empowerment of young Black Women in Canada, particularly those who need financial assistance to further their education.

2. CRITERIA

- Open to young Black Women (30) years of age or younger.
- Must have excelled academically with an average of at least 75%.
- Must illustrate strong involvement in extra curricular activities with an emphasis on work in the Black and Caribbean communities.
- Be a current or former resident of the National Capital Region (Ottawa and its environs).
- Eligible candidates may submit applications for this scholarship, **as well as any of the other scholarships for which the candidate is eligible but can only be the recipient of one.**

3. OPTIONAL

If you would like your financial or familial circumstances to be considered, please provide a brief description on the application form. Where possible, refrain from using any identifying information, **e.g. describe the circumstance without the use of names.**

