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Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation

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About the Foundation

The Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation is the research and scholarship arm of Landscape Ontario. The Foundation's mandate is to ensure a healthy future for the horticultural industry, through financial support of research and scholarships funded by interest generated on capital investments.

Officers and directors for 2018

President:	David Turnbull	Directors:	Brian Cocks
Vice President:	Mike Thomas		Tony DiGiovanni
Secretary:	Bob Allen		Ben Kobes
Treasurer:	Hank Gelderman		Mark Ostrowski
			Audrey Partridge
			John Peets
			Neil Vanderkruk

Supporting the Foundation

The Foundation would like to thank all donors. A donation is an easy and effective way to benefit Ontario's horticultural community and is tax-deductible.

How to support the Foundation

Donations to the Foundation can be made online by visiting OHTF.ca and choosing Donate to the Foundation. Also at OHTF.ca, under Foundation Brochures you will find various information booklets on how to support the Foundation in a number of ways outlined below. With a donation to the Foundation, you have the satisfaction of knowing that you are "*making a difference and leaving a legacy*" for the profession that you love.

You can support the foundation by:

- Sponsorship:** Join the Foundation by making a pledge – an annual donation or a one-time gift.
- Memorial Gift:** This is a meaningful way to honour a friend, loved one or professional contact while also helping to support the profession.
- Legacy Gift:** Earmark funds through your estate to sustain the horticulture profession. Contact your estate planner or lawyer to include this legacy provision in your will.
- Stewardship Program:** Many Foundation sponsors share their expertise by speaking to groups and directing their honorariums to the Foundation.

Scholarship program

Providing scholarships is particularly close to the hearts of Foundation supporters, who point with pride to the many recipients who are now successful industry members. A list of available scholarships can be found on the Foundation website at OHTF.ca. A new "Horticultural Scholarship Opportunities" brochure was developed this year, listing all available scholarships. The brochure was distributed to all post-secondary and secondary schools.

The scholarship program continues to grow, and now boasts a number of scholarships supported by individual people and companies:
Bob and Ruby Allen Scholarship Fund
Russel and Karen Loney Fund
Peter Olsen Memorial Fund
OJ Muller Memorial Fund
Unilock/Landscape Designers Fund
Crystal Lawn Care Scholarship Fund

Introduced in 2015, a major component of the program is the Cullen Family Scholarships – distribution of approximately \$26,000 per year. The program is designed to encourage and inspire leadership qualities in students who have a passion and enthusiasm for the landscape and horticulture profession, with candidates selected by their peers and teachers. Individual amounts are assigned to each school offering a horticultural program.

This year, the Foundation distributed a total of \$40,100 in scholarships to students enrolled in horticultural programs across the province. Congratulations to this year's recipients.

2018 Scholarship Recipients

Apprenticeship Program (\$600)

Tristan Collins, Mohawk College

Bob and Ruby Allen

Membership Scholarship (\$500)

Casey van Maris

Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

Charles Linton, University of Guelph

Graduate Research

Assistant Program (\$6,000)

High School Program

Scholarship (\$1,000)

Raven-Lyn Hunte, Fanshawe College

Nicole Moore, University of Guelph

Horticulturist Scholarship (\$500)

Domenic Capetola, Seneca College

Kevin Currie, St. Clair College

Tobias Edwards, Fanshawe College

King Ho Lo, Humber College

Russel Nash, Seneca College

Lisa Norton, Fanshawe College

Horst Dickert

Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

Caressa Genova, Humber College

John and Ruth Wright

Turf Management Scholarship (\$2,000)

Post Graduate Scholarship (\$1,000)

Post Secondary

Scholarship (\$1,000)

Sasan Salimi Benni, Seneca College

Alexander Bryan, Seneca College

Karly Gibbard, Fanshawe College

Andrew Nunez-Alvarez, Durham

College

Russel and Karen Loney

Scholarship (\$500)

Paula Pena Navarro, Humber College

Tony DiGiovanni

Scholarship (\$1,000)

Blaise Mombourquette, Algonquin

College

Unilock Collaborative

Communications Scholarship (\$1,000)

Craig Klomp, University of Toronto

Cullen Family Scholarship Program (\$2,000)

James Hughes, University of Guelph
(Landscape Architecture)

Jasmine Mah, University of Guelph
(Horticultural Science)

Destiny Lacasse, Niagara Parks
School of Horticulture (Horticulture)

Nolan Riggs, Fanshawe College
(Landscape Design)

Julia Hall, St. Clair College
(Horticultural Technician)

Jodi Wilson, Algonquin College
(Horticultural Industries)

Paul Wiench, Humber College
(Landscape Technician)

Melissa Beynon, Durham College
(Horticultural Technician)

Danielle Swaine, Seneca College
(Environmental Landscape)

Sarah Mantini, Niagara College
(Horticultural Technician)

Melanie Charbonneau, Ridgeway
College (Assoc. Dip. In Horticultural)

Scholarship recipient reception

In previous years, the Foundation hosted The Legacy Lounge for pioneers of the profession and LO members during the annual Congress trade show and conference each January. Due to a decline in attendance, it was decided to promote the work of the Foundation and support scholarship recipients at the Scholarship Recipients reception. This provides an opportunity for the students parents, spouses, friends, and faculty to meet the Foundation Committee, Landscape Ontario Board of Directors and scholarship sponsors.

At the 2018 reception, Foundation President, Dave Turnbull, provided information on the goals of the Foundation and introduced LO President, Paul Brydges; Executive Director, Tony DiGiovanni and Cullen Family Scholarship Sponsor, Mark Cullen. There were approximately 70 attendees at the event.

Following the reception, the scholarship recipients and their guests were invited to join the LO Awards of Excellence Ceremony and were invited on stage where they were acknowledged for their achievements.

Research programs

The Foundation has also contributed to numerous research programs.

Other programs under the Foundation

- Skills Canada. Cash prizes for the top three competitors in the horticulture sector of the Ontario Skills Canada competition.
- Since administrative structure is already in place, your Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation is collecting charitable donations for the Highway of Heroes Living Tribute (hohtribute.ca). This inspiring campaign seeks to plant 117,000 trees for each of Canada's fallen soldiers, assisted by the proud efforts of Ontario nursery growers and contractors.
- Veterans Memorial Parkway (VMP), London, Ont.
- JT Somerville Fund. Christmas tree industry.

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Meet some of this year's scholarship recipients

Tristan Collins

Apprenticeship Scholarship, \$600



I am currently apprenticing with GelderLands of Burlington, Ont.; my employer continues to support my career path while providing on-the-job training experience. My plans include completing the Horticultural

Technician program at Mohawk College, and then furthering my post-secondary education at Niagara College. I am interested in pursuing a career in landscape design and construction.

Charles Linton

Casey van Maris Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000

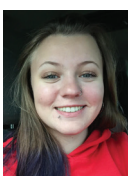


I first became interested in horticulture riding around and helping my dad since I was five, and seeing creative work, whether it be lawn maintenance or brickwork. I also went with him to Cannon Nurseries;

so many sizes, shapes and smells of plants! I continue to this today, only now I drive the truck. I have been accepted into the University of Guelph Ridgetown Campus Associate Diploma in Horticulture program. I plan to take over my family's business after graduation.

Raven-Lyn Hunte

High School Program Scholarship, \$1,000



I'm from Lambton Shores and attend Fanshawe College for Horticulture Technician. I'm 19 years old and am very happy to go through school for this, as most of those years have been spent playing in the gardens

with my mother and grandmothers. Thank you for choosing me to win this scholarship, it will help me continue my studies.

Nicole Moore

High School Program Scholarship, \$1,000



Firstly, I would like to thank Landscape Ontario for helping students to pursue their aspirations in the landscape and horticulture industry. I'm from the tight-knit community of Eganville, Ontario, where I was

raised on a small-scale dairy and beef operation. Currently I'm studying at the University of Guelph in the first year of the Landscape Architecture undergraduate program, with the hope of one day returning to the Ottawa Valley to help agriculture businesses become more sustainable.

Tobias Edwards

Horticulturalist Scholarship, \$500



My interest in horticulture began with a desire to learn about sustainable food production. With many of our basic needs dependent on importing foods from around the world, promoting Canadian agriculture

is of critical importance. My goals aim to improve food security in northern communities of Canada by building hydroponic and aquaponic greenhouses.

King Ho (Raymond) Lo

Horticulturalist Scholarship, \$500

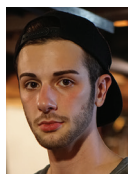


Helping the Earth, saving the planet, creating ecological landscape to both human and nature with science and art. Not just using shovel and pruner, but also sketching pencil and camera to capture

that perfect dimension and emotion. Great thanks to Landscape Ontario, for providing this encouragement to keep walking on the path.

Russel Nash

Horticulturalist Scholarship, \$500



It is an honour just to be recognized by the Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation, but the scholarship is a blessing as well, and will help me focus my time and energy on what counts, my studies. I have

begun my second year in the Environmental Landscape Management program at Seneca College. This program has taught me a great deal about caring for plants, as well as the vital roles they play in Ontario ecosystems. After graduation, I hope to design landscapes and gardens that utilize native species and sustainable stormwater management strategies.

Caressa Lahaie

Horst Dickert Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000

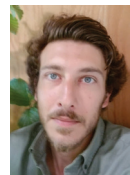


Now in my final year of studies in the Landscape Technician program at Humber College, I also work in the greenhouses of the Humber Arboretum where I propagate plants for use

around the college. I have also been fortunate enough to plant and maintain the new Humber Food Garden as well the Native Bird Garden. I look forward to expanding my knowledge of native plants, and incorporating them into sustainable urban designs.

Sasan Beni

Post Secondary Scholarship, \$1,000



I chose the Environmental Landscape Management program at Seneca College because I felt that it corresponded with my love for the natural world, and that it would help me reach my distant

dream of one day becoming a park ranger. This scholarship will go a long way in strengthening my passion for horticulture and environmental work — it will go a long way in building the gardens of my future.

Alexander Bryan

Post Secondary Scholarship, \$1,000



I'd like to thank Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation for the financial support to continue my education and training. As a second year student in Seneca College's Environmental Landscape

Management program, and seasonal employee with the City of Barrie Parks Department, I look forward to using the award to fund my future education and training in the landscape industry.

Karly Gibbard

Post Secondary Scholarship, \$1,000



I am a second year student at Fanshawe College in the Horticulture Technician program. I grew up in small towns and always felt close to nature. My high school green industries teacher, Krista

Ferguson, inspired me to continue into post-secondary. I've already learned so much in this growing industry and I'd like to thank Sue Millar and all of my professors for their guidance. Scholarships like this are vital to a student's success. Thank you very much for this award.

Paula Pena Navarro

Russel and Karen Loney Scholarship, \$500



Paula is currently in her second year at Humber College, in the Landscape Technician Diploma program, and is very grateful to be this year's recipient. She has had a great season working at the Humber Arboretum and

looks forward to her future involvement working in the landscape trade. Paula will like to focus on sustainable practices that place special emphasis on the establishment of gardens that host native species and water harvesting practices.

Blaise Mombourquette

Tony DiGiovanni Scholarship, \$1,000



Whether at work or at play, I love to spend as much time as possible outdoors. In my free time, I enjoy adventure sports and it is my passion and goal to share the joys and beauty of nature with my friends and clients. Ever since I was a young boy I wanted to work in the landscaping industry. To be recognized by Landscape Ontario with this scholarship means a great deal to me.

Craig Klomp

Unilock Collaborative

Communications Scholarship, \$1,000



Craig Klomp is currently a fourth year undergraduate student in pursuit of a double major in architecture and environmental studies. He hopes to pursue post graduate education in architecture

and landscape architecture. This scholarship will allow Craig to pursue more education and grow as a student. He is extremely interested in sustainable design in architecture, and looking at how eco-friendly services make up our built environment.

Melissa Beynon

Cullen Family Scholarship, \$2,000



Melissa is in her second year in the Horticulture Technician program at Durham College. An avid volunteer, Melissa is also a staunch supporter of native and edible plants, and enjoys combining beautifully

designed hardscapes with vegetables as well as flora. Melissa is looking forward to reintroducing a Children's Garden to Ajax next summer, and sharing her love of horticulture with our youngest generation. She appreciates the award, and the recognition that comes with it.

Melanie Charbonneau

Cullen Family Scholarship, \$2,000



I am so grateful to have been selected for this scholarship. It means so much that there is support that comes from members of the horticultural industry to build a community with a passion for plants and

innovation. I came into the horticulture industry with a background in fine art, unsure of where it would take me. But now, I plan on pursuing a career in research, conservation, or landscape design.

Julia Hall

Cullen Family Scholarship, \$2,000



I switched gears to pursue horticultural studies after spending most of my adult life in art school. The fascination I have always had with plants was unquestionably nurtured and propelled by the amazing staff and program at St. Clair College. Upon graduating, I was keen to continue my studies at the University of Guelph, where I am currently enrolled in the MLA program.

James Hughes

Cullen Family Scholarship, \$2,000



I am currently in my fourth year of Landscape Architecture at the University of Guelph. The outdoors is a personal passion, and the exploration of Ontario greenspaces fills my leisure hours. If I am not

outside, you will find me visiting various art and history exhibits. These interests led me to my Landscape Architecture education and my concentration upon the multiple usages of plants. I am planning to continue my education in this area with a Masters in Landscape Architecture.

Destiny Lacasse

Cullen Family Scholarship, \$2,000



I am in my second year at the Niagara Parks Commission School of Horticulture. I was introduced to this career path while in high school and took a horticulture course when I was young; plants and nature

had been always interest. The more I learn and gain experience, the more dedicated I become. I hope to have a job one day where I can teach and improve people lives through horticulture and plants.

Jasmine Mah

Cullen Family Scholarship, \$2,000



Mah is currently an M.Sc. candidate in the lab of Dr. Youbin Zheng at the University of Guelph. Her research investigates novel lighting strategies using LEDs to improve ornamental plant

production, with a focus on bedding plants and their popular use across Canadian landscapes. She enjoys sharing her findings with industry partners and hopes her work will contribute to energy efficient and sustainable practices for high quality bedding plant production.

Nolan Riggs

Cullen Family Scholarship, \$2,000



I am honoured to be recognized and greatly appreciate the support from my teachers and peers. I am currently a second year Landscape Design student at Fanshawe College.

Bringing horticultural ideas into my designs is one of the most challenging yet rewarding aspects of what I do. Being able to capture a unique feeling and experience based on a variety of plant textures, colours, and smells is what I look forward to bringing to other people.

Danielle Swaine

Cullen Family Scholarship, \$2,000



Danielle's horticulture and landscape interest started a few years ago when she began working on a golf course in Toronto. Although most of her work was done on the course, Danielle was able to spend time

in the garden beds, which sparked her interest to learn whatever she could in the horticulture world. Danielle spent the summer working at Cabot Cliffs in Nova Scotia.

Paul Wiench

Cullen Family Scholarship, \$2,000



Paul would like to express his deep gratitude to his instructors and peers for the nomination, as well as Mark Cullen and Landscape Ontario for this great opportunity. Paul is currently a second-year student

in the Landscape Technician program at Humber College. He takes special interest in native, edible and medicinal plants and would like to encourage others to incorporate such species into their landscapes and to inspire others to learn about what our plants have to offer.

Jodi Wilson

Cullen Family Scholarship, \$2,000



Inspired by her college experience, Jodi plans to continue learning design and maintenance with a focus on sustainable landscapes. Receiving the Cullen Scholarship was a highlight of

her studies. "I am very grateful for the support of Mark Cullen and the Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation. It has been hugely helpful and encouraging! I have received great instruction from my teachers at Algonquin and am honoured to have been chosen for the scholarship."

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FOUNDATION FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FUND BALANCES

	Year End Aug. 31, 2018	Year End Aug. 31, 2017
General Fund	(\$2,655)	\$15,846
Dunington-Grubb/Sheridan Nurseries Research Fund	\$243,570	\$244,141
Growers' Group Research Fund	\$387,245	\$372,557
Ottawa Chapter Val Kirshner Scholarship Fund	\$69,914	\$67,262
Scholarship Fund	\$82,290	\$76,814
Casey van Maris Scholarship Fund	\$32,817	\$32,553
IPM Symposium Research Fund	\$198,195	\$200,488
Turf Research Fund	(\$8,257)	(\$8,257)
Tony DiGiovanni Scholarship Fund	\$104,801	\$101,807
John/Ruth Wright Scholarship Fund	\$63,780	\$61,361
Horst Dickert Scholarship Fund	\$858	\$1,807
JT Somerville Fund	\$10,863	\$10,451
Highway of Heroes (Trees for Life)	\$944,492	\$553,017
Unilock/Designers Group Fund	\$10,948	\$10,533
Hensbergen/DeGroot Fund	\$25,493	\$0
Russel/Karen Loney Fund	\$9,890	\$10,006
Cullen Family Fund	\$8,581	\$4,332
Robert/Ruby Allen Fund	\$21,726	\$20,902
Crystal Lawn Care Fund	\$2,190	\$2,107
Peter Olsen Fund	\$30,242	\$29,095
OJ Muller Fund	\$10,668	\$10,263
Perry Molema Fund	\$0	(\$1,769)
Waterloo Chapter Scholarship Fund	\$70,026	\$71,785
Totals	\$2,317,675	\$1,887,098

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Year End Aug. 31, 2018	Year End Aug. 31, 2017
ASSETS		
Current		
Bank	\$297,884	\$442,507
Accounts Receivable	\$62,693	\$60,095
	\$360,578	\$502,602
Long Term		
Investments	\$1,905,303	\$1,243,592
Investment-Vineland Consortium	\$57,711	\$57,711
Accrued Interest Receivable	\$7,045	\$87,374
	\$1,970,058	\$1,388,677
Total Assets	\$2,330,636	\$1,891,279
LIABILITIES		
Current		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Charges	\$12,961	\$4,181
Accumulated Fund Balances		
Fund Balances-Regular Funds	\$1,373,183	\$1,334,082
Fund Balances-Special Projects	\$944,492	\$553,017
	\$2,317,675	\$1,887,098
Total Liabilities/Funds	\$2,330,636	\$1,891,279

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS & FUND BALANCES

	Year End Aug. 31, 2018	Year End Aug. 31, 2017
REVENUES		
Interest/Gains (Losses)	\$81,382	\$79,402
Miscellaneous	\$67,945	\$59,230
Research Grants	\$0	\$25,000
Donations	\$852,769	\$1,017,519
Total Revenue	\$1,002,096	\$1,181,151
EXPENSES		
Administration Fees/Expenses	\$309,116	\$281,253
Disbursed as Research Grants	\$0	\$30,000
Event/Sponsorship Expenses	\$222,803	\$388,775
Disbursed as Scholarships	\$39,600	\$45,600
Total Expenses	\$571,519	\$745,628
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses	\$430,577	\$435,523
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	\$1,887,098	\$1,451,575
Fund Balances, Year End	\$2,317,675	\$1,887,098

For information on the Foundation, including scholarship applications, supported research programs or to donate, visit ohf.ca