



To ensure a healthy future for the horticultural industry

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation was created in 1979 by a committee of forward-thinking leaders of the landscape and nursery sectors. The original goal of the Foundation was to help fund much-needed industry research. However, its mandate was soon expanded.

Today, 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.

HOW TO SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION

Donations to the Foundation can be made online by visiting [OHTF.ca/donate](https://www.ohtf.ca/donate).

Also at [OHTF.ca](https://www.ohtf.ca), you will find information 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 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.

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

The Foundation would like to thank all of its donors. A donation is an easy and effective way to benefit Ontario's horticultural community. The Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation is a registered charity and all donations will receive a tax receipt.

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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**.

The scholarship program continues to grow, and now boasts a number of scholarships supported by individual people and companies:

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MORE THAN \$45K IN SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

Introduced in 2015, a major component of the program is the Cullen Family Scholarships, which distribute more than \$20,000 each 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 \$45,600 in scholarships to students enrolled in horticultural programs across the province.

DEVELOPMENTS OVER THE PAST YEAR

In the summer of 2021, the Foundation launched a revitalized and rebranded website at **OHTF.ca**. The website features a new logo and is mobile-friendly.

In late 2020, longtime Foundation member and industry pioneer Neil Vanderkruk passed away. The Foundation recently established the Neil Vanderkruk Innovation and Scholarship Fund and is planning to raise \$100,000 to create a permanent scholarship in Neil's name. Similar fundraising campaigns will follow for the other memorial scholarships in order to further preserve the legacy of these exceptional industry pioneers and leaders.

2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

APPRENTICESHIP SCHOLARSHIP (\$600)

Keegan Stribbell, HUMBER COLLEGE

CASEY VAN MARIS SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000)

Abigail Merson, NIAGARA COLLEGE

HORST DICKERT SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000)

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Taylor Davies, RIDGETOWN COLLEGE
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Lana Hafez, HUMBER COLLEGE
Jacob Ireland, ALGONQUIN COLLEGE
Rebecca McSorley, SENECA COLLEGE
Jillian Sguigna, FANSHAWE COLLEGE
Jessica Wang,
NIAGARA PARKS SCHOOL OF HORTICULTURE

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000)

Caleb Faulkner,
NIAGARA PARKS SCHOOL OF HORTICULTURE
Benjamin Joy,
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Ashley Legge, UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH
Madelyn Pilkey, NIAGARA COLLEGE
Leigha Poortinga, UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH
Kira Varvanina, NIAGARA COLLEGE

POST-SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000)

Alyssa Atkinson, NIAGARA COLLEGE
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Laura Delmore,
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Kaitlyn Erickson, FANSHAWE COLLEGE
Saba Harvey, SENECA COLLEGE
Tyler Haywood, NIAGARA COLLEGE
Jenifar Islam Juthi, SENECA COLLEGE
Daniel Mack, SENECA COLLEGE
An Nguyen, HUMBER COLLEGE
Quinn Nolan, UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH
Amanda Saulnier, NIAGARA COLLEGE

POST-GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000)

Ethan Aquino-Chien, UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH
Craig Klomp, UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH
Melissa Kooiman, UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH

A GREENER FUTURE

The industry has recognized the unique opportunity in the increased demand for living green solutions to address the environmental impacts associated with climate change.

The quest by various organizations to mitigate these impacts has resulted in a wealth of industry-friendly tree supply and planting initiatives. Ensuring the success of urban landscape plantings is not without its challenges, and dealing with these hurdles has been the focus of several important research initiatives managed by Vineland Research and Innovation Centre, with financial support from Landscape Ontario and the Foundation.

With part of its mandate to support research programs that help to ensure a healthy future for the horticultural industry, the Foundation provided financial support to the following initiatives:

TREES FOR LIFE

Trees for Life takes the learning from the Highway of Heroes Tree Campaign and GrandTrees Climate Solutions to plant trees with community-based organizations where Canadians live, work and play. As a trusted partner in the Federal Government's 2 Billion Trees program, TFL launched in 2021 with \$2 million in seed funding from that program, matched by donors. TFL is committed to increasing the leafy canopy in communities across the country, and in doing so, helping Canada to meet its 2040 net-zero carbon emissions goal.

GRANDTREES WALK FUND

The Grandtrees Walk Fund identifies and funds the best tree planting initiatives in the Greater Toronto Area. The initiative has provided funding to 25 organizations to plant native trees and shrubs.

ONE BENCH ONE TREE

The One Bench One Tree campaign aims to give back to frontline heroes by offering a moment of rest in nature. The project's goal is to add at least one bench and one tree to the landscape of hospitals across Canada.

HIGHWAY OF HEROES LIVING TRIBUTE

Since administrative structure is already in place, the Foundation collects charitable donations for the Highway of Heroes Living Tribute (hohtribute.ca). This inspiring campaign seeks to plant two million trees, including 117,000 trees along the Highway of Heroes, one for each of Canada's fallen soldiers, assisted by the efforts of Ontario nursery growers and contractors.

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MEET THE 2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



**Keegan
STRIBBELL**

APPRENTICESHIP
SCHOLARSHIP \$600

Keegan thanked the Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation for the scholarship, as well as his employer

Dusty Miller Landscaping for their encouragement. Growing up in a small town, Keegan has always had a love for nature, and this opportunity allows him to continue to pursue his passion.



**Caleb
FAULKNER**

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY
SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000

Caleb is currently attending the Niagara Parks Commission School of Horticulture where looking after

plants is his passion. Caleb wants to impact the landscape of Ontario by becoming a consulting arborist and extending the life span of trees in urban conditions.



**Benjamin
JOY**

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY
SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000

In his first year of the Professional Horticulture program at the Niagara Parks School of

Horticulture, Ben is immensely grateful to the Foundation for supporting his career path. Ben has spent time all over Canada working in the silviculture industry and as a farmhand, and is looking forward to gaining experience, new skills and quality instruction that will expand his knowledge base in horticulture.



**Philip
KLOET**

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY
SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000

Philip has been working in the landscape industry for the past three summers with

his father's business, Rock Crest Landscapes. During that time, Philip has aspired to create unique quality landscapes that serve meaning to customers. This passion led him to attend Fanshawe College to study landscape design.



**Ashley
LEGGE**

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY
SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000

Ashley took the landscaping and horticulture SHSM program in high school and

completed a co-op placement with a landscaping company. Currently a first year landscape architecture student at the University of Guelph, Ashley looks forward to using her knowledge and experience to create designs that better the environment and society.



**Madelyn
PILKEY**

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY
SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000

Madelyn's passion for plants began at a seasonal job in a garden centre in her hometown of

Bowmanville, Ont. She now studies plants on a greater scale in the Horticulture Technician program at Niagara College. Her interest in horticulture stemmed from discovering the beauty within native landscapes and their greater impacts within communities.



**Leigha
POORTINGA**

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY
SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000

Growing up in an agricultural community her entire life, Leigha's passion for horticulture

stemmed from starting a job at a local greenhouse, garden centre, and landscape design business five years ago. She can't wait to explore the many opportunities this field of work has to offer.



**Kira
VARVANINA**

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY
SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000

With an architectural degree and a Horticultural Landscape Certificate from Niagara College,

Kira hopes to combine her two great passions — design and nature — in order to create a shift toward more sustainable and nature-friendly landscapes. A Toronto resident, her goal is to encourage city dwellers to embrace and cherish surrounding natural habitats.



**Estefania
BERMEO
JIMENEZ**

POST-SECONDARY
SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000

Currently studying Environmental Landscape

Management at Seneca College and with a background in architecture, Estefania has used her design and creative skills to create beautiful gardens in her courses. Passionate about horticulture and nature, her goals include becoming a Landscape Architect and providing sustainable spaces that offer recreation, education and cultural opportunities for everyone.



**Laura
DELORME**

POST-SECONDARY
SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000

Currently in her final year of Ornamental Horticulture studies at the Niagara Parks School of Horticulture,

Laura's journey as an apprentice is coming to an end. She is looking forward to expanding her network and finding fulfilling work in the industry.



**Angelica
DEVEROS**

POST-SECONDARY
SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000

After a very sedentary 17-year career in television production, Angelica decided it was time for a

change and chose to study the field of horticulture because it allows her to work outside and be active while still getting the chance to be creative. In her second year at Humber college, she has found a love for plants and garden design and looks forward to a career where she can bring beauty to people's landscapes.



**Kaitlyn
ERICKSON**

POST-SECONDARY
SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000

In her final year of Landscape Design at Fanshawe College, Katie is currently

maintaining gardens at Riverbend Golf Community, working alongside her professor and learning about how to maintain spaces. She is excited to get into the industry and intends to implement sustainable design practices and native species in her work. She is passionate about strengthening ecosystems and getting people engaged with the outdoor world.



**Saba
HARVEY**

POST-SECONDARY
SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000

Saba is currently completing her second year of studies at Seneca College in the Environmental

Landscape Management Program. She has a passion for working outdoors and is especially interested in ecological landscape design and urban agriculture. She is excited to start a new career in the landscape industry and work alongside colleagues who value the principles of environmental stewardship.



**Tyler
HAYWOOD**

POST-SECONDARY
SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000

Tyler enjoys the hands-on portion of the program at Niagara College and

looks forward to classes held on campus. Tyler looks forward to the prospect of a bright future, by gaining the education needed in order to be successful in doing something he loves.

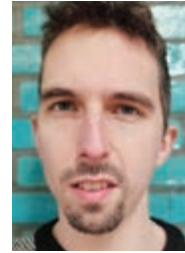


**Jenifar
ISLAM JUTHI**

POST-SECONDARY
SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000

Jenifar is currently pursuing the Environmental Landscape Management

Program. She became interested in the landscape industry when she dove into horticultural research during her Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. She aspires towards landscape research supplementing creative and artistic landscape designs.



**Daniel
MACK**

POST-SECONDARY
SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000

Daniel Mack has been working in landscaping for 15 years. He was trained on the job,

acquiring expertise in pond and water feature maintenance as well as fine-detailed bed grooming. Since going out on his own, he has shifted focus onto native plants and permaculture techniques. He is currently enrolled at Seneca College, through which he has successfully written grants in support of the installation and maintenance of a forest garden.



**An
NGUYEN**

POST-SECONDARY
SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000

An Nguyen took a different turn in her career from the financial industry by enrolling in the

Landscape Technician program at Humber College to pursue her passion for plantation and gardening design. She aspired to urban landscape design for its essential contribution to developing green and healthy living conditions and improving urban environment quality.



**Ethan
AQUINO-CHIEN**

POST-GRADUATE
SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000

Ethan is currently in his final year of his Masters of Landscape Architecture at University of Guelph.

He is researching and writing his thesis on the design principles relating to safe integration of disc golf courses into existing mix use green spaces. He hopes to share his passion for the growing sport in a safe and sustainable way where all parties of the outdoor space can co-exist.

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**Craig
KLOMP**

POST-GRADUATE
SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000

A current graduate student pursuing a Master of Landscape Architecture at the University

of Guelph, Craig's undergraduate studies were focused in Architectural and Environmental Studies from the Daniels Faculty of Architecture at the University of Toronto. His main passion is environmental landscape architecture, specializing in sustainable landscape architecture and its practices. Craig aspires to become a leader and advocator in the space of sustainability and landscape architecture while practicing deep community engagement as a designer.



**Melissa
KOOIMAN**

POST-GRADUATE
SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000

A graduate student at the University of Guelph pursuing an MLA degree, Melissa fell in love with

the industry six years ago while on a summer position with a local company in Wellington County. She hopes to give back and plans to use her MLA degree to pursue both private landscape design and post-secondary level instruction.



**Sophia
BEARDEN**

HORST DICKERT
SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000

For several years, Sophia had been working as a baker and after being laid off due to COVID-19,

decided to use the opportunity to start a new career in a field that truly inspires her. After completing her first year of the Landscape Technician program at Humber College, she had the opportunity to work at the Humber Arboretum, where she gained hands-on experience controlling invasive species and restoring naturalized landscapes.



**Adam
FUNDYTUS**

TONY DIGIOVANNI
SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000

In his third year at the Niagara Parks School of Horticulture, Adam has come to appreciate how

valuable large green spaces are to communities and the people within them. He looks forward to a career that nurtures nature and hopes to use his positive attitude and work ethic to enhance public gardens or to help establish new ones.



**Manuel
SPILLER**

TONY DIGIOVANNI
SCHOLARSHIP \$1,000

Manuel Spiller is a design intern for NAK Design Strategies in Ottawa, Ont., a teaching assistant

and Master of Landscape Architecture student at the University of Guelph. Manuel studies hospitals' tree coverage to understand the factors for well-treed sites, and Chair of One Bench One Tree — an organization donating trees and benches for rest to hospitals to commemorate healthcare workers for their sacrifices during the pandemic. He is also advocating for barefoot paths, linear, and family playscapes.

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FOUNDATION FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FUND BALANCES

| | YEAR END AUG. 31, 2022 | YEAR END AUG. 31, 2021 |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| General Fund | (\$148,054) | \$344,389 |
| Dunington-Grubb/Sheridan Nurseries | | |
| Research Fund | \$269,722 | \$244,896 |
| Growers' Group Research Fund | \$448,984 | \$399,558 |
| Ottawa Chapter Val Kirshner Scholarship Fund | \$84,847 | \$75,506 |
| Scholarship Fund | \$103,169 | \$95,214 |
| Casey Van Maris Scholarship Fund | \$35,487 | \$32,526 |
| IPM Symposium Research Fund | \$208,550 | \$185,592 |
| Tony DiGiovanni Scholarship Fund | \$232,317 | \$110,814 |
| John/Ruth Wright Scholarship Fund | \$77,946 | \$69,365 |
| Horst Dickert Scholarship Fund | \$0 | \$0 |
| JT Somerville Fund | \$12,203 | \$10,859 |
| Highway of Heroes (TFL) Fund | \$1,157,747 | \$1,932,914 |
| Unilock/Designers Group Fund | \$14,422 | \$11,889 |
| Hensbergen/Degroot Scholarship Fund | \$31,155 | \$27,725 |
| Russel/Karen Loney Scholarship Fund | \$11,480 | \$10,217 |
| Cullen Family Scholarship Fund | \$11,953 | \$8,747 |
| Robert/Ruby Allen Scholarship Fund | \$26,551 | \$23,628 |
| 1 Bench 1 Tree Fund | \$10,491 | \$3,194 |
| Peter Olsen Scholarship Fund | \$36,958 | \$32,890 |
| OJ Muller Memorial Scholarship Fund | \$13,037 | \$11,602 |
| Grandtrees Walk Fund | \$50,720 | \$246,962 |
| Neil Vanderkruk Innovation & Scholarship Fund | \$81,332 | \$0 |
| Hortprotect Research Fund | \$53,809 | \$0 |
| Cecil Delworth Fund | \$81,250 | \$0 |
| Waterloo Chapter Scholarship Fund | \$74,542 | \$66,336 |
| TOTAL FUND BALANCES | \$2,980,616 | \$3,944,823 |

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

| | YEAR END AUG. 31, 2022 | YEAR END AUG. 31, 2021 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| ASSETS (CURRENT) | | |
| Bank | \$288,766 | \$437,939 |
| Accounts Receivable | \$96,123 | \$104,400 |
| | \$384,888 | \$542,339 |
| LONG TERM | | |
| Investments | \$2,525,326 | \$3,344,879 |
| Investment-Vineland Consortium | \$57,711 | \$57,711 |
| Accrued Interest Receivable | \$70,018 | \$40,366 |
| | \$2,653,055 | \$3,442,956 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$3,037,944 | \$3,985,295 |
| LIABILITIES (CURRENT) | | |
| Accounts Payable & Accrued Charges | \$57,328 | \$40,472 |
| ACCUMULATED FUND BALANCES | | |
| Fund Balances-Regular Funds | \$1,731,129 | \$1,761,753 |
| Fund Balances-Special Projects | \$1,249,487 | \$2,183,070 |
| | \$2,980,616 | \$3,944,823 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES/FUNDS | \$3,037,944 | \$3,985,295 |

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS & FUND BALANCES

| | YEAR END AUG. 31, 2022 | YEAR END AUG. 31, 2021 |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Revenues | | |
| Interest/Gains(Losses) | -\$159,638 | \$494,135 |
| Miscellaneous | \$288 | \$50 |
| Research Grants | \$49,927 | \$0 |
| Donations/Funding | \$1,739,455 | \$1,713,457 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$1,630,032 | \$2,207,642 |
| Expenses | | |
| Administration Fees/Expenses | \$247,126 | \$279,749 |
| Disbursed as Research Grants | \$0 | \$0 |
| Event/Sponsorship Expenses | \$2,299,513 | \$1,891,301 |
| Disbursed as Scholarships | \$47,600 | \$40,100 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$2,594,239 | \$2,211,150 |
| EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES | (\$964,207) | (\$3,508) |
| FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR | \$3,944,823 | \$3,948,331 |
| FUND BALANCES, YEAR END | \$2,980,616 | \$3,944,823 |

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