

Investing in deserving students



SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY FUNDS

In creating a Scholarship or Bursary Fund, *you invest in the future and show students you care. Hamilton Community Foundation provides the expertise to help you meet your personal goal of awarding scholarships or bursaries to deserving students. Your gift can help students – from preschool to postgraduate – achieve their lifetime dreams.*

How it works

- You make a gift to Hamilton Community Foundation during your lifetime or through a bequest in your will. You can give cash, appreciated stocks, real estate, or other assets.
- We set up a scholarship or bursary fund in your name, in the name of your family, or in honour of any person, organization or life event that has meaning to you. Your fund can also be anonymous if you prefer.
- You receive tax benefits in the year your gift is made
- HCF's professional staff helps you to determine eligibility requirements for the awards you establish – whether they are based on a student's field of study, academic achievements, extracurricular activities, financial need, background, or geography.
- We handle all the administrative details.
- You receive updates on the impact your gift is making in our community.
- Your gift can be placed into an endowment that is invested over time. Earnings from your fund are used to make grants addressing community needs. Your gift can be a permanent source of community capital, helping to do good work forever.

The Geritol Follies

These wonderful entertainers, all over age 60 – and some well into their 80s - regularly sell out their Hamilton variety show. They have also entertained audiences across North America and abroad.

Some years ago, the Geritol Follies members decided to turn over their accumulated profits - more than \$100,000 at the time - to set up a student bursary fund with HCF, encouraging “rising stars” to pursue post-secondary education in the performing arts. Follies members saw it as a way “of returning some of the blessings and benefits” they received in their younger days, to talented Hamilton youth.

They also wanted to celebrate their own love of the stage, create a lasting legacy and be remembered for their unique impact on seniors everywhere.

Since then, more than 100 young people from our community have received bursaries totaling almost \$150,000 to help them pursue their dreams in the arts.



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Our mission is to strengthen Hamilton's quality of life as an inclusive and sustainable community by acting as a catalyst and by connecting people, ideas and resources through community philanthropy

We do this by:

- **Building resources for long-lasting solutions.** We work with donors to build funds that ensure vital futures for our community.
- **Supporting all aspects of community life.** We grant to the widest possible range of organizations and initiatives.
- **Fostering community leadership.** We bring people together from all parts of the community to stimulate new ideas, build participation and strengthen community philanthropy.

Knowledge – of philanthropy and the community - is what sets us apart.

- **We know Hamilton's long term issues and opportunities and align donors' philanthropic interests.**
- **We create innovative solutions and partnerships to advance community goals and maximize donors' impact.**
- **We provide expert, professional, reliable, flexible services.**

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Scholarship and Bursary Fund

More benefits

You can create a scholarship or bursary fund as a memorial to someone special, selecting eligibility criteria that exemplify that person's goals and values. Or, you may use it to express your educational values – or those of your family or business. Depending on your preferences, the award you establish can support any area of academic need, including tuition, room and board, and books.

If the award you establish is renewable, you can review updated information on the progress of recipients over the years. You may even elect to meet these students – something many donors find rewarding.

Hamilton Community Foundation was founded in 1954. Since it was founded, HCF has made grants to our community totaling more than \$55 million. Last year, HCF granted approximately \$4.1 million to Hamilton organizations involved in health, social services, arts, environment, education and recreation.

We are part of Canada's community foundation movement, represented by more than 160 community foundations from coast to coast. Together, we help Canadians invest in building strong and resilient places to live, work and play.