



## The Congress of Black Women of Canada (Waterloo Region)

Dear Applicant:

The Congress of Black Women Canada - Ontario Inc, Waterloo Region Chapter, is a voluntary non-profit organization dedicated to improving the welfare of Black Women and their families in their local communities. We are committed to helping to maintain family relationships and strongly support initiatives involving youth and seniors. The Waterloo Chapter is part of a Provincial network of eight chapters in Ontario. See [cbwc-ontario.com](http://cbwc-ontario.com)

For the last twenty- four years the CBWC Waterloo Region Chapter has been pleased to offer students the opportunity to apply for The Chloe Callender Awards. These two to three \$1,500.00 awards provide additional scholarship opportunities for students of African, Caribbean and Black Heritage, residing in Waterloo Region.

This year we are proud to announce that two more scholarship opportunities have been added: The Esselyne Bell Education Scholarship and the Mount Zion Education Scholarship

Applicants to all the above listed scholarships must complete the application included in this package and include all items mentioned here:

1. This completed application form (On the following page).
2. Most recent school transcript showing all credits achieved.
3. A copy of your Letter of Admission from your Intended Institution.
4. TWO letters of reference from the referees named in the application
  - a) ONE from a teacher at current or most recent school
  - b) ONE from a non-teacher familiar with your community service and involvement

\*\*\*References will need to email their recommendations (via the form provided) directly to [cbwwaterlooregion@gmail.com](mailto:cbwwaterlooregion@gmail.com)
5. A 300 word (Minimum) essay outlining your academic achievement, school and community contributions, and your personal efforts to finance your education.
6. TWO professional 5' X 7' photographs for publicity purposes in JPEG original file copy - \*not\* scanned
7. Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed online.

We thank all applicants for their work and their interest, though only successful applicants will be notified.

If you have any questions, please email [cbwwaterlooregion@gmail.com](mailto:cbwwaterlooregion@gmail.com)

Good Luck,  
Marcia Smellie  
CWBC Waterloo Chapter President



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invites applications for:

The Chloe Callender Awards (2-3) \$1500 scholarships - honour a lifetime of contribution and achievement. Chloe Callender is the founding President of the Waterloo Chapter of the Congress of Black Women, starting the chapter in 1988. She also served the Ontario Regional President of the CBW for two years. An educator, community leader and Anti-racism trainer, Ms. Callender has promoted positive cross-cultural and ethnocultural relations through networks and social justice action. She is the Co-Founder of the K-W Caribbean- Canadian Cultural Association (now CCAWR) and the recipient of many prestigious national, provincial, and regional awards, and has served on various boards in Waterloo Region. Ms Callender continues to be a part of the Waterloo Chapter of the Congress of Black Women.

The Esselyne Bell Education Scholarship(1) \$1500 scholarship - honours Mrs. Bell's contribution to the CBW Waterloo Region Scholarship Program, where she is one of the founding members. For nearly 30 years, she has been instrumental in organizing and preparing meals for Black History Month celebrations, first at the former Maranatha Church and more recently at Mount Zion Lutheran church in Waterloo. Her influence has helped initiate other ministries at Mount Zion for which we are grateful. Mrs. Bell has received many awards for community service, including the CCAWR Person of Distinction in 2015, City of Kitchener's Senior of the Year in 2018 and Outstanding Service to the wider Community in the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Church in Canada in 2022.

The Mount Zion Education Scholarship (1) \$1500 scholarship - offers financial assistance to individuals through funds raised at the annual Black History Celebration and the Mount Zion Caribbean Christmas Party. These celebration became part of the ministry of Mount Zion when several members of the former Maranatha Congregation joined the church. Since then, Mount Zion has contributed to the CBWC - Waterloo Region Scholarship Program and the CCAWR. We are thrilled to contribute directly to the recipients' future through this scholarship.

**Each year the Congress of Black Women of Canada (CBWC) Waterloo Chapter has provided the opportunity for Black students from Waterloo Region to receive support to attend post-secondary institutions in Canada.**

**Anyone wishing to be considered for above awards should complete the CBWC Awards Application Process and the Committee will decide the winners.**

## Scholarship Requirements:

Students must meet the following requirements:	
Eligibility	Student must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Be of Caribbean or Black Heritage</li><li>- Reside in Waterloo Region</li><li>- Be 16-25 years of age as of September 1st, 2026</li><li>- Canadian citizen or Landed Immigrant</li></ul>
Criteria:	Awards will be given based on demonstrated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Academic Achievement</li><li>- Outstanding contribution to School and Community Life</li><li>- Participation and leadership in African, Caribbean and Black Heritage Advocacy, community activities and groups</li></ul>
Submit by email to Chapter President Marcia Smellie at <a href="mailto:cbwwaterlooregion@gmail.com">cbwwaterlooregion@gmail.com</a> . Scholarship applications must be received <b>No Later</b> Than July 15th, 2026. Successful candidates will be notified by August 15, 2026. Awards will be presented at the Awards of Excellence in September 2026, Date TBD.	



The Congress of Black Women of Canada (Waterloo Region)  
Scholarship Application Form

Personal Information	Name: (Title, First, Last)	
	Home Address: (Apt/Unit #, Number, Street, City, Postal Code)	
	Telephone #:	
	Email:	
	Date of Birth (YYYY/MM/DD):	
	Status in Canada:	
Current/ Most Recent School Information	School Name:	
	Date of Graduation:	
Post- Secondary Institution Information	Name of Institution:	
	Intended Program of Study:	
	Student #:	
	Location (City, Province):	
	Intended Year of Enrolment:	
	Intended Year of Graduation:	
	Qualification to be Received: (Dip, BA, BEd, BEng, etc)	
References	Teacher Reference: (Name, School, Phone #, Email)	
	Community Service/ Involvement Reference: (Name, Organization, Relationship, Phone #, Email)	

I affirm that all information in this application is accurate.

(Signature, Date) \_\_\_\_\_

Email your completed application no later than July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**CB/WC** The Congress of Black Women of Canada (Waterloo Region)  
Chloe Callender Awards - Teacher/School Reference

Full Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS IN THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW:

1. How long have you known the applicant, and in what capacity?
2. How does the applicant demonstrate responsibility and time management at school?
3. What are TWO examples of the applicant's leadership in the school?
4. Please describe two situations where the applicant successfully worked collaboratively with others.

REFERENCE MUST SEND THIS COMPLETED FORM TO: [CBWaterlooRegion@gmail.com](mailto:CBWaterlooRegion@gmail.com)

Use the Subject Line: **(Student's Full Name) Teacher Reference**

No later than July 15th, 2026



The Congress of Black Women of Canada (Waterloo Region)  
Chloe Callender Awards - Community Reference

Full Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS IN THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW:

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
2. How has the applicant demonstrated responsibility and time management in volunteering?
3. What are TWO examples of the applicant's leadership skills?
4. Please describe two situations where the applicant successfully worked collaboratively with others.

REFERENCE MUST SEND THIS COMPLETED FORM TO: [CBWaterlooRegion@gmail.com](mailto:CBWaterlooRegion@gmail.com)

Use the Subject Line: **(Student's Full Name) Community Reference**

No later than July 15th, 2026