

# Garfield Weston Awards



for students already  
enrolled in full-time  
college studies who are  
continuing their studies  
in the fall of 2010

application deadline: varies by college/CEGEP  
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## FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN FULL-TIME COLLEGE STUDIES

### DESCRIPTION OF THE AWARDS

The Garfield Weston Awards program was established in 1999 by the generous contribution and vision of The W. Garfield Weston Foundation. Administered by the Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation, the program is designed to recognize outstanding college students who show a strong commitment to their fields of study and are interested in making positive contributions to their communities.

The Garfield Weston Awards program will distribute **up to 25** Upper Year Garfield Weston Awards to students currently enrolled in college studies in Canada for use during the 2010-2011 academic year. Each Upper Year Garfield Weston Award comprises a tuition waiver from a consortium college renewable for one or two additional years; an \$8,000 stipend renewable for one or two additional years; access to summer program funding, up to \$3,500; and mentorship. Recipients also receive a \$4,000 retroactive award payable immediately upon selection to defray accumulated educational costs.

### PARTICIPATING COLLEGES

All public and accredited colleges in Canada are eligible to participate in our program as long as they are able to waive tuition for the candidates who are chosen as recipients of Garfield Weston Awards. The colleges presently in the consortium are:

Algonquin College, Assiniboine College, Aurora College, Collège Boréal, Bow Valley College, British Columbia Institute of Technology, Cambrian College, Centennial College, La Cité collégiale, The College of the North Atlantic, Conestoga College, Confederation College, Douglas College, Durham College, Fanshawe College, Fleming College, George Brown College, Grande Prairie Regional College, Holland College, Humber College, Keyano College, Lakeland College, Lambton College, Langara College, Loyalist College, Marine Institute, Maritime College of Forest Technology, Mohawk College, New Brunswick Community College, New Brunswick College of Craft and Design, Niagara College, Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, Northern College, Northern Lights College, Northwest College, Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Nova Scotia Community College, Okanagan College, Olds College, Red River College, Sault College, St. Clair College, St. Lawrence College, Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology, Selkirk College, Seneca College, Sheridan College, Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, University College of the North, Vancouver Community College, Yukon College, and all public CEGEPs in Quebec.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

Upper Year Garfield Weston Awards recognize and reward the outstanding college student who is:

- passionate about his or her field of study;
- curious, courageous, and willing to try new things; and
- community-minded and truly interested in becoming involved and making a difference in society.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

In order to be eligible for an Upper Year Garfield Weston Award, a student must:

- be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident;
- be presently enrolled in full-time college studies leading to a diploma or applied degree (university transfer programs, post-graduate, and pre-university DEC studies are **not** eligible) in a program recognized as eligible by the college and the Garfield Weston Awards.
- have at least one full academic year remaining in his or her current college program and be pursuing his or her remaining studies full-time, with a 100% course load. Students enrolled in co-op programs must have at least two academic terms remaining;
- possess a minimum academic average of 73% or equivalent performance level; and,
- be nominated by his or her college or CEGEP.

## APPLICATION FORM CHECKLIST

- Find out your college or CEGEP's application deadline.
- Complete the application form by using a computer or typewriter, or printing neatly in blue or black ink. Note that pages 6-8 must be typed. To complete electronically, please download the application from our web site at [www.garfieldwestonawards.ca](http://www.garfieldwestonawards.ca), fill-in and print. This form cannot be saved.
- Ensure that your program is recognized as eligible by the college and by the Garfield Weston Awards. NOTE: university-transfer programs, traditional degree programs, post-graduate, and pre-university DEC programs are not eligible. Students in co-op programs must have at least two academic terms remaining.
- Answer all the questions. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Use only the space provided. Extra pages will not be read.
- Proofread your application carefully.
- Find a reference who can complete Page 9. Make sure to choose someone who is not a relative but who knows you and your activities well. Provide him or her with a copy of your completed application.
- Do not forget to *sign and date* your application.
- Submit your complete application package to your institutional representative. The package must contain:
  - One original application with an official transcript stapled at the end. (Students who do not have their final marks at the time of application should submit available transcripts and mid-term marks; final marks will be requested for applicants invited to interview).
  - Two photocopies of the complete application, each including a photocopy of your transcript.
  - One additional copy of the first page (page 5) of the application.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR ADULT LEARNERS

Adult learners are asked to submit one additional page which should include a brief biographical sketch, a more extensive employment history, and a paragraph about why they have decided to pursue college studies. Adult learners are those individuals who have been out of school for at least three years.

## NOMINATION & SELECTION PROCESS

Each participating college in Canada may nominate up to three students who are currently enrolled in an eligible program (2009-2010 academic year). To recognize regional differences in college structure, public CEGEPs in Quebec can nominate up to two students and province-wide college systems in Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick can nominate up to two students per college campus. Students must first submit their complete application package directly to their designated college representative. Based on the submissions received, the institution will determine which applicants are to be nominated. The representative will then complete the Certificate of Nomination on Page 9 of each nominated application and forward the application directly to the Garfield Weston Awards program.

**Nominated candidates only** must complete, with the coordinator of their program, a Mentor Nomination Certificate. They will meet to discuss the mentorship program and agree upon a mentor candidate, who must be contacted and agree to serve in this role, if the candidate receives a National Award. The Mentor Nomination Certificate must be received by fax or mail by **May 14, 2010**. Nominated candidates will receive their Mentor Nomination Certificate in mid-April.

The mentorship program provides opportunities for our scholars to engage in a one-on-one relationship with a mentor in a professional context. Mentorship provides scholars with experiences that can maximize the value of their college education, assist them to think more critically about the contributions they make to their communities, and facilitate their development and learning beyond the classroom setting. Our mentors are creative and dynamic leaders with diverse personal and professional experiences, and often have a college connection (i.e. as professors/faculty, internship providers, lecturers, alumni). Mentors are community minded leaders in their professions, and are willing to commit to supporting a college scholar by meeting with them at least every 6-8 weeks. For more information and profiles of current mentors, visit [www.garfieldwestonawards.ca](http://www.garfieldwestonawards.ca).

After receiving the applications, Garfield Weston Awards selection committees will assess the applications and select candidates to attend regional interviews. Applicants asked to attend interviews will be notified two weeks prior to regional interviews, which will occur on June 5th and 19th.

## MAILING INSTRUCTIONS & DEADLINE INFORMATION

- Applicants are responsible for identifying the nomination deadline of their college. As colleges/CEGEPs must forward nominated applications **before April 1st**, your school's internal deadline will be earlier. Check with your student awards office.
- Applications must be sent using Canada Post services only. These include: regular mail, Priority Courier, and Xpresspost services that do not require a signature.
- Applications sent by fax, hand delivered or mailed through private couriers (ie: Purolator, UPS, Fedex, etc.) are not accepted.
- Applications of nominated candidates should be mailed to:  
Upper Year Garfield Weston Awards  
460 Richmond Street West, Suite 502  
Toronto, ON M5V 1Y1
- Acknowledgment of receipt will be sent via email to the college representative.
- By **May 14, 2010**, nominated candidates must mail a Mentor Nomination Certificate to the address above or fax it to 416.646.0846.

## FURTHER INQUIRIES:

Please call the CMSF office toll-free at **1-866-544-2673** or **416-646-2120**, visit [www.garfieldwestonawards.ca](http://www.garfieldwestonawards.ca)











