

Promising post-secondary students recognized by FirstOntario Credit Union with \$13,000 in education awards

A group of 13 successful students earned a \$1,000 prize

Hamilton, ON, July 7, 2021 – There was plenty to celebrate for some students who – despite more than a year of uncertainty and unpredictable outcomes due to the pandemic – persevered and pulled off an exceptional year of great grades and a true commitment to their community.

FirstOntario Credit Union received almost double the amount applications compared to previous years, from students heading into their first or second year of post-secondary school as part of its annual education awards. The credit union has been offering a funding boost to students for more than 15 years and has given \$150,000 in scholarships.

“We’re invested in supporting post-secondary education for young students in the hope this will help build a foundation for their future success,” said Lloyd Smith, CEO at FirstOntario. “This has been a challenging year for everyone, and we want to reward those who continue to work hard, stay committed and make an impact that positively affects others.”

This year, five of the scholarships were awarded to FirstOntario family while eight were given to our community members. The community winners are [featured in this video](#). Congratulations to Alexandria Ojha, Sophie Yang, Ethen Edwards, Sydney Cross, Huynh My Linh Do, Logan Machin, Quang Pham Ngoc and Sage Stoyka Kay.

The program is open to all first and second-year post-secondary students aged 25 or younger with an average grade of 70% or higher. Other factors that are considered include;

- Volunteer work in the community
- Leadership abilities that contribute to their community
- A vision of how they will use their education today to make a difference tomorrow

About FirstOntario Credit Union

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