

2022

AMADEUSZ SCHOLARSHIP REPORT



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About the Scholarship



Amadeusz supports young people who are incarcerated to create positive change in their lives through access to education, community supports, mentorship and exceptional care.

The Amadeusz Scholarship Program is designed to offer support to individuals in the community, who have been released from incarceration and are working towards reaching their post-secondary education goals.

Scholarships Awarded:

Three \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to young people who have been released from incarceration, are currently in community and registered or will be registered for **part-time studies in 2022**.

Six \$3,000 scholarships were awarded to young people who have been released from incarceration, are currently in community and registered or will be registered for **full-time studies in 2022**.

Guidelines:

- An individual can be granted only one scholarship per year but can reapply the following year.
- Completion of this application does not guarantee acceptance of the scholarship.
- The scholarship will be provided as a cheque to those who qualify.
- Proof of enrollment into a post-secondary program is required for those interested in applying (see page 3 of application for *Acceptable Proof of Enrolment*).

Who Could Apply?

- 18 to 35 years old.
- Pursuing post-secondary education (in-process/accepted to a Canadian college, university, trades, or other institution).
- Current resident of Ontario.
- Recently released from incarceration.

\$1,000 Scholarships

Those awarded the \$1,000 scholarships include:

Joshua Maier-McKenzie

Odell Rose

Joseph Bryan

Joshua Maier-McKenzie



Joshua is studying in the
Addictions Work: Professional Practice Skills Program at Centennial College.

Impact Statement:

I applied for the Amadeusz scholarship to help with my financial needs regarding my post-secondary journey. This scholarship will support my success in the Addictions program. More specifically, it will help me to buy a laptop, budget for food and transportation. Through the Addictions program I hope to further my understanding of people and psychology, regarding mental health addictions and trauma. I feel that it's important to understand the world we live in, which people are very much involved in. As we interact with different individuals each day, we find out everyone has a story and a past that has made them who they are. Having a better understanding of how to help others learn about themselves and navigate their worlds is needed more so now than ever.

Odell Rose



Odell is studying in the
Addictions Work: Professional Practice Skills Program at Centennial College.

Impact Statement:

I have applied for the Amadeusz scholarship to assist me in continuing my studies. Since I began working with this organization I have been inspired to further my education and get my life back on track. I want to pursue this in order to get training and credentials needed to start a new career in my field. I spent almost a decade of my life struggling with addiction and was able to get out of it and I would love to gain training to assist others get sober and gain their lives back. Thank you to everyone at Amadeusz for all their support and encouragement.

Joseph Bryan



Joseph is studying
Business Management at Centennial College.

Impact Statement:

My purpose for applying to the Amadeusz scholarship program is because I wanted to get any support or help Amadeusz is offering. This scholarship will help me in my journey by strengthening my confidence and motivation towards my goals and reaching them. I want to pursue post secondary education so I can better myself in terms of knowledge, exercising my brain, and consistently doing something productive that can and will help me with my life in the future. This is important to me because I have made goals for myself and achieving my goals means (to me) that I am one step closer to being successful. I am hoping to learn how to start and run a business legally from the post secondary program I am currently taking.

\$3,000 Scholarships

Those awarded the \$3000 scholarships include:

Vanessa Andrade
Moka Dawkins
Bongani Sibanda
Royian Chowdhury
Teshawndra Thomas
Jessica Chiblow

Vanessa Andrade



Vanessa is studying in the
Law Clerk Program at Centennial College.

Impact Statement:

This incredible opportunity couldn't have come at a better time for me. I am extremely pleased and delighted to have been selected as one of the recipients of the Amadeusz scholarships as it serves as further motivation to strive for academic greatness. In addition to enabling me to work less and devote more time to my courses as a full-time student, receiving this scholarship will make a significant contribution to my studies at Centennial College. Furthermore, this scholarship will assist me in my duties as a parent and in my efforts to remain a positive role model. I cannot thank the Amadeusz Administration enough!

Moka Dawkins



Moka Dawkins is studying in the
Community Justice Services Program at Centennial College.

Impact Statement:

My name is Moka Dawkins and I am writing this letter to your organization in the greatest gratitude of my acceptance of the 2022 Amadeusz Scholarship. This scholarship will allow me to continue in my final year of education with Centennial College to be a graduate of the Community and Justice Services program. Amadeusz has been a blessing to me from God throughout my whole academic engagements. From enrolling me and aiding me throughout my studies for my G.E.D until I graduated in 2017, to now, in 2022, Amadeusz has been a continuous abling body of resources for me in financial support which is expanded to my post secondary studies which without I would not be able to afford the opportunity of an education.

Thank you again to everyone at Amadeusz for taking a part in making my future open to possibilities that may have not been certain for me without you. I am forever grateful for all your hard work and efforts your team puts into this organization and its programs. Thank you Amadeusz for making me one of your success stories.

Bongani Sibanda



Bongani Sibanda is studying in the
Community Worker Program at George Brown College.

Impact Statement:

The scholarship will help me to be provided with funds towards my tuition for the Community Worker Program at George Brown College starting this fall. It will fulfill my education goals as I am trying to better myself by enrolling in school, hence having a brighter future. Since am not employed yet this will relieve me from a lot of stresses arising from lack of funds. The scholarship is important to me because when I graduate, I will have less or no debt from student loans. The scholarship will also be a great help to me, by being able to purchase my everyday necessities such as food, station supplies, transportation and my rent.

Royian Chowdhury



Royian Chowdhury is studying in the
Software Engineering Technology, AI Program at Centennial College.

Impact Statement:

I applied for the Amadeusz Scholarship so that I can have an opportunity to go to school and focus on my education without the worry about my financial situation. This scholarship will help me stay in school and out of the courts because a major reason for my previous incarcerations was to help my financial situation. My goal is to someday become an artificial intelligence developer and help people in need with disabilities to make their lives harder because I know from experience the difficulties people face with disabilities.

Teshawndra Thomas



Teshwandra is studying in
Business Administration, Human Resources Program at George Brown College.

Impact Statement:

My purpose of applying for this application was to seek help for my studies in Human Resources. Being able to have help with school, takes a great financial burden off of my shoulders. Knowing that I am living by myself and paying for everything financially, being able to have another year of school makes me know that I am heading towards my goals. Amadeusz gave me another opportunity to show myself what I am capable of, and for that I am grateful.

Jessica Chiblow



Jessica is studying in the
Construction Engineering Technology Program at George Brown College.

Impact Statement:

I applied for this scholarship to help with my daycare costs for the school year. I am a single mom going back to school to accomplish my dream. As we all know daycare is extremely expensive. I do not qualify for subsidy daycare until my court process for custody is over and even then it will take months before I can actually start receiving subsidy. Receiving this scholarship has taken away all my worried for the fall. I can breathe now. With the subsidy I can pay my child's before and after school daycare fees in full from September till June without any worry of what I'm going to do! I am so honoured and happy that I received this scholarship! I cannot wait to start school! Thank you so very much.

Funding

In total, Amadeusz received 12 applications. Amadeusz was able to award 9 scholarships, distributing a total of \$21,000. Amadeusz hopes to raise additional funds to be able to continue this important initiative annually.

Scholarships aid people in our community who face barriers to education after incarceration. **If you would like to donate to Amadeusz** please visit the Donation page on our website at <https://amadeusz.ca/support/donate> or contact us via email at info@amadeusz.ca



Amadeusz Merch

All scholarship winners were also awarded Amadeusz merch!

This included:

- Tote bag
- Notepad
- Notebook
- Pen
- Tumbler

Thank You

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