



DR. SARACO SCHOLARSHIP 2026 FOR THE ARTS

The Saraco family wishes to offer a scholarship of \$1,000 in memory of Dr. Gennaro (Jim) Saraco to be awarded to a student in Grade 12 within the community that is looking to pursue post-secondary education in the arts. BGC Dovercourt Club formerly Dovercourt Boys and Girls Club played an integral part in the formative years of Gennaro Saraco. As a new Canadian, the Club became a place for him to learn many skills such as swimming, math, and even English. As an adult, he fondly recalled his early years at the Club and frequently shared his many memories with a warm smile. Although he was an educator for most of his life, Dr. Gennaro Saraco was innately creative and had a strong passion for the arts. He painted, wrote, and acted during his life - passions which he enjoyed and always encouraged in his children. In his memory, we look forward to giving back to the community that played such an integral role in who he was.

One scholarship will be granted to a successful candidate. Deadline to submit applications is June 18th, 2026.

1. \$1,000 reward
2. Priority to new Canadians
3. The selected candidate will be announced at Graduation
4. The scholarship will be awarded at graduation
5. The scholarship is to specifically support tuition and or other post/secondary costs
6. Post-secondary is recognized to mean a learning institution that is fully registered as such, including University, College, Vocational School and any other educational institution beyond high school that provides a degree or certificate
7. The scholarship will be held in Trust by the Club in a legal banking entity until the recipient demonstrates acceptance to a recognized post-secondary institution.

CRITERIA AND QUALIFICATIONS

The student (nominee) must:

- » Pursue post-secondary education in an arts related program such as, but not limited to; writing, film, fine art, photography and design
- » Any student graduating grade 12 and is a member of Dovercourt Boys and Girls Club.
- » Fill out an application Form
- » Attach a portfolio of work (visual or auditory)
- » Attach an informal personal statement essay

Submit all information digitally to:

Francesca Saraco: fran.saraco@gmail.com

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In honour of Dr. Gennaro (Jim) Saraco, who was innately creative and deeply passionate about the education and arts.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Please print the following information clearly.
2. Please complete only one application
3. Please submit this application, a portfolio of your work and an informal personal statement essay.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Applicant Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Country of Origin: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

Current Name of School: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____

Name of Post-Secondary Institution: _____

Starting Date (Month, Year and Semester): _____

Intended Major: _____ Length of Program: _____

PERSONAL STATEMENT AND PORTFOLIO GUIDELINES:

Your interests, your passions, who you are, and what your goals are. These are just a few of the things we want to know about you! Please free to write openly and freely.

When writing your essay, please touch upon the following:

- >Immigration/Country of Origin/Being new to Canada
- >Post-secondary plans
- >Financial Need
- >School and Community Involvement
- >What has drawn you to arts and expression

Max 1-2 pages OR 250 words.

Portfolio: The purpose of the portfolio is to showcase your best work. Samples can be in all mediums i.e. written, drawn, auditory.