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## **TORONTO INNER-CITY RUGBY FOUNDATION (TIRF) AWARDS \$32,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO SUPPORT 9 STUDENT ATHLETES**

**Toronto, Ont. Sept 2019.** The Toronto Inner-City Rugby Foundation (TIRF) is pleased to announce the 2019-2020 TIRF scholarship award recipients. We would like to thank all our applicants, and congratulate this year's recipients. Thank you to the dedicated members of the scholarship committee who dedicate their time every year to the selection process.

For the 2019-2020 academic year, a total of \$32,000 in scholarship funds will be awarded to nine (9) phenomenal student athletes. TIRF is proud to support and invest in these remarkable student athletes. In addition to playing, supporting and growing the game of rugby, these students continue to give back to their communities and inspire their peers.

Over the past six-years, TIRF has awarded approximately \$247,000 to 44 outstanding TIRF participants as part of its commitment to help remove financial barriers and assist these remarkable young adults in pursuing their post-secondary aspirations. The scholarship helps produce outstanding leaders willing to give back to their local communities through the development of rugby and other social initiatives.

TIRF Scholarship Awards are made possible thanks to the generosity of the Doncaster Foundation, the Webb Family, and Eventi Capital Partners.

Applications for the TIRF Scholarship Award are accepted from January through May through the website: [www.TIRFrugby.ca/MyFuture](http://www.TIRFrugby.ca/MyFuture).

### **THE 2019 TIRF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:**

#### **MUTLI-YEAR AWARD**

The Doncaster Scholarship Award is a \$5,000 academic scholarship. Recipients could receive up to \$20,000 over a four-year period. These TIRF Scholars must remain in good academic standing for the length of their studies.

#### **Doncaster Scholarship \$20,000 Scholarship Award (*up to \$5,000 per year*)**

Jacob Arulappah – studying Biomedical Sciences at McGill University

Alissa Zhang – studying Health Sciences at McMaster University

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## **SINGLE-YEAR AWARDS**

These one-time scholarships are awarded to promising candidates that have clearly demonstrated financial need, drive, and character.

### **Eventi-Webb Scholarship Awards (*ranging from \$1500- \$3,500*)**

Ian Custadillo – studying Business Management at Ryerson University  
Samantha Cyrille - studying Professional Communication at Ryerson University  
Bernice Ediagbonya - studying Kinesiology at York University  
Ubaid Rehman – studying Health Sciences at University of Waterloo  
Siobhan Sheerin – studying Psychology at Queen’s University  
Esther Sivalingam – studying Criminology at York University  
Karen Wong – studying Medical Sciences at Western University

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## **ABOUT TORONTO INNER-CITY RUGBY FOUNDATION**

The Toronto Inner-City Rugby Foundation (TIRF) is a rugby-centred community development organization that uses rugby as a tool for social good. TIRF, a registered non-profit founded in 2011, builds community through rugby in 31 of Toronto’s underserved, low-income and priority neighbourhoods. Sanctioned by Rugby Canada; Rugby Ontario, and working in partnership with eight Toronto rugby clubs; school boards and community service providers, TIRF reduces the financial, geographical, and cultural barriers that prevent children and youth from participating in the sport.

For more information, visit: [www.TIRFrugby.ca](http://www.TIRFrugby.ca).