



TORONTO INNER-CITY
RUGBY FOUNDATION

TORONTO INNER-CITY RUGBY FOUNDATION (TIRF) AWARDS \$35,500 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO SUPPORT 10 STUDENT ATHLETES

Toronto, Ont. October 2020 – The Toronto Inner-City Rugby Foundation (TIRF) is pleased to announce the 2020-21 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 2020-21 academic year, a total of over \$35,500 in scholarship funds will be awarded to ten (10) 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 7 years, TIRF has awarded approximately \$280,000 to 54 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, and the generous group of donors, including the Webb family and Eventi Capital Partners, who contributed to the Eventi-Webb/Child Scholarship this year.

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

2020 TIRF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

MULTI-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)

Natalie Lu – Medical Sciences at Western University

Corelius Osei-Owusu – Medical Sciences at Western University

Alex Yang – Bio-Pharmaceutical Science at University of Ottawa

SINGLE-YEAR AWARDS

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

Eventi-Webb/Child Scholarship Awards (ranging from \$1,000 – \$4,000)

Ryan Bacanin – Commerce at York University

Julia Burlaca – Health Science at McMaster University

Shania Bromfield - Behavioural Science at Seneca College

Wei Xuan Hu – Commerce at Queen's University

Jocelyn Lim – Mechatronics Engineering at University of Waterloo

Katarina Peric – Human Kinetics at St. Francis Xavier University

Lola Peric – Sports Media at Ryerson University

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