



RTOERO awards \$60,000 in scholarships to invest in the future of students and our communities

List of 2021 scholarship award recipients

Recipient	Pursuing	Interest
Abimbola Akomah North Bay, ON Nominated from District 11 Waterloo Region	MScN – Nursing, Laurentian University	Has a thesis focus on what needs to be done to prevent or reduce falls in long-term care, providing Ontario-specific research.
Danielle D'Amico Toronto, ON Nominated from District 16 Toronto	PhD – Psychology, Ryerson University	Her research aims to determine if adherence to healthy lifestyle behaviours (diet, physical activity, social engagement, mindful self-care) can minimize the association between chronic stress and poor cognitive health among older adults.
Nicholas Dietrich Etobicoke, ON Nominated from District 16 Toronto	BHSc – Health Sciences, McMaster University	Plans to attend medical school and pursue a career in geriatric medicine. He wants to focus on identifying factors that contribute to successful aging, physical functions and social interactions.
Maeve Dixon Ottawa, ON Nominated from District 20 Frontenac Lennox & Addington	BHSc (Honours) – Health Sciences, University of Ottawa	Wants to go into medicine and focus on geriatric oncology and neurology. These are two fields in need of specialists who can adapt treatment plans and approaches to the unique needs of seniors.
Emily French Elgin, ON Nominated from District 30 Northumberland	BSc (Honours) – Kinesiology, Redeemer University	Goal is to become a physiotherapist in a nursing home or long-term care residence. Improving physical can also improve mental health and overall quality of life.
Kathleen Gould Severn, ON Nominated from District 34 York Region	BScN – Nursing, Trent University	Completing a placement in complex continuing care. Future goals include helping older patients to retain dignity as they age.

<p>Jessica Holland London, ON</p> <p>Nominated from District 11 Waterloo Region</p>	<p>MSc OT – Occupational Therapy, Western University</p>	<p>Hopes to use occupational therapy skills to help seniors age in place. People can live more fulfilling lives by adapting both their spaces and how they do tasks.</p>
<p>Devon Jahnke Sudbury, ON</p> <p>Nominated from District 10 Bruce Grey Dufferin</p>	<p>MA – Clinical Science and Wound Healing, Western University</p>	<p>Serves as a chiroprapist at the Centre for Complex Diabetes Care, Health Sciences North in Sudbury. Certified diabetes educator. Goals are to prevent serious health risks, alleviate personal pain, and save limbs and even lives.</p>
<p>Elaine Klim Beamsville, ON</p> <p>Nominated from District 14 Niagara</p>	<p>BScN – Nursing Bridging Program, McMaster University</p>	<p>Working on a medical unit at St. Catharines Hospital on the front lines of the pandemic, including caring for seniors from the community and those transferred from LTC homes. Upon becoming a RN, hopes to continue working with seniors in hospital and LTC settings.</p>
<p>Matthew Malandrucolo LaSalle, ON</p> <p>Nominated from District 7 Windsor-Essex</p>	<p>BScN – Nursing, St. Clair College</p>	<p>Through community nursing, hopes to help people continue to live and receive care in their own home.</p>
<p>Allan Middleton Sault Ste. Marie, ON</p> <p>Nominated from District 3 Algoma</p>	<p>MD – Medicine, Northern Ontario School of Medicine</p>	<p>He hopes to go into family medicine in his home town of Sault Ste. Marie, helping to fill a local doctor shortage and improve preventative care and chronic disease management.</p>
<p>Daniel Picard LaSalle, ON</p> <p>Nominated from District 7 Windsor-Essex</p>	<p>MD – Medicine, University of Ottawa</p>	<p>Plans to go into family medicine, and practice with a holistic and preventative care lens.</p>
<p>Laurel Pierroz-Wong Toronto, ON</p> <p>Nominated from District 23 North York</p>	<p>BASc – Environmental Engineering, University of Waterloo</p>	<p>Wants a career focus on water systems technology, to help ensure safe, accessible, regenerative sources of clean drinking water.</p>
<p>Leah Ritacco Sault Ste. Marie, ON</p> <p>Nominated from District 3 Algoma</p>	<p>BSc – Kinesiology, Lake Superior State University</p>	<p>Plans a career as a family physician, and wishes to investigate how different diseases may affect other facets of health in seniors.</p>

<p>Teagan Rolf von den Baumen Oakville, ON</p> <p>Nominated from District 35 Dryden</p>	<p>PharmD – Doctorate of Pharmacy, University of Toronto</p>	<p>Plans to pursue a hospital pharmacy residency, gaining further expertise in the management of complex health conditions.</p>
<p>Margaret Russell Port Perry, ON</p> <p>Nominated from District 30 Northumberland</p>	<p>BScN – Nursing, McMaster University</p>	<p>Wants to work in a post-operative surgical unit and in the ICU, followed by work as a palliative care nurse.</p>
<p>Robin Stanley Ottawa, ON</p> <p>Nominated from District 50 Atlantic</p>	<p>BScN – Nursing, Dalhousie University</p>	<p>Has a passion for mental health, and builds her practice on a foundation of equitable care, patient advocacy, empathy and compassion.</p>
<p>Jamie Struthers Owen Sound, ON</p> <p>Nominated from District 10 Bruce Grey Dufferin</p>	<p>PharmD – Doctorate of Pharmacy, University of Waterloo</p>	<p>Passionate about the health of seniors, who require the most pharmacy support. Did a co-op with a geriatric pharmacist, and wrote a journal article on elder abuse.</p>
<p>Austin Teshuba Windsor, ON</p> <p>Nominated from District 7 Windsor-Essex</p>	<p>BEngSc – Software Engineering, Western University</p>	<p>Goal is to reform the internet by creating inclusive digital spaces and age-friendly software for seniors.</p>
<p>Avery Toepell Toronto, ON</p> <p>Nominated from District 22 Etobicoke and York</p>	<p>MPEd – Applied Behavioural Analysis, University of Waterloo</p>	<p>Plans to pursue project management in the public health sector. Has studied aging and geriatrics, to gain knowledge about health care and quality of life for this segment of the population.</p>