

**Undergraduate Recipient - 1999 - 2000
City of Toronto Women's Studies
Scholarship at the University of Toronto**

(City Council on November 23, 24 and 25, 1999, adopted this Clause, without amendment.)

The Administration Committee recommends the adoption of the following report (October 15, 1999) from the Chief Administrative Officer:

Purpose:

This report advises Council of the result of the Scholarship application process.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

None. In 1998, endowment funds were transferred by the City to the University of Toronto to give this award in perpetuity.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council extend its congratulations to Amy Andrews on being selected as the undergraduate recipient of 1999-2000 City of Toronto Women's Studies Scholarship at the University of Toronto; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto."

Background:

In 1985, the former City of Toronto established an endowment fund which provided an annual scholarship of \$5,000 at the University of Toronto named "The City of Toronto Women's Studies Scholarship". The scholarship was established for several purposes: to commemorate the centenary of the admission of women students to the University, to recognize the significance higher education plays in the achievement of equality of opportunity, and to encourage students to continue on to the graduate level in women's studies.

The undergraduate scholarship is given to a student entering fourth year. It is based on need, the student's third-year performance and is awarded to the student deemed most likely to contribute to studies on the status of women, community studies and public policy, including work in the areas of transportation, housing, urban planning, employment, public works and municipal services.

The agreement between the University and the City provides for the selection of the recipient to be made by the Women's Studies Program Committee of the University of Toronto in consultation with City staff in the Access and Equity Unit.

In 1997, City Council directed that the endowment funds for this scholarship be transferred to the University of Toronto in order to take advantage of matching funds provided by the Province and the Alumni. The availability of matching funds provided for the establishment of a new scholarship at the graduate level. The selection process is similar to that for the undergraduate scholarship and the first recipient will be selected in the fall of 1999.

Comments:

The undergraduate recipient of the 1999-2000 City of Toronto Women's Studies Scholarship is Amy Andrews. Amy Andrews has distinguished herself as a recipient of this scholarship through an exemplary academic record, volunteer work within and external to the University and involvement in activities of the Women's Studies Program.

Conclusions:

The City of Toronto's participation in various scholarship programs continues to advance the importance of higher education to the urban environment, and in particular the City's continued leadership role in achieving equity in the community.

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