

# TORONTO INNER-CITY RUGBY FOUNDATION (TIRF) AWARDS \$36,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO SUPPORT NINE STUDENT ATHLETES

**Toronto, ON. December 2021 -** The Toronto Inner-City Rugby Foundation (TIRF) is pleased to announce the 2021-22 TIRF scholarship award recipients. We would like to thank all of 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 2021-22 academic year, a total of over \$35,000 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 8 years, TIRF has awarded approximately \$315,000 to 63 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: <u>TIRF Rugby | Scholarship Program</u>

## **2021 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

- Mahhik Butt University of Toronto
- Karen Wong Western University
- Kelvin Wu Queens University

## SINGLE-YEAR AWARDS

These one-time 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)

- Abyan Chowdhury Canadian College of Chiropractic Medicine
- Lily Ouyang University of British Columbia
- Katarina Peric St. Francis Xavier University
- Lola Peric Ryerson University
- Sami Sala Ontario Tech University
- Mayiah Samson York 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.