

# RNFOO 2006 Awards & Scholarships

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## UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL

### **REGINA BOROWSKA SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000)**



**LOUISE RUDDEN** -Louise is a post-RN student completing her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Ryerson University. This is her second consecutive year of being awarded this Scholarship. In addition to her full-time studies, Louise works in the orthopaedic surgical department at the Hospital for Sick Children and has recently become a clinical instructor for first year nursing students at the University of Toronto. Her future plans include a Masters degree to become a Nurse Practitioner with a focus on the pediatric surgical population. Louise also intends to continue an active role in the education of nursing students.

### **DOROTHY FERGUSON SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000)**



**JACLYN MUIR** -Jaclyn is a post-RN student completing her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the University of Phoenix. She also works full time in the Special Care Nursery Level # 2 at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie. Jaclyn is described as a leader to nurse colleagues in her chosen area of practice – neonatology and child/family nursing. She has completed a number of related programs to better assist in addressing the needs of patients and families in the community. Jaclyn plans to advance to a Masters program on completion of her undergraduate degree.

### **JENNIFER AWARD (4 RECIPIENTS - \$4000)**



**KIRSTEN EISENGA** - Kirsten is completing her final year in the Western-Fanshawe Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. She has worked as a research assistant and volunteered both as a peer mentor at the University of Western Ontario and as a staff member at Ronald McDonald House in London. As the Mission and Outreach Coordinator of the Young Adults Program, Kirsten organized a trip to New Orleans to assist with clean up and construction. Her passion for global health and nursing in a developing country began after her volunteer nursing experience in Africa following second year. On graduation, Kirsten plans to gain experience as a pediatric nurse with a longer term goal to help create healthy communities in a developing country.



**JENNIFER AKEROYD** - Jennifer is in her final year of the second-entry Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at the University of Toronto, having completed a Master of Industrial Relations and Human Resource Management in 2000 and an Honours Bachelor of Arts in 1999. Jennifer has acted as a Nurse Ambassador and tutor for the nursing program and has worked as a research assistant. Other activities include volunteering at the Distress Centre and organizing and coaching a range of sports. An executive member of the Canadian Dermatology Nurses' Association, Jennifer has a strong interest in mental health and oncological nursing, specifically skin cancer issues. On graduation, Jennifer looks forward to working as a Public Health Nurse and has longer term plans to complete a doctoral degree in nursing.

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### ***JENNIFER AWARD (4 RECIPIENTS - \$4000)***



**ARCHNA PATEL** - Archna is completing her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Ryerson University. Archna works as a research assistant at Ryerson, is co-founder of "Nursing Research @Ryerson" – a student research interest group - and is Student Representative on the Research Ethics Board. She is involved in a number of community activities aimed at supporting vulnerable populations or those with special needs. Archna is described as highly committed to her personal development and the profession of nursing. Archna looks forward to a career rich in research and clinical practice with a focus on child, adolescent and young women's mental health.



**EDWARD JASON SANTOS** - Edward is completing his third year of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at Ryerson University. He has a keen interest in oncology and hopes to secure a year-long clinical placement at Princess Margaret Hospital. He has been involved in several research projects as research assistant at Ryerson and is assisting in writing a book chapter related to immigrant women and the mental health services available to them in Toronto. He is described as having an exceptional commitment to the profession of nursing and caring about making a positive difference as a nurse. On graduation, Edward Jason hopes to work in oncology and has a long-term career goal of combining his interest in oncology with research.

### ***THE donnerwheeler NURSING CAREER SCHOLARSHIP (\$5000)***



**SHARIFA SUMAR** - Sharifa is in her final year of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at Ryerson University. She has maintained a high academic standing throughout her program while assuming a leadership role in several professional, community and volunteer activities, including the Canadian Student Nurses Association (CSNA), the Pediatric Nurses Interest Group of RNAO, and student representative on a range of School of Nursing committees. Sharifa's career goals are to develop sound clinical experience in pediatrics and complete an Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program focusing on pediatrics and family care. She is described as "an exceptional student nurse leader with endless potential".

### ***RNFOO GALA SCHOLARSHIP (\$2000)***



**ANCY SOOKRAJ** - Ancy is a post-RN student completing her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Ryerson University. In addition to her studies, Ancy is a Clinical Educator in Cardiology at Trillium Health Centre. She is a member of the Nursing Advisory Committee and is involved in a number of initiatives such as the Safer Health Care Now project and the Elder Health Care and Silver Spoons Committee. Following graduation, Ancy plans to fully engage in a number of organizational initiatives. "Patient-centredness" - engaging patients as vital members of the health care team, supporting their role as decision makers and influencers in their care – is of particular interest to her.