

Future Aces Foundation Unveils Refreshed Citizenship Award & Scholarship Program

Expanded initiative recognizes Ontario students in Grades 8 and 12 who lead with character, service, and integrity

December 22, 2025, Toronto, ON — The Herbert H. Carnegie Future Aces Foundation is proud to announce the relaunch of its refreshed and expanded Citizenship Award & Scholarship Program for 2026, recognizing Ontario students who demonstrate exceptional character, leadership, and commitment within their schools and the broader community.

“This program reflects our enduring belief that character-driven leadership shapes stronger communities, and we are honoured to reinstate it,” says Lianne Castelino, Board Chair, Future Aces Foundation. “Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we are able to recognize more students who lead with integrity and invest in emerging leaders who will positively impact Canada in the future.”

The refreshed Citizenship Award & Scholarship Program — revived after a pause since the pandemic — will include a new cohort: Grade 8s, alongside its longstanding recognition of Grade 12 students.

“This scholarship recognizes Grade 8 students at a pivotal moment in their academic journey,” says Michael Handrigan, Education Lead, Future Aces Foundation. “By celebrating their character, effort, and leadership early on, our aim is to encourage confidence and reinforce the values that will guide these students as they move into the next stage of their education.”

Students in Grade 8 and Grade 12 from across Ontario who make a positive impact in their schools and communities may be nominated. Nominees must demonstrate how they live the Future Aces Creed, — a 12-point philosophy for positive behaviour created nearly 70 years ago — by Future Aces founder, Dr. Herbert H. Carnegie.

Each school may nominate up to two students per grade, with nominations validated by a staff member. Successful nominees may receive awards of \$250 (Grade 8) or \$1,000 (Grade 12). Students are evaluated across four key areas: character and leadership, service, and academic commitment. Financial need is also considered. The nomination period runs from January 20 to April 27, 2026.

Future Aces Foundation thanks educators and school leaders for their vital role in shaping Canada’s next generation of ethical and community-minded leaders.

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ABOUT HERBERT H. CARNEGIE FUTURE ACES FOUNDATION

The Herbert H. Carnegie Future Aces Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring and empowering youth to become responsible citizens who make a positive difference in their communities. Founded on the Future Aces Creed created by Dr. Herbert H. Carnegie in 1956, the Foundation envisions a world where all people can achieve their full potential. By encouraging students to be "Future Aces"—always striving to be the best they can be—the Foundation continues to foster hope and propel audiences toward meaningful action. To date, the Foundation has impacted over one million students through its message of positive attitude and good citizenship.

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