

Student Leadership Awards

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The **Student Leadership Awards** are financial awards presented to students in recognition of their leadership qualities in the classroom, on campus or in their local community. These contributions may be performed in person or virtually. [View past year's winners here.](#)

ACL Student Benefits Leadership Award

ACL Student Benefits, Seneca's student health, dental and extended health plan insurance broker, will annually present two awards to students who have shown outstanding leadership. The recipients of this award must have maintained a cumulative GPA of 2.5 while making significant contributions to the Seneca community or their local community. This award recognizes a student who is an "unsung hero," who quietly works behind the scenes to make Seneca a better place while still maintaining their academics and juggling other responsibilities.

The Barb Morel Humanitarian Award

ACL Student Benefits – the student health, dental and extended health plan insurance broker – is pleased to recognize the student who best exemplifies a 'true humanitarian' in all aspects of school and personal life. This award was established in memory of Barb Morel, a founding member of The Morel Group, the parent company of ACL Student Benefits, in honour of her many humanitarian endeavours. Full-time students with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 are eligible.

Daniel Atlin Leadership Award

Awarded to a full-time international student who demonstrates integrity and civic engagement inside or outside of Seneca. This award recognizes Daniel Atlin's service to the Seneca Student Federation and Seneca in his role as Vice-President, Strategy and College Affairs from 2009 to 2015. This award is funded by the Seneca Student Federation Leadership Awards fee.

David & Lucas Thomson Perseverance Award

Awarded to a full-time student who has demonstrated dedication and perseverance to overcoming life obstacles. The recipient volunteers or is involved in activities at Seneca that focus on giving back, community building or enhancing student life at Seneca. Established by proud parents Linda and Tom Thomson to honour their sons who lead by example, demonstrate perseverance and prioritize acts of kindness.

Grace Cuff Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to a King Campus student who has gone above and beyond for the Seneca community or their local community outside of Seneca. The recipient has devoted their time to helping others. Grace Cuff worked in Recruitment and Student Services at Seneca for more than 30 years, inspiring and empowering students to go beyond what they thought was possible to achieve more than they ever thought they could. Throughout the years, Grace affected the Seneca community with her kindness, warmth, positive attitude and unwavering support for students.

King SAC Award

Prior to the incorporation of the Seneca Student Federation in 1999, the King Student Administrative Council established an award to assist students in their second, third or fourth year of their program, and to assist graduating students. Students must demonstrate leadership qualities through active contributions to the development of the King Campus community, as well as maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. Eligible students must be Canadian citizens, permanent residents or protected persons, Ontario residents and have demonstrated financial need.

Laurel Schollen Leadership Scholarship

Created to honour, Laurel Schollen, a long-time employee of Seneca on the date of her retirement. Laurel began her career at Seneca in 1982 as a teacher in the School of Biological Sciences & Applied Chemistry. Over the course of four decades, Laurel held a variety of academic titles including: Program Co-ordinator, Chair, Associate Dean, Co-Dean, Dean, Associate Vice-President and Vice-President, Academic.

Awarded to a full-time student in the Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering Technology or School of Aviation. The recipient has attained good academic achievement, with a minimum GPA of 3.0, and demonstrates leadership and community involvement. Preference is given to students who identify as any equity-deserving group.

Sheppard Campus Student Federation Council (SFC) Academics Award

This award is open to any student enrolled in their second or third year of a full-time program based on academic achievement, with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5. Applicants must demonstrate leadership, initiative and dedication to academics. Eligible students must be Ontario residents who are Canadian citizens, permanent residents or protected persons and who have demonstrated financial need.

Seneca Student Federation (SSF) Leadership Award

The SSF, representing all Seneca student governments, will annually present awards to students who have demonstrated a unique or outstanding contribution towards improving the quality of student life at Seneca. Eligible students must be Ontario residents who are Canadian citizens, permanent residents or protected persons and who have demonstrated financial need.

Student Life Achievement Scholarship

Financial awards will be presented to students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in student life programming, including but not limited to orientation, equity and diversity; service-learning; campus clubs; or initiatives of a cultural or artistic nature. Students with outstanding contributions to their community are also eligible. The applicants must have achieved high academic standing throughout the semester.

UWCNY Leadership Scholarship

Awarded to a student leader who champions causes related to the betterment or representation of women or girls at Seneca or the community. Established to celebrate the University Women's Club of North York's 70th anniversary and to honour the dedicated club leaders and volunteers over the past seven decades.

Vicki Milligan Carter Leadership Award

The Vicki Milligan Carter Leadership Award was created by the Seneca Student Federation to honour Vicki Milligan Carter, a long-time employee of Seneca on the date of her retirement. As a former faculty member, Departmental Chair, Director of Student Services and voting member on the Seneca Student Federation's Board of Directors, Vicki's zest to improve student life, assist anyone in need and make Seneca a better place spoke volumes about her commitment to Seneca. This award is open to any Seneca student with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 who has shown academic achievement, leadership, commitment to people and a passion for all things Seneca. This award is funded by the Seneca Student

Federation Leadership Awards fee.

Wayne Norrison Leadership Award

The Seneca Student Federation (SSF) will annually present an award to a student who demonstrates outstanding leadership in the enhancement of student life at Seneca. This award was created to recognize and honour retired Seneca Vice-President, International and Business Development, Wayne Norrison, for his many years of outstanding leadership and support for the SSF. Any Seneca student may apply for this award to recognize leadership related to student life at Seneca. Applicants must have achieved high academic standing throughout the semester. This award is funded by the Seneca Student Federation Leadership Awards fee.