

DURHAM DBEN

#BlackEducatorsNetwork

**DBEN STUDENT SUCCESS AWARDS
APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!**

Durham Black Educators' Network (DBEN) supported by Durham District School Board (DDSB) and our community sponsors, proudly offers annual opportunities for acknowledging students' achievements.

As part of our continued work to support and highlight Black Excellence, the **Durham Black Educators' Network (DBEN)**, *Student Success Awards* scholarship applications **are now open!** Each year, with an intentional focus on motivating, cultivating, and encouraging infinite possibilities, *DBEN Student Success Awards* shine a light on students of DDSB's Black Diaspora, who emulate excellence, and exceptional leadership within their schools and community.

The scholarships and recognition ceremony reinforce high expectations for Black students in Durham, and acknowledge their accomplishments, while promoting a strong sense of well-being and belonging. We know our students are highly capable, and with encouragement and support, they can achieve their dreams.

This year's awards ceremony will take place on:

Thursday, May 16th, 2024

6:00 PM AT

PICKERING HIGH SCHOOL

This year's awards and scholarships for self identifying students of the Black diaspora who are enrolled at Durham District School Board schools are as follows:

DBEN Mark Joel Trailblazer Student Success Award: Please click [here](#) to apply for this award.

This \$500 award is granted to a DDSB student graduating from grade 12 who self identifies as Black, demonstrates leadership amongst their peers, and who is pursuing Education as a post secondary pathway.

DBEN Power in Me Student Success Award: Please click [here](#) to apply for this award.

This \$1000 scholarship will be awarded to a DDSB Grade 12 student pursuing post-secondary education. The selection committee will seek students who

demonstrate quality of character and leadership. Preference will be given to a candidate who is first generation to attend post-secondary in their family.

DBEN Queen Rising Student Success Award: Please click [here](#) to apply for this award.

This \$350 award is granted to a DDSB self identified Black female student in grade 12 who is pursuing post secondary education, and who has demonstrated involvement in community work and/or social justice initiatives.

DBEN ETFO Student Success Award: Please click [here](#) to apply for this award.

This \$1000 award is granted to a DDSB grade 12 graduating student who self identifies as Black and who is pursuing a post secondary pathway in Teaching.

DBEN Alexander (Amo) Black Excellence Student Success Award: Please click [here](#) to apply for this award.

This \$500 award is granted to a graduating grade 12 DDSB student who self identifies as Black, demonstrates excellence in sport, and/or academics, and/or the trades, as well as demonstrates an ambition and plan to pursue their passion in sport, academics, and/or trades.

DBEN Women In STEM Student Success Award: Please click [here](#) to apply for this award.

This \$1000 award is granted to a self identified DDSB Black female student graduating from grade 12 and pursuing post secondary studies in STEM.

DBEN Syfox Stepping Up Student Success Award: Please click [here](#) to apply for this award.

This \$750 award is granted to a self identified DDSB Black male student in grade 12 proceeding to university to study Business or Education.

DBEN Kiburi Pride Student Success Award: Please click [here](#) to apply for this award. This \$1000 award is granted in support of Queer Youth and/or student ally in DDSB who self identifies as Black in grade 12 who is pursuing post secondary education.

DBEN Professor G. A. I Nwogu Memorial Student Success Award: Please click [here](#) to apply for this award.

This \$500 award is granted to a DDSB grade 12 graduating student who self identifies as Black and who is pursuing a STEM post secondary pathway.

DBEN OSSTF Student Success Award: Please click [here](#) to apply for this award.

This \$500 award is granted to a graduating grade 12 DDSB student who self identifies as Black and who is pursuing post secondary education.

DBEN Activating Student Success Awards 2024

The Durham Black Educators' Network established the Activating Student Success Awards, inspired by speaker, author and principal Baruti Kafele, who visited Durham District School Board (DDSB) in 2012 to speak to students and educators about the lived experiences of racialized students.

This award will be given to eight (8) Durham District School Board students, in grades 7 to 12. who self identify as Black and have demonstrated leadership in their community and/or school, as well as been a role model amongst their peers.

4 Secondary Students (grades 9-12) Please click [here](#) to apply for this award.

4 Elementary Students (grades 7 and 8) Please click [here](#) to apply for this award.

*****THE APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR ALL AWARDS IS FRIDAY APRIL 26TH, 2024.**

Please nominate, encourage and support students to apply as early as possible. All applications are also available through our DBEN instagram @durhamblackeducators.

Applicants and their loved ones should save the date of **May 16th at 6 pm to attend the awards ceremony at **Pickering High School** if they are selected for an award.**

Those applicants who have been selected by the selection committee to receive an award will be notified immediately following the selection process.

Questions can be directed to jacqueline.williamsleacock@ddsbc.ca

We look forward to recognizing our incredibly gifted and talented Black youth as well as celebrating their achievements!