



Get \$2000 with the Kathleen Blinkhorn Indigenous Student Scholarship!



Each year, ONPHA (Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association) is proud to provide a scholarship to Indigenous students living in non-profit housing in Ontario. In 2023, we're offering five scholarships of \$2,000 each.

Who can apply?



To be eligible, you must:

- Identify as an Indigenous person.
- Live in non-profit housing in Ontario (also known as social or community housing).
- Be enrolled in a program at a college, university, or private trades school for the 2023-2024 school year (or equivalent)

Application deadline: Friday, June 16, 2023

Visit www.onpha.on.ca/kblinkhorn or contact scholarships@onpha.org for more information.

Don't forget to file your tax return

Each member of your household who is 16 years of age and older and does not qualify as a full time student, must file an income tax return every year.

The Province of Ontario has recently changed the requirements of the Housing Services Act, 2011. As a result, you must file an income tax return to be eligible for RGI.

1. File an Income Tax Return.
2. Submit the Notice of Assessment to their housing provider at the time of their annual income and asset review.

For information on free tax clinics, go to: <https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/employment-social-support/housing-support/rent-geared-to-income-subsidy/>

The deadline for most Canadians to file a 2022 Income Tax Return is April 30, 2023.

Need information on Wigwamen's Special Initiatives?

Get in touch with your property manager, or contact Amber Seager at:

aseager@wigwamen.com or
1-888-248-2104 x223

Upcoming Events for the **Wigwamen** Community



First Aid/ CPR Workshop

April 11th & 12th, 2023 @ 9 am—3 pm 167 Gerrard St E, Toronto, ON M5A 2E4 — To register for this event email your details to Tony@miziwebiik.com

This comprehensive two-day course offering first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) skills for those who need training due to work requirements or who want more knowledge to respond to emergencies at home. CPR C is the level that the majority of Canadians complete. It covers all CPR and choking techniques for adult, child, and infant, as well as two-rescuer CPR training and includes Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training.

This certificate is good for 3 years. Please note this is a two day workshop: **Participants must attend both dates to earn a certification.**

Requirements for entry

Participants need to identify as Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, Inuit) and must be currently residing within the Greater Toronto Area.

Attendees will need to fill out a new Miziwe Biik Registration form and Ancestry form which can be downloaded here: <https://miziwebiik.com/forms/>

For more information visit:

<https://miziwebiik.com/event/first-aid-cpr-workshop>

PowWow Dance Class

Wed, March 15th and 29th, 2023 @ 4 pm—5 pm at 20 Sewells Rd (First Floor Event Space)

Pow Wow Dance Class comes to Wigwamen. All levels of dancers, fans of dancing are welcome to participate, learn & have fun!

Email— nvassiliou@wigwamen.com to register

Painting Workshop

Thurs, March 30th, 2023 @ 1 pm—3 pm—Zoom

Interested in Painting? RSVP to participate!

Email— nvassiliou@wigwamen.com to register



(Pictured Here From Left to Right) Amal Mahmod, Rosie Garcia & Deb Jurca.

The **Sewells Community Group Talk** meets every Tuesday from 9:30am to 12:30pm in the worship room and is open to anyone at Sewells. The group discusses current issues, life experiences, Indigenous culture, and share resources they have accessed. As well as the talk, the group talk includes crafts, Indigenous beadwork, knitting, and more!



Got Ideas for the Newsletter?

Email Francis at

fcommey@wigwamen.com to share ideas, feedback, suggestions!



YWCA Toronto Employment Centre

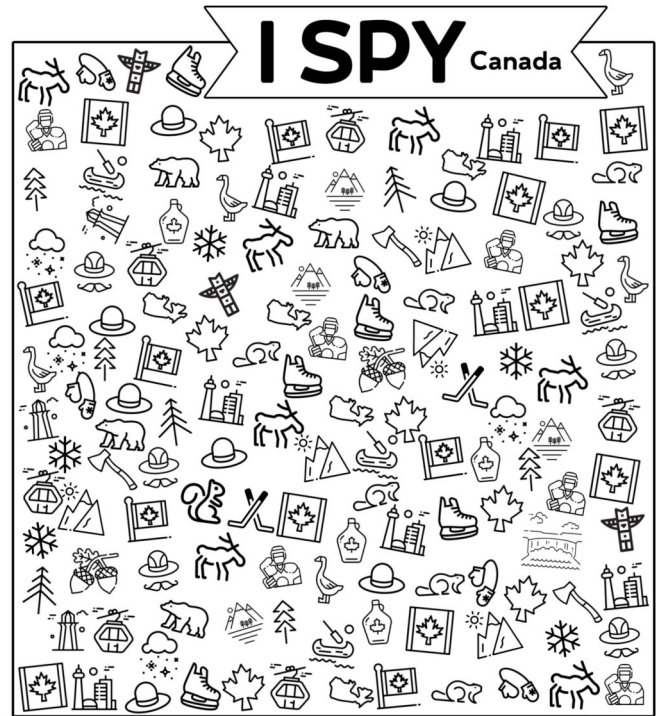
YWCA Toronto is committed to supporting you on your path to employment! Let YWCA Toronto help you get started on your new future! YWCA provides free employment opportunities to women, men & youth!

- Connections to Employers.
- Virtual Job Fairs and Workshops.
- Resume and Cover Letter Writing.
- Winning Interview Techniques.
- Career Counseling.
- Access to: Workstations, Computers, Phones, Internet, Printers and Resources.

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Learn more about our job opportunities and services by visiting — ywcatoronto.org/employment

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Brittany De Leon, designer & mom of 4 kids, created this I SPY game to make life during lockdown a little more bearable for parents and kids. She has made many more designs available for free on papertraildesign.com

TO Rent Bank Interest Free Loans

Toronto Rent Bank grants provide support to Toronto residents who are behind on their rent or need help with a rental deposit.

Eligible residents can call the Toronto Rent Bank at 416-397-RENT (7368), Monday to Friday between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for more information and to access rent relief or visit <https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/employment-social-support/housing-support/financial-support-for-renters/toronto-rent-bank/>

Residents may be eligible for a rental arrears grant or rental deposit assistance if they:

- Are behind on rent.
- Currently live in or are moving to Toronto.
- Can provide proof of current or pending employment and are not currently in receipt of social assistance such as Ontario Works (OW) or Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)*.
- Are the sole applicant for their household.
- Are on the lease as a lease holder or an occupant to qualify, however, if this is not the case, applicants may still apply and an intake worker can assist applicants meet this requirement.
- Have a total household income that is the same as or less than the amounts listed on the right.

Family Size	Maximum Household Income
1	\$46,500.00
2	\$52,000.00
3	\$58,000.00
4	\$66,500.00
5	\$78,500.00
6	\$84,531.67
7	\$91,366.66



WIGWAMEN Incorporated provides safe and affordable housing to hundreds of Indigenous and non-Indigenous families, singles, and seniors throughout Toronto and Ottawa.

WIGWAMEN HOUSING

- ◆ The Terrace (127 units for Indigenous seniors) 14 Spadina Road, Toronto, ON, M5R 3M4
- ◆ 20 Sewells Road (92 units for Indigenous/ non-Indigenous individuals & families) Scarborough, ON, M1B 3G5
- ◆ 228 Galloway Road (60 units for Indigenous/ non-Indigenous individuals & families) Scarborough, ON, M1E 5G6
- ◆ Pam Am (145 units for Indigenous/ non-Indigenous individuals & families) 75 Cooperage Street, Toronto, ON, M5A 0J5
- ◆ Scattered Housing (for Indigenous families) 221 homes located throughout the GTA
- ◆ Place Perrault (41 units for Indigenous/ non-Indigenous individuals & families) 205 Eric Czapnik Way, Ottawa, K1E0A5
- ◆ 55 Thora Avenue (20 units for Indigenous individuals & families) Scarborough, ON, M1L 2P7
- ◆ 3738 St. Clair Avenue East (22 units for Indigenous individuals & families) Scarborough, ON, M1M 1T7
- ◆ 525 Markham Road, Scarborough, ON M1H 3H7 (115 units for Indigenous/non-Indigenous individuals)

TO APPLY FOR WIGWAMEN HOUSING

Families & individuals of Indigenous descent should fill out Wigwamen applications that are available:



By mail: call 416-481-4451 to request; or

Online: at www.wigwamen.com

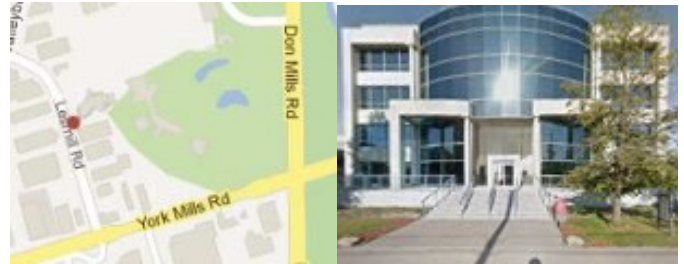
You must submit proof of legal status in Canada and a copy of either your Status Card or an Affidavit of Indigenous Descent for Housing Purposes with your application. Affidavits can be obtained from Aboriginal Legal Services of Toronto.

Non-Indigenous Families & Individuals should fill out an application that is available:

By mail: call 416-981-6111 (Toronto) or 613-702-5358 (Ottawa) to request a form

Online: at www.housingconnections.ca (Toronto) or www.placeperrault.ca (Ottawa)

You must submit proof of legal status in Canada and your income with your application.



Wigwamen Head Office

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Tel: 416-481-4451 | Fax: 416-481-5002

Email: info@wigwamen.com

From York Mills Station take the 122 bus, which stops directly in front of the building; or the 95 bus (not the express), which stops at Upjohn, just 200 metres south of Head Office. Alternately, from Pape Station, take the 25 Bus, get off at York Mills and transfer to a westbound bus, or walk west for about 5 minutes.

Wigwamen Maintenance ✂

If you have a maintenance issue, please contact your building manager. If you do not have a building manager on site, please call the Head Office at 416-481-4451.

Online Maintenance Request Form:
www.wigwamen.com/housing/maintenance-request-form/

In the event of an after-hours emergency (e.g. a flood or heating failure), please call 416-481-4451 (Toronto) or 613-805-9604 (Ottawa).

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