

Agriculture and Environment Award – Sponsored by Sylvite Agri-Services and The Andersons Canada

This award honours young individuals who are passionate about agriculture or environmental issues. The ideal recipient will showcase their involvement in these fields through activities at school or within the community.

Apprenticeship Award – Sponsored by Hydro One

This award is designed to honour individuals who have crafted a clear vision for their future, set essential priorities, and worked diligently towards their goals. The recipient will be acknowledged for their demonstrated proficiency in any apprenticeship area within skilled trades education, as well as their dedicated commitment to pursuing trades participation beyond secondary school. The selection committee will consider achievements in both school and co-op placements.

Business Spirit Award – Sponsored by The Frank and Mary Uniac Charitable Fund

The recipient of this award will be goal-oriented and interested in pursuing a career in business or commerce. They may have contributed to workplace improvements, developed a unique product or business, or initiated a successful fundraising or community event.

Champion of Inclusive Communities Award – Sponsored by Community Living Wallaceburg

This award honours a student who has fostered an inclusive community. The candidate will have taken steps to include individuals facing barriers and demonstrated their efforts through school or community activities. Leadership and volunteer examples are encouraged.

Alan Stevenson Memorial Award – Sponsored by Canadian Mental Health Association Lambton-Kent

This award honours a candidate who has shown a keen interest in helping others or has raised awareness of mental health through personal experience. The successful applicant will have demonstrated compassion, a strong work ethic, dedication, and advocacy in the fields of psychology or mental health.

Leadership/Entrepreneurship Award – Sponsored by FirstOntario Credit Union

This award will be given to a student who aspires to follow a non-traditional career path and demonstrates significant potential as an entrepreneur. The successful candidate will exhibit strong leadership skills and possess a diverse skill set, enabling them to pursue a career characterized by creativity and business innovation.

Health Sciences Award – Sponsored by The Frank and Mary Uniac Charitable Fund

This award is for individuals interested in pursuing a career in healthcare at any level. The successful candidate will have demonstrated leadership, community involvement, and a passion for the healthcare field.

Science and Technology Award – Sponsored by Maple Mutual Insurance

This award celebrates individuals who are curious about the world of science and technology and are committed to pursuing a career in this exciting field. The ideal candidate will not only showcase their career aspirations but also highlight their contributions to the community.

Sports and Recreation Award – Sponsored by Chatham Pool Sharks

This award honours an individual who leverages the power of sport and recreation—whether through community or high school athletics, physical/mental health education, volunteering, refereeing, or coaching—to promote and enhance positive wellbeing. Candidates will demonstrate their role as ambassadors for good health and wellbeing, understanding the significant impact that open conversations about mental and physical health can have on their peers and the community.

Volunteerism and Community Service Award – Sponsored by North Kent Wind

The ideal candidate will showcase the remarkable impact volunteers can have on their community by dedicating their time and talents to a cause they are passionate about. They should be able to demonstrate how their volunteer efforts have gone above and beyond the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

Heather Shaw Memorial Award for YMCA Leadership – Sponsored by Chatham-Kent Family YMCA Foundation

This award will be given to a YMCA employee, volunteer, or a family member of a YMCA employee or volunteer. The recipient must embody the YMCA core values: caring, honesty, respect, responsibility, and inclusiveness. Additionally, they should demonstrate a strong commitment to volunteerism and a deep appreciation for the positive impact the YMCA has had on their life and the lives of others.

