

July 5, 2022
Scholarship Committee
Dufferin County Canadian Black Association (DCCBA)

Dear Committee Members,

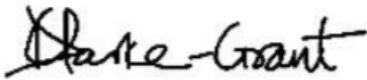
I am writing to recommend Esther Otieno for the DCCBA Black Excellence Award. I have known and interacted with Esther for over six years. During this time, I found her to be a positive member of our church community. Esther has proven to me that she is determined to succeed. She has demonstrated admirable qualities of openness, confidence, independence, helpfulness, flexibility, and dedication. As a Youth Sponsor in the church we both attend, I have had the incredible privilege to mentor her. I have watched her mature into the strong, positive and confident woman she is today.

Esther is not only a leader in her church but has been a strong leader in her school community. She often shares with me her successes in her leadership roles there. Esther has an eye for recognizing when help is needed and often volunteers her time with the audio-visual and hospitality teams. Bringing cheer to the nursing home residents at the Dufferin Oaks and the Shelburne Nursing Homes has been a part of her community outreach. She is eager to lead, often conducts worship services and facilitates lesson discussions with her peers.

As Esther pursues post-secondary education, I am confident she will continue to be a positive force to the youth in her church, the wider community of Shelburne and beyond. I believe she would be a great candidate for the Dufferin County Canadian Black Association (DCCBA) Black Excellence Award. I am pleased to recommend her for selection as she continues to make her community proud.

Best regards,

Debbie Clarke-Grant

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debbie-Grant". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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