

## GRACE FOODS CONTINUES TO SUPPORT STUDENTS' EDUCATION



Grace Foods Canada is a division of GraceKennedy which began operations in Jamaica in 1922 as a small trading establishment and has since grown to run operations across more than 50 subsidiaries worldwide.

Grace Foods Canada Inc. is one of Canada's leading suppliers of Ethnic Foods, and Canada's top brand for Caribbean Food & Drink and is proud to donate \$7,000.00 towards the education of students of Caribbean descent in Canada for the next school year.

Grace Foods believes in giving back and helping to build the communities where we live and operate our business. Our contributions provide assistance in the areas of hunger alleviation, health education and community outreach. As a group, we are committed to doing our part to enrich our communities.

The GraceKennedy Jamaican Birthright Programme is an internship programme offered to qualified applicants of Jamaican lineage, residing in Canada, the US and the UK, and includes educational, professional as well as cultural exposure for applicants in the working environment.

For 2021, Grace Foods has decided to sponsor seven (7) bursaries of \$1,000.00 each through scholarship programs organized by the Council of Caribbean Associations-Canada (CCAC) and the St. Vincent and Grenadines Association of Toronto (SVGAT).



According to Ilisa Chacon, Marketing Manager for Grace Foods Canada, "We are delighted to work with the CCAC and the SVGAT whose scholarship programs fall in line with the company's objectives. I'm excited to work alongside these great organizations to provide these funds to qualified young adults richly deserving of a good education." These two organizations started their programs with the assistance of the Grace Group of Companies in 2005 and have since been providing bursaries to students of Caribbean descent studying at colleges and universities in Canada.



Gideon Exeter was initially the liaison between the Grace Group of Companies and the Caribbean Community organizations. He is now the President of the CCAC and a member of the SVGAT and said that he is delighted to see Grace continuing to play a role in assisting with financing the education of the younger generation. He is happy that Grace has come forward with this support since many of the organizations' efforts to raise funds and the students' ability to get jobs to finance their education have been affected by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information about the CCAC and the SVGAT and how to apply for the bursaries, please visit their websites [www.caribbeancouncilcanada.org](http://www.caribbeancouncilcanada.org) and [www.vincytoronto.com](http://www.vincytoronto.com).