

Fletcher Foundation Year-In-Review



Both 2024 and 2025 have been action-packed years for the Fletcher Foundation. OACETT members and chapter donations to the Fletcher Foundation's Matching Donation Program helped raise over \$66,000 in 2024, tripling the impact of each gift and supporting students in engineering technology and applied science across Ontario.

Fundraising

Last year, three key fundraising initiatives raised over \$7,000 for the Fletcher Foundation. Highlights included our second 50/50 draw at the OACETT 2024 Conference, the Holiday Virtual Silent Auction, and our Giving Tuesday campaigns—all showcasing the generosity of our community.

We're aiming even higher this year with the Driving for the Cause Car Raffle. One lucky winner will take home a 2025 Hyundai Elantra this fall. Open to all OACETT members and the public, tickets are available through Rafflebox until the October 29 draw date: rafflebox.ca/raffle/fletcherfoundation.

In 2025, we also launched the Community Clean Up Challenge with OACETT Chapters. The Grand Valley Chapter

collected the most waste bags and won a \$500 bursary for their local college. Thanks to sponsors CISG Group Ltd., WSP, and Nate Simpson Business Development, the event raised \$3,800.

Last fall, the Foundation reached a significant milestone: La Cité College and Lambton College completed their \$40,000 endowment goals. With this, every Ontario college now has a fund to support a \$1,000 annual bursary for engineering technology students—forever.

What began in 2012 as a bold vision is now a reality. Today, we proudly say, "Mission accomplished."

Awards

The OACETT Engineering Technology Awards, funded through the 25 for 25 Building Forward Campaign endowments, continue to support students across Ontario. While each college sets its selection criteria, financial need remains the top priority, along with academic achievement and potential in the field.

Last year, the inaugural Norman Kallio Bursary Award was presented to four OACETT student members, each receiving \$400 to help cover their PPE exam fee. A new legacy contribution from Mr. Kallio's estate will increase the Generation Award to \$1,500 in 2026 and 2027 and expand eligibility to part-time and post-graduate students. Applications reopen this winter—members are encouraged to apply for their spouse, child, or grandchild.

Mr. Kallio's generosity is a powerful reminder of the impact of planned giving. His legacy creates new bursaries and strengthens existing ones. We encourage members to consider supporting the Fletcher Foundation through estate planning, like Mr. Kallio.

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THANK YO TO ALL WHO'VE CONTRIBUTED!

Your support makes a difference. Visit the Fletcher Foundation page to explore more ways to give: <https://oacett.org/about-us/fletcher-foundation>



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Giving options

Last year, we introduced two easy ways to give: rounding up your annual dues payment through the OACETT Member Portal and making monthly donations via PayPal. Now live, the round-up option lets you round your dues to the nearest \$10, with the difference going dire future for students in engineering technology and applied science.

Through the **Enhancing Educational Experience (EEE)** Grant Program, the Foundation funded impactful projects at Confederation College and Georgian College last year. Confederation College purchased Trimble T7 tablets to give students hands-on experience with industry-grade tools for careers in surveying and forestry. Georgian College launched its Math Initiative, using innovative classroom techniques to boost student confidence in problem-solving.

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