

Hastings CAS Profile:

Jonathon Lindsay-McBain
Youth in care
2010 \$1,000 Clark Grant recipient
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19 year old Jonathon likes skiing, mountain biking and building.

His ultimate career goal?

To create finely crafted furniture.

To kick start his five-year career plan, Jonathon applied for and was accepted to the one year General Carpentry program, starting in September, at St. Lawrence College in Kingston.

Jonathon says his worker, Judy MacDonald, thought his chances of getting a Clark Grant to help with the cost of the program were good right from the start, but he never actually expected to win one. "It's awesome. A very nice surprise. It means I'll have a lot more money towards school than I thought I'd have and come out with less of a student loan."

To get his ticket as a certified general carpenter, Jonathon will need to complete 4200 hours as an apprentice following his graduation from St. Lawrence. Then, he says, he'll work a couple of years to save up enough money to take the two year cabinetry making courses offered at Georgian College in Barrie. Then he'll be on his way to crafting beautiful home furnishings.

"I really want to say thank you to Nancy and Ron Clark for the \$1,000 grant and of course, to Judy, for helping me apply for the Clark Grant in the first place," said the Bayside Secondary School graduate. "The help and support they've provided really means a lot to me and it's important that they know how much I appreciate what they've done for me."