

A THOUSAND REASONS TO SMILE: Desiray Ebbinge (centre) is the deserving recipient of a 1,000 bursary from Properity ONE due in part to her leadership and community involvement. Pictured here also are (left) Mike Shepherd, President and CEO of Prosperity ONE Credit Union, and (right) Gord Krantz, board chair, Prosperity ONE Credit Union - Submitted photo



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Desiray Ebbinge receives Prosperity ONE bursary

Union's Community Development Fund recently awarded a \$1,000 bursary to Desiray Ebbinge, an Acton High School Graduate, selected because of her community service, volunteerism, leadership qualities and academic achievement.

"This was the first year the Prosperity One's Community Development Fund awarded bursaries specifically to our graduating student members," said Lesley Mansfield, Chair of the Community Development Fund adding the process garnered a great deal of interest and was a challenge for the committee as each student applicant is an exceptional young person in their schools and communities alike.

Desiray graduated Acton High School having received an Honours Award in all four years of high school, combining extensive work and volunteer experience including the Friends of Milton District Hospital Campaign, Peer

Prosperity ONE Credit Tutoring at Acton High, helping to create a study group, and welcoming new grade 9 students to the school, arranging education activities for elementary students at Milton's Waterfront Festival and so much more. She is also a member of the Team Canada 2011 Cheerleading Team and attended tryouts for the World's Cheerleading Team - Cheerforce Wolf Pack yesterday (Wed.). The New Tanner has not yet received word as to the result.

> Desiray's leadership abilities are best described in her letter of application when she describes a team injury at the World Cheerleading Championships that required a reworking of the routine, minutes before performing the routine. Her solution was to bring the team into a "huddle" and encourage the team to move forward and try their best. The result was an "awesome performance and routine.'

Ms. Ebbinge has been accepted into three different Universities and has decided to attend Wilfred Laurier in the Business Administration program, a program that will defiantly compliment her academic and leadership qualities.

"I'd like to thank Prosperity ONE for choosing me as a recipient of the bursary. The award will go a long way towards financing my post-second-ary education," said Ms. Ebbinge adding she was surprised to be named as she has not had success with other awards and bursaries she has applied for.

Prosperity ONE has been serving the Halton community since 1957. The Community Development Fund was created to support worthwhile social, economic and environmental initiatives organized in the spirit of cooperation and community development and is designed to initiate change and support the development of activities that strengthen local communities. For more information, please visit www.prosperityone.ca





