

# Hamilton Black History Council

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## ELEMENTARY AWARD NOMINATION PACKAGE

**Application deadline: January 24, 2024, 11:59 p.m.**

The following is provided for information purposes only, to help support a strong online application available through:  
[www.johnhollandawards.com/applications](http://www.johnhollandawards.com/applications)

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Applications are invited for the following award:

- Ainara Alleyne “Rising Star” Award

### Eligibility

- Nominee must identify as a Person of African or Caribbean Descent
- Nominee must be a Grade **7 or 8** student attending an elementary school in the City of Hamilton.
- Nominee must be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or refugee and, the City of Hamilton must be their principal residence.

### Ainara Alleyne “Rising Star” Award

Ainara Alleyne is a Hamilton born student and the creator of Ainara’s Bookshelf. What started off as an Instagram account, featuring diverse authors and books with the goal of spreading representation and growing a love of reading kids, and is now a TV series. She has spoken to student teachers at Western University, at pedagogy symposiums and in classrooms about the importance of diversity in literature and in the classroom. She has been the junior ambassador for FOLD, Telling Tales, the MS read-a-thon, works as a contributor for CBC Kids News and was the Hamilton Public Library’s first Junior Librarian in Residence. Ainara hopes to encourage more kids to use their voices to help better their community.

This award will be given to a student who is excelling in an academic field and/or area of interest or extra-curricular activity. The recipient of this award must be motivated and hardworking and have made a positive impact in their community or school. The winner will receive a monetary prize of \$1000.

**Award Partner: Hire Altitude Inc.**

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Below is a copy of the application and is provided to you **for information purposes**. You may only complete and submit the application through the online portal available at: [www.johnhollandawards.com/applications](http://www.johnhollandawards.com/applications)

### NOMINEE INFORMATION

Last Name:	First Name:	Year of Birth:
Address:		
Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Name:		
Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Phone Contact:	Email Address:	

Elementary School:	School Address:	School Telephone:
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**SCHOOL OR COMMUNITY NOMINATOR INFORMATION**

Nominator’s Last Name:	Nominator’s First Name:	
Name of Institution/Organization (if applicable):		
Primary Phone Contact:	Secondary Phone Contact:	Email Address:

**ATTESTATION:**

I attest that I have received consent for this nomination from the nominee’s parent/guardian/caregiver.

Nominator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

A completed online application must include all of the items listed in the checklist below. Please ensure that the following items are ready before completing your application.

**Complete Nomination Package Checklist:**

<b>Elementary Award Nomination Online Application 2024</b>	
<b>Nominator’s Letter of Recommendation (350 words. Max)</b>	
<b>One Letter of Support</b> (in addition to the nominator's letter of recommendation)	
<b>Nominee’s Personal Statement (300 words max.)</b>	
<b>Any other documentation that supports the nomination</b>	

**Additional Information:**

- Through a letter of recommendation, the nominator must clearly describe the nominee’s impact and eligibility for the Ainara Alleyne “Rising Star” Award. The letter may include information such as the nominee’s background, area of expertise, measure of impact, and current activities (350 words maximum).
- In 300 words maximum, the nominee should write a personal statement highlighting how their achievements, experiences and goals make them well-suited for the Ainara Alleyne “Rising Star” Award. Share as much information as is relevant for the Selection Committee to evaluate the nominee’s achievements.
- Provide one letter of support (in addition to the nominator’s letter of recommendation) from individuals and/or organizations (excluding immediate family members) whose views support the information provided by the nominator.
- Provide a recent head shot of the nominee in JPEG format.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- The winner of this award will be notified prior to the in-person Awards Gala on February 24, 2024. Applicants will be required to be present at the event to receive their award.