



TORONTO REGION

AJPO Bursary

First ever AJPO Bursaries awarded December 16th, 2008

Toronto - Five Toronto high school students were selected to receive the AJPO Bursary, awarded for the first time at a recent ceremony at Old City Hall.

Each student had participated in the *Court Experience Programme* during the 2007-2008 school year.



L -R Greg Sitch (L.A.W.S.), Amber Abbott, Clarissa Narro, HW Mark Conacher, Kimberly Rhoden, Cory Boomsluitter, HW Lynne Stethem, HW Esme Lall, HW Teresa Jewitt, HW Sandra Anstey,

The selection of the five was made by the Bursary Committee of the Toronto Region Chapter of AJPO. The Committee, chaired by Her Worship **Lynette Stethem**, included Their Worships **Teresa Jewitt**, **Esme Lall** and **Lena Crawford**.

The AJPO Bursary was established by AJPO's Board of Directors in January, 2008. The Board voted to award a bursary of up to five hundred dollars for each of the seven AJPO chapters.

At the Spring Board of Directors meeting, an ad hoc committee of the Board under Her Worship **Lillian Ross** was struck to establish guidelines for the awarding of the Bursary in each region. However, by that point the Toronto process was well underway and the Toronto Committee had already determined a set of criteria. Her Worship **Stethem** noted that Toronto's criteria for 2009 will be adjusted once the Board of Directors has established the province-wide criteria.

In Brief





HW Esme Lall presents Clarissa Narro with the AJPO bursary cheque and Certificate

TORONTO REGION MEMBER'S MEETING

The next Member's meeting of the Toronto Chapter of AJPO will take place on **Saturday, February 28, 2009**, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Courtroom 121 at Old City Hall.

The Toronto Representatives, HW **Jan Stiff** and HW **Sandra Anstey** will be reporting on the meeting of the Board of Directors held in January, 2009.

In addition to the Board report, issues anticipated to be on the agenda will be:

- The Report of the 5th Triennial Justices of the Peace Remuneration Commission
- Benefits of Membership
- AJPO Committee Work
- Toronto Specific Issues

Bursary awards, *cont'd*

"We were quite far along with our process," Her Worship said, "and we had no difficulty selecting five very deserving students from amongst the dozens who had participated in the *Court Experience Programme* last year."

The *Court Experience Programme* was established by Toronto Justices of the Peace in 2006 and is now active in five Toronto courts.

The students' parents attended the ceremony, held in the ornate Courtroom 121, along with staff of *L.A.W.S.*, a programme of the U. of T.'s Faculty of Law.



Above: HW Lena Crawford presents to Kimberly Rhoden

Below: HW Mark Conacher and HW Teresa Jewitt with Cory Boomsliuter and his parents

