

Local student wins prestigious epilepsy scholarship June 8, 2012

Epilepsy Ontario is proud to announce that Toronto's Rahman Mohamed received an OBCL Continuing Studies Award on June 6 at the Toronto Cricket Skating and Curling Club. As a youth leader at the Ismaili Centre in Etobicoke, he developed an interest in helping others. Mohamed, 23, now attends York University for sociology, and hopes to educate others as a social worker.

"We'll see a change [in the public perception of epilepsy] if we reach out to people," said Mohamed, "and I think the best way to do it is to reach out to the young people because young people would be most willing to make a change."

Mohamed is one of eight recipients across Ontario to receive an award funded by Osler Business Consulting Ltd. Each applicant submitted a personal essay under the theme, "How Epilepsy has Shaped My Life." The Continuing Studies Award encourages one applicant who is pursuing further post-secondary education.

Epilepsy is the second most common neurological disorder after headache, and can develop at any age. One in 100 Canadians lives with epilepsy, including 1.4 million in Ontario.

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