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Burlington woman among winners of student debt contest

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Taryn Davis...

Taryn Davis found a unique way to 'write down' her debt.

The third-year chemical engineering student at the University of Toronto used her writing skills to earn \$5,000.

The Firkin Group of Pubs has named Davis and four other Ontario students as recipients of \$5,000 each as part of the Say F. U. to Student Debt program.

Submitted 500-word essay

The 20 year old was chosen from among hundreds of entries. She won the money after entering the online 'Firkin University' contest and writing a 500-word essay about why she deserved to win.

The patron of the Friar & Firkin pub in downtown Toronto told the *Post* she will use the money to help pay down approximately \$11,000 in school debt she has accumulated.

"With 40 per cent of Canadian college and university graduates entering the workforce in debt (according to Statistics Canada), the Firkin Group of Pubs wants to help get rid of some of that pressure by offering \$25,000 to worthy students or recent graduates," the company said in a press release announcing the launch of the contest.

"The Firkin Group of Pubs recognizes that while there are many successful scholarship programs across the country to help students kick-start their schooling, there aren't many programs that support Canadians who have worked hard to complete their education but enter the workforce crippled with debt."

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