

# COLLEEN BLAKE

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## OBJECTIVE

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I am seeking to invest my talents in a position that will allow me to find fulfilment through entertaining others.

## EDUCATION

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YORK UNIVERSITY  
*Bachelor of Arts; Psychology Major*  
Graduating June 2001

HUMBER COLLEGE  
Certificate in Grief and Bereavement Counselling 2000  
Certificate in Basic Crisis Intervention 2000

## ARTISTIC EXPERIENCE

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### ECHOES OF PRAISE

*1992 - Present*

- Small vocal ensemble, four part harmony
- 1996 - Nominated for MAJA Award (Mahalia Jackson Award)
- 1992 - 1996, represented Eastern Canada in the International Teen Talent Competition for the Church of God
- 1996 - 1<sup>st</sup> place winner representing Eastern Canada in the International Teen Talent Competition, San Antonio, Texas
- Sing at weddings, concerts and various special occasions

### FAITH OUTREACH MASS CHOIR

*1995 - Present*

- Lead vocalist for various songs
- 1996 - Nominated for MAJA Award (Mahalia Jackson Award)
- Sing at concerts and special occasions
- Studio Sessions for various artists and occasions

BRAMALEA CHURCH OF GOD YOUTH CHOIR  
1998 - 2000

- Choir director
- Finding and arranging appropriate songs for the choir
- Teaching three part harmony to members
- Scheduling engagements for community events
- Drummer for weekly services

OTHER STAGE PERFORMANCES

- 1994 - represented Eastern Canada in the International Teen Talent Competition, Drama Monologue Division
- 1996 - played the role of 'Mama' in high school production of Bye Bye Birdie
- 1997 - directed high school production of Mister Twister
- 2000 - present primary character in the production 'The Hope'

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Certificate of Appreciation for participation in Black History week celebration '95
- Received scholarships for outstanding performances in numerous vocal and drama competitions in: 1992, 1994 and 1996
- Received the Clio Award for Excellence in History and Social Science in 1996
- Received Drama Award for the highest outstanding grade 12 drama student of the year 1996
- Honour Standings for Academic achievements in 1996
- Head of Cultural and Fashion Show Sub-Committee for Bramalea Secondary School's First Unity Fest '96'

INTERESTS

- Singing, Reading, Drama, Badminton, Roller-skating

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

AM-2243