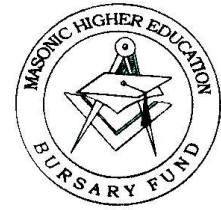




THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA

ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS



MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY

STUDENT INFORMATION

GENERAL

Grand Master Ross S. Sheppard (1956-57), inspired the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund which was established by resolution at The Grand Lodge of Alberta's annual communication in June 1957. The objective was to provide an Outreach Charity that would benefit society at large, help students pursue post secondary educations, and be in keeping with the philosophy of Freemasonry. Later the Fund was registered with the Government of Canada, Registration #107447153RR0001, which allowed tax receipts to be issued for all donations in support of the Fund.

In 2008 and again in 2009, some 100 Bursaries were awarded in the amount of \$2,000.00 each.

QUALIFICATIONS

The base qualifications for applying for a Masonic Higher Education Bursary are:

1. Must be a Canadian citizen with home residence in the Province of Alberta or the Northwest Territories.
2. Honest and accurate completion of a current application form, to be **submitted in duplicate**, no later than March 1st. Late applications will be rejected.
3. High enough marks for acceptance into a program offering a Certificate, Diploma, or Degree of not less than two (2) years in length at any Technical Institution, College, or University within the Province of Alberta or the Northwest Territories. Such institutions outside of the Province of Alberta or the Northwest Territories will only be considered if the course being taken is not offered with the Province of Alberta or the Northwest Territories.
4. A demonstrated "need" for financial assistance in order to be able to obtain a "higher Education". The relative nature of such "need" is to be determined by the application of a computerized "points" system authorized by the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee, which could be amended from time to time.
5. A successful interview and confirmation of the family income by the presentation of **Canada Revenue Agency's Notice of Assessment(s)** for last year or a copy of the current years **Income Tax and Benefit Return**, specifically Line 236, Net Income to the interviewers.

OTHER

Other considerations:

1. First consideration shall be given to applicants applying to attend the first (1st) year of any program with a secondary consideration being given to applicants in second (2nd) and succeeding years.
2. A Bursary awarded in any one (1) year does not obligate the Committee to future consideration for subsequent awards.

3. Applications received with no verifiable “family income” listed will be assigned an amount equal to the average family income as published by the Province of Alberta each year.
4. Students meeting the requirements of the Committee for an award, but who will be attending only one (1) semester or a half (½) year, will receive one (½) half of the award authorized for the year.
5. Award cheques for the worthy recipients of the Masonic Higher Education Bursaries will be issued by The Grand Lodge of Alberta office when confirmation of acceptance from the Technical Institution, College, or University has been sent to The Grand Lodge office. They will be made payable jointly to the recipient and the post secondary institution which the recipient is to attend.
6. As interviews are required, rural applicants wishing to be interviewed at home must provide clear and correct rural addresses. A Post Office address will not provide sufficient information to locate an applicant’s home.
7. All information provided to the Committee and interviewers will be kept confidential and destroyed after one year.
8. All decisions by the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee will be considered final.

AWARDS

From time to time Masonic Districts or Lodges hold Masonic Higher Education Bursary award events. It is requested by the Committee that each recipient of a Bursary, if requested to attend, make every effort to be in attendance.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta holds its Annual Communication in June of each year, and it is customary that a selected student receive the Ross Sheppard Memorial Bursary award at the evening banquet. It is required for the successful recipient, on behalf of all the Bursary recipients, to respond with a two (2) to three (3) minute speech of appreciation. An honourarium is paid to the recipient for this event.

The Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee, on behalf of The Grand Lodge of Alberta, wishes each and every student an interesting and successful future in his or her field of endeavour.

Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee