

The Rotary Club of Fort Erie

2023 Margaret Cowan Memorial Service Above Self Scholarship

The Rotary Club of Fort Erie is offering three (3) scholarship awards of \$1,000.00 each to local high school students pursuing post-secondary education and who require financial assistance in meeting education costs. Applicants are required to complete an application form and submit documentation to verify financial need (see attached form). A selection committee made up of members of the Rotary Club of Fort Erie will review all applicants based on the criteria listed below. Information submitted will be held in the strictest confidence and viewed only by the Rotary Club of Fort Erie Scholarship Selection Committee. The selection committee will only notify those applicants who will be receiving a scholarship.

CRITERIA:

- The Rotary Club of Fort Erie awards the Margaret Cowan Memorial Scholarship annually to high school students from the Greater Fort Erie area who have excelled in community service, are looking to further their education in a post-secondary or accredited apprenticeship program and who has demonstrated financial need.
- Applicants must submit a short essay on the impact that community service has had on their life and why this scholarship is important to them.
- Applicants must supply a copy of their most recent Ontario Secondary School Transcript along with the scholarship application form.
- Applicants must include two references, one from their secondary school and one from another, non-family source (employer, volunteer supervisor, neighbour etc.).
- Applicants must be enrolled in a full or part-time post-secondary or an accredited apprenticeship program.
- Applications which do not clearly meet these criteria will not be considered.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Completed applications are to be submitted, **no later than May 1, 2023**, to:

The Scholarship Selection Committee
c/o The Rotary Club of Fort Erie
PO Box 63 Station Main
Fort Erie, ON L2A 5M6

- The Scholarship Selection Committee will review all Applications.
- Three (3) recipients will be selected and notified by the Rotary Club of Fort Erie.
- **A copy of proof of registration in a post-secondary or accredited apprenticeship program must be submitted before any monies are paid to a recipient. Failure to provide such documentation within six months of a recipient's high school graduation will cause that recipient to forfeit his/her entitlement to the scholarship.**

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Scholarship Application

All applicants must complete the entire application form and include a copy of their current Ontario Secondary School transcript and proof of acceptance into a post-secondary or accredited apprenticeship program. Applications will not be considered if your application is not complete, and the required information is not included with your Scholarship Application.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____ TOWN: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

SOCIAL INSURANCE NUMBER: _____

WHO ARE YOU LIVING WITH?

_____ Parents/Guardian _____ Spouse/Partner _____ Roomate _____ Self

Intended program of study: _____

Name of post-secondary institution you plan on attending: _____

What is your career goal? _____

Community Engagement

Please provide a short summary of any-extra curricular activities you are involved with. **Attach a separate sheet if necessary.**

Number of community service hours completed to date: _____

Please provide a short summary of community service activities you have completed. (Note this summary is separate and distinct from your essay on what community service means to you.) **Attach a separate sheet if necessary.**

Community Engagement (continued)

If there are any special circumstances that make it necessary for you to apply for this scholarship, explain here. **Attach a separate sheet if necessary.**

Financial Information

Please provide a summary of your educational expenses and expected financial resources for one year, from September to the end of your academic year. If you are not sure of your earnings, please estimate the amount.

Please outline your expenses:		Please outline your resources:	
Tuition / Fees	\$	Savings this year	\$
Books	\$	Previous earnings	\$
Rent/Residence	\$	Earnings during school	\$
Food	\$	Contributions of Parents/Guardian	\$
Utilities	\$	Other (gifts, scholarships, investments)	\$
Transportation	\$		
Other (please specify)	\$		
Total	\$	Total	\$

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: MAY 1, 2023

I certify that the information provided on this application and financial statement is, to the best of my knowledge, true and complete.

Signature: _____

Date: _____