



William A. Dempsey Scholarship

The William A. Dempsey Scholarship is being offered in recognition of the work and activities of Mr. William Dempsey who passed away in August 2008. Mr. Dempsey was a long time resident of this community and epitomized what it means to be an active, caring, and giving member of society both in his professional and personal life.

After serving in World War II, Mr. Dempsey attended the University of Toronto studying social work and town planning. Over the years he worked in the Community Planning and Housing Branches of the Ontario Government and served as Special Assistant to the Honourable Walter Dinsdale, Federal Minister of Northern Affairs.

Mr. Dempsey was also very active in the Centennial Community and made significant contributions to the quality of life in this area. He was the first president and a founding member of the Centennial Community Recreation Association, which was established in 1949. He made many contributions to this community including being the driving force behind the creation of Adams Park, the preservation of the Centennial Rouge United Church, starting Heritage Day and the annual Christmas Carol concert at St Dunstan's Church. He worked to have Highland Creek preserved as a post office and he ensured the preservation of the Wesleyan Cemetery in Highland Creek. Mr. Dempsey was also an accomplished violinist.

Mr. Dempsey was always aware of protocol and respected everyone's opinions but did not hesitate to raise concerns about an issue if it meant the country/community would be a better place. He fought long and hard to preserve the planning principles of our community. He had a vision for our community and never let up on seeking to achieve that vision. He was constantly writing letters to ensure elected representatives and government agencies were made aware of his concern about an issue with the view to resolving it for the betterment of the community.

Value

The William A. Dempsey Scholarship is valued at \$1,000 Canadian, and will be awarded to an individual who has made notable contributions in community and extracurricular activities. The scholarship will be paid to an accredited post secondary institution (i.e. University, College, Trade School, etc.) of the student's choice for the sole use of the student.

Criteria for the award will be in keeping with the overall purpose of the CCRA organization as outlined in the By-laws:

“The purpose of this organization is to further and promote the welfare of the residents of the area and its environs and to establish co-operation good will and mutual respect among the residents in accordance with the appropriate Human Rights legislation of Ontario, the Canadian Charter of Rights, the laws of Canada, and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of the United Nations.”

Criteria

- Open to all high school students who live in the Centennial Community, regardless of the school they attend, and who are planning to attend a post secondary school in the following 12 months
- Must have lived in the Centennial Community for 12 months prior to the scheduled award date
- Must be a resident of a household that has paid 2011 CCRA Membership
- Applicants cannot be a sitting member or an immediate family member (i.e. partner, mother, father, brother, sister, son or daughter) of a sitting member of the CCRA Executive
- Students apply or are nominated, using the form available on line at the CCRA website: www.ccranews.com
- Personal leadership activities: e.g. significant contributions to community and excellence in extracurricular activities beyond academic requirements
- Must be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant

Application Process

1. Download the form from the CCRA website at www.ccranews.com and complete all of the sections.

HANDWRITTEN APPLICATIONS WILL BE DISCARDED.

2. Letters of reference, as mentioned in Part E, must be in sealed envelopes that are stamped or signed across the seal by the reference person, and must accompany the application. Please do not supply more than two letters of reference.
3. Applications must be received no later than 9:30 P.M., **Tuesday, April 24, 2011**. Late applications and incomplete applications will not be reviewed, nor will applicants be notified. Submit completed applications to the CCRA mail box at the Port Union Recreation Centre, opposite the lounge, 5450 Lawrence Avenue, East, Toronto, Ontario, M1C 3B2.
4. Applications will be reviewed and a successful candidate chosen by a panel of the CCRA Executive members. If no applicant is deemed to meet the criteria for the scholarship, no award will be made. The decision of the panel will be final.
5. All entry materials become the property of the CCRA and will not be acknowledged or returned. The copyright in any submission shall remain the property of the applicant, but entry into this contest constitutes applicant's irrevocable and perpetual permission and consent, to use such submission for editorial or publicity purposes by the CCRA and/or other purposes authorized by the CCRA, in any and all media now in existence or hereinafter created.
6. The successful applicant will be notified in June 2012.

William A. Dempsey Scholarship Application Form

Section A: Personal Data

SURNAME

FIRST NAME

HOME ADDRESS

POSTAL CODE

TELEPHONE/E-MAIL

CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL

Post-secondary Academic Plans

List the post-secondary institutions and programs to which you have applied (in order of preference)

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

Section B: Awards and Recognition

Please list all awards and recognition including scholarships prizes and awards obtained in the last four years. Please specify the date that each honour was received.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

Section C: Activities

List the school, community, employment and other activities in which you have been involved in the last five years. Please list them **in order of importance** to you and include activity, position held, duration and hours per week of involvement.

Examples

Activity	Position held	Duration	Hours per week
<i>Yearbook Committee</i>	<i>Editor</i>	<i>Sept. 2002 - May 2002</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Habitat for Humanity</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>July - August 2002</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Tim Horton's</i>	<i>Cashier</i>	<i>May 2000 - Current</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>OSSA Leaders Conference</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>November 2003</i>	<i>20</i>

In addition, please describe your most significant leadership role(s) in three activities previously stated.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

Provide contact information for people who can verify your role in the above three activities.

1.	Name (please print)	Contact information (Phone, e-mail)	Date
2.	Name (please print)	Contact information (Phone, e-mail)	Date
3.	Name (please print)	Contact information (Phone, e-mail)	Date

Section D: Essay Questions

Answer each of the following questions. Each response must be between 300 to 500 words.

1. How have you contributed to the community and played a leadership role in the community?
2. How have your past experiences shaped who you are and benefited you as a person? Please draw relevancy to the post secondary program you've applied to when answering this question.
3. In 10 years, what do you plan on doing with your leadership and academic experiences and how will your post secondary training and experiences help you to achieve this?

Section E: Two References Required

The letters of references must be in sealed envelopes and submitted with the student's application.

School Reference

Applicant Name _____

School Reference Name/Position _____

School Name/Address _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail address _____

The letter of reference must be completed on school letterhead and submitted with the student's application. The letter must be in a sealed envelope, stamped or signed across the seal, by the reference person. As a teacher, counsellor or principal who has observed the applicant in his/her public life and is aware of his/her various involvements, please comment on the following:

1. Please state the period of time you have known the applicant and in what capacity.
2. Describe the applicant's creativity, leadership ability and commitment to service, and give concrete examples of how the applicant embodies qualities such as originality, initiative, industriousness, and good judgment.
3. Please be as thorough and precise as possible. This letter of reference is used as an important means for determining the quality of this applicant.

Community Reference

Applicant Name _____

Reference Name/Relationship _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail address _____

A community reference should be written by someone, other than a family member or close friend. The reference should be someone who has observed the applicant in his/her public life and is aware of his/her various roles. The letter must be in a sealed envelope, stamped or signed across the seal, by the reference person. As this person please comment on the following:

1. Please state the period of time you have known the applicant and in what capacity.

2. Describe the applicant's creativity, leadership ability and commitment to service, and give concrete examples of how the applicant embodies qualities such as originality, initiative, industriousness, and good judgment.
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Applicant's Declaration:

I hereby declare that the information I have provided in this application is correct and can be verified upon request. I give the Centennial Community Recreation Association (CCRA) permission to publish my name, photo and essay if I am the recipient of this award.

Date

Signature of Applicant