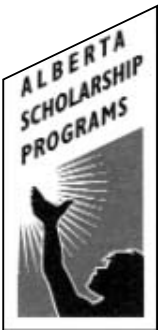

Dr. Gary McPherson

Leadership Scholarship



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Dr. Gary McPherson was a renowned advocate for people with disabilities. He devoted himself to inspiring leadership and bringing out the best in everyone. He was a member of the Order of Canada, the Alberta Order of Excellence and both the Edmonton and Alberta Sports Halls of Fame.

This scholarship recognizes students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, especially in the area of disability, and/or initiative to improve the conditions and lives of others.

Award Value

100 awards of \$2,000 each will be awarded annually.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- be a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident,
- be currently living in Alberta,
- be enrolled full-time in a post-secondary program: undergraduate, professional, graduate, apprenticeship, diploma or certificate program at a designated Alberta institution in the year of nomination, and
- have shown outstanding leadership, especially in the area of disability, and/or initiative to improve the lives of other people while attending a post-secondary institution in Alberta.

Selection Procedures

Each institution will establish a selection committee with appropriate expertise. The Student Awards Office may also set an earlier application deadline. This committee may be the same as used for other institutional awards. The committee will consider the role and contribution each applicant has made at their school. The selection committee may also take into consideration marks, financial need, and other activities as secondary selection criteria.

Application Procedures

Include with your completed application:

- a resume highlighting your leadership involvement and other activities related to improving the lives of other people,
- a related letter of reference, and
- an essay of up to a maximum of 1,000 words - please refer to page 4 of the application for details.

Submit your completed application form to the Student Awards Office at your educational institution. Please note that the application deadline of February 1st is the deadline for institutions to submit the applications of the successful candidates to Alberta Scholarship Programs. Applicants are advised to contact the Student Awards Office early in the fall to inquire as to the selection process and the application deadline.

Submission Deadline for educational institutions is: February 1

Dr. Gary McPherson Leadership Scholarship Biography

After reading the biography of Dr. Gary McPherson please attach an essay of up to a maximum of 1,000 words using examples of how you have shown leadership, especially in the area of disability, and/or initiative to improve the lives of others. The essay should be typed, double-spaced and use a font size no smaller than a size 10.

Dr. Gary McPherson Biography

Dr. Gary McPherson was an extraordinary Albertan who sought to improve the conditions and lives of people through his outstanding leadership ability. Despite being paralyzed due to polio, McPherson was a sports enthusiast throughout his life and helped to transform wheelchair sports into a worldwide sporting movement known as the Paralympics.

McPherson was also a leader and advocate for the disabled community serving as Chair of the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities and Vice-Chair of the Alberta Paraplegic Foundation. Gary received significant recognition and awards for his achievements including the prestigious Order of Canada, the Queen's Jubilee Medal and the Alberta Order of Excellence.

Above all, Gary dedicated his life to his family and to activities that promoted community development and support for young people. Gary passed away on Saturday, May 8, 2010.

Declaration of Applicant

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE INSTRUCTIONS, AND DECLARE THAT:

- a. all information provided is true and complete and I understand it is subject to audit;
- b. I will be a full-time student at the institution named for the period stated;
- c. I will immediately notify the office of Alberta Scholarship Programs in writing if I withdraw from full-time studies before completing one semester of studies.

I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT:

- a. personal information pertaining to my post-secondary academic enrollment status may be released and exchanged by and between Alberta Scholarship Programs and the educational institution for the purpose of determining my eligibility for a scholarship;
- b. personal information may be released and exchanged by and between Alberta Scholarship Programs and any provincial government departments, boards or institutions to verify the information I have provided to Alberta Scholarship Programs, and for the use in research and statistical analysis in program evaluation.

I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT:

if I receive a scholarship my name, award and city/town may be released publicly to promote the program, however this is not a criterion for eligibility, and if I do not want to be identified I will contact Alberta Scholarship Programs.

Signature of Applicant (in ink)

Today's Date (in ink)