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WATERLOO REGIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Exclusive to the Children of Active and Retired Members of the W.R.P.A.

Eligibility for five (5) scholarships will be reserved exclusively for the children of W.R.P.A. (Active and Retired) members. As long as you have a Parent or Legal Guardian that is an Active or Retired Member of the W.R.P.A. you can qualify.

The Scholarships

The Waterloo Regional Police Association is offering up to five (5) scholarships valued at two thousand (\$ 2,000.00 CDN) dollars each.

Who Can Apply?

Students who are currently in grade 12 of a Canadian High School or enrolled in their graduating year of CEGEP (Collège d'enseignement général et professionnel), or have graduated from a Canadian High School or CEGEP within the **last year** and will be enrolled in their first year of an undergraduate degree or diploma program on a full-time basis at a recognized publicly funded Canadian university or college in the fall of the upcoming academic term.

When can I apply?

Applications will be accepted once final transcripts become available for the academic year until **August 1**st of the academic year.

When are the winners announced?

Winners will be announced on or about August 31st of the academic year and will be published in The Beat magazine and the W.R.P.A. website.

Scholarship Terms and Conditions

- 1) There are up to five (5) W.R.P.A. Scholarships in total (each, a "Scholarship"), exclusively offered to children of Active and Retired members of the W.R.P.A.
 - a) To be eligible for one (1) of the five (5) scholarships, all applicants must (and will be required to provide proof they):
 - i) Are the child or legal dependant of an Active or Retired member of the W.R.P.A. and are under twenty (20) years of age.
 - ii) Are currently in grade 12 of a Canadian High School or enrolled their graduating year of a CEGEP, or have graduated from a Canadian High School or CEGEP within the last year.
 - iii) Are enrolled full-time in an undergraduate degree or diploma program on a full-time basis at a recognized publicly funded Canadian university or college in **September of the current academic year** and provide proof of enrollment.
 - iv) Have a minimum cumulative GPA (Grade Point Average) equivalent of at least eighty percent (80%) for their grade 12 high school classes or their graduating year of a CEGEP.

To be eligible for one (1) of up to five (5) scholarships which are exclusively offered to children or legal dependants of an Active or Retired member of the W.R.P.A., an applicant must meet the additional criteria set out in Section 4 below.

If the school enrolment documentation is not submitted to the W.R.P.A. Executive Board, within the specified timeframe, the application may be subject to disqualification.

- b) Each of the scholarships shall be comprised of a lump sum payment in the amount of two thousand (\$2,000.00 CDN) dollars to be paid by way of cheque directly to the scholarship recipient. Such amount shall be applied towards the student's tuition and other school-related expenses (including books and residence fees). T4A slips will be issued to the successful scholarship recipients for the taxation year it was received.
- 2) If you plan to attend a post-secondary school outside of Canada commencing in September of the current academic year as part of a year-abroad program you may still be eligible to apply provided you are participating in an exchange program as part of your undergraduate course curriculum at a recognized publicly funded Canadian college or university and your graduation diploma is issued from a recognized publicly funded Canadian college or university.

- 3) Applications must be submitted in writing and received by the W.R.P.A. Executive Board as soon as final transcripts become available for the academic year until **August 1**st of the academic year.
- 4) Application Evaluation Criteria:

A judging panel comprised of Executive Board Members, will be responsible for evaluating qualifying entries based on the following considerations/criteria:

- a) Applicants must submit an application by August 1st of the academic year with a portrait style photograph measuring two (2) inches by three (3) inches suitable for reproduction in the W.R.P.A. Association publication if successful.
- b) Application Personal Information: Provide basic contact details, including your email address, phone number, mailing address, and **Social Insurance Number (S.I.N.)** etc. **W.R.P.A.** will issue a **T4A** slip to the successful Scholarship recipients.
- c) Provide information and a copy of your grade 12 high school or CEGEP transcripts which provide proof of at least a eighty percent (80%) average for the completed year of study, and proof of enrolment in a degree or diploma program at a recognized publicly funded Canadian university or college as a fulltime student in September of the current academic term.
- d) Civic Engagement Requires you to provide information on your civic engagement experience (including volunteer, internship and work experience.) Civic Engagement participation will be reviewed by the judging panel based on the number of hours and quality of participation.
- e) Submit at least one letter of recommendation from a community member which supports your Civic Engagement.
- f) Required Essay (400 words or less) Essay will be judged based on a combination of clarity of thought and communication:

Describe an experience or person in your life that has helped to shape you into the person you are today.

Upon completion and submission of the application, a confirmation e-mail will be sent to you, confirming receipt of the application.

- 5) Decisions regarding potential Scholarship recipients will be made **by August 31**st of the academic year and potential Scholarship recipients will be notified on or **about** September 1st of the academic year.
- 6) The W.R.P.A. reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to modify, amend (including extending the scholarship application deadline) or cancel this scholarship program at any time without individual notice.

- 7) By entering this scholarship competition, you agree to be bound by these terms and conditions, the records of the W.R.P.A. and the decisions of the Scholarship competition judges, which records the decisions shall be deemed final, conclusive and binding in all matters.
- 8) You certify that all the information provided on the application form and in all the accompanying documents is true, accurate, and complete to the best of your knowledge. You understand that providing false information will render you ineligible for this Scholarship program.
- 9) By submitting this scholarship application, you hereby authorize W.R.P.A. to release any information provided in or relating to your Scholarship application to the scholarship judges who need to know such information for the purpose of awarding the W.R.P.A. scholarship program. The selection committee will use the information solely for the purpose of evaluating your scholarship application.
- You authorize the W.R.P.A. to collect, use, store and confirm information about you from your application, high school, college, university, government, or community sources and from references you have provided to the W.R.P.A. in your application for the purposes of administering and promoting this scholarship program. The information the W.R.P.A. may collect, use, store and confirm includes, but is not limited to, personal evaluations and transcripts.
- 11) You hereby authorize third parties, such as universities, government or community sources to release information required for the scholarship to the W.R.P.A. who need to know such information for purposes of administering the scholarship program. This information may include personal evaluations, verification that student information is correct and transcripts.
- 12) In the event that you are a scholarship recipient, you grant to the W.R.P.A. the right to use your name, image, university/college name and any direct quotes made by you in respect of the scholarship program.
- 13) The definition of what constitutes "full-time" status is determined by the post-secondary school being attended.
- 14) "CEGEP" is the acronym for "Collège d'enseignement général et professionnel" known in English a general and vocational college.