



Rotary Club of Newcastle Memorial Scholarship (2010) - in honour of Rotarian Ian Byers -

Founded in 1943, the Rotary Club of Newcastle is part of a worldwide organization of more than 1.2 million business, professional, and community leaders. Members of Rotary clubs, known as Rotarians, provide humanitarian service and encourage high ethical standards in all vocations. Rotary helps build goodwill and peace in the world through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders and through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

There are 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds. As signified by the motto "Service Above Self", Rotary's main objective is service — in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world

For many years, the Rotary Club of Newcastle offered the G. Roy MacWilliam Scholarship annually to a graduating student of Miramichi Valley High School. In 2010, the Rotary Club of Newcastle has increased the value of the scholarship, expanded the eligibility to a student graduating from any one of three schools, and changed the focus to a "memorial" scholarship that will honour a different worthy person each year. For the 2010 graduating class, the Memorial Scholarship will honour the late Ian Byers. Mr. Byers was a long-serving Rotarian, a community-minded volunteer and strong supporter of youth in Miramichi and elsewhere.

The Scholarship award criteria are modeled on the mission and values of Rotary, and are described below:

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A. Eligibility

- 1) Applicants must be graduating in June 2010 from one of the following secondary schools:
 - Miramichi Valley High School
 - North and South Esk Regional High School
 - Carrefour Beausoleil
- 2) Complete application (including reference letters and school transcripts) was submitted before the deadline.
- 3) Applicant must be a Canadian Citizen or Landed Immigrant.

- 4) Applicant must be applying to enroll in a post-secondary institution to start Fall term 2010 to study full-time in any field, in Canada or elsewhere.
- 5) One Scholarship is awarded annually. The value of the 2010 scholarship is \$ 3500 Cdn.

B. Selecting the Winner

- 1) The recipient will demonstrate:
 - service and commitment to school and to community;
 - solid academic achievement in high school; and
 - how receipt of the this Scholarship will help them achieve their goals.
- 2) The recipient must demonstrate a community consciousness – how they have reached out to others through community service or through promotion of world peace through international cooperation and understanding.
- 3) Sustained participation and achievement in athletic, arts and/or cultural activities will also be favourably considered.
- 4) Diversity of participation and service will be considered in the selection process, and leadership will be rated more highly than simple participation.
- 5) The award will be made by, and at the sole discretion of, the Scholarship Committee of the Rotary Club of Newcastle.

C. The Selection Process

- 1) Students apply for the award by submitting an Application Form and supporting documentation to the Scholarship Committee.
- 2) Upon review of the written submissions, the Committee will select and interview the top five (5) applicants. Only one (1) scholarship will be awarded annually.
- 3) The award will be announced by June 1st at the regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Newcastle. The recipient will receive at least one-day prior notice to the announcement.
- 4) The results will include a list of up to five (5) alternative recipients for the event that a scholarship is declined by a candidate to whom it is offered.
- 5) Alternative recipients will be notified if they are placed on the list.
- 6) All applicants will be notified of the Committee's decision.

D. Administration of the Scholarship

- 1) A candidate may not receive this Scholarship if another scholarship is received that is of greater value, without the written approval of the Scholarship Committee of the Rotary Club of Newcastle.
- 2) It is the Recipient's responsibility to notify the Scholarship Committee, in a timely manner, of all other scholarships received.
- 3) Acceptance of the scholarship implies an obligation on the part of the Recipient to engage in full-time studies at a post-secondary institution for the year (i.e. 2 terms of study) of the award. Any proposed change of plan must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee for approval.

E. Payment of the Award

- 1) The Scholarship will normally be paid out in one installment.
- 2) Payment is conditional upon the Scholarship Committee of the Rotary Club of Newcastle receiving written confirmation from the post-secondary institution that the Recipient has completed the first term of study (Fall 2010) and has enrolled in the second term of study (Winter 2011), in the program in respect of which the scholarship application was submitted.
- 3) It is the Recipient's responsibility to arrange for this written confirmation to be provided to the Scholarship Committee.
- 4) **Failure to provide the appropriate written confirmation will result in the award being forfeited.**