

Loretta Barbara Grace Saunders Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded in memory of Loretta Saunders who was murdered along with her unborn child in February 2014. Loretta was 26 years of age and three months pregnant at the time of her murder. Loretta was a very bright and happy individual who reached out to those who needed help and smiled at everyone she met. To honor Loretta, this award was set up in her memory by the Nunatsiavut Government.

Loretta was an Honours student attending her last semester of her Honours degree in Criminology at Saint Mary's University in Nova Scotia when she was murdered. After graduation, Ms. Saunders had plans to continue her studies and attend Law School.

Loretta was nearing completion of her undergraduate thesis on missing and/or murdered Aboriginal women and children in Canada when she too was brutally murdered and became another statistic of murdered and missing Aboriginal women.

Eligibility Criteria

This scholarship will be awarded to a qualified Nunatsiavut Beneficiary who is a full-time attending student under the Post-Secondary Student Support Program and who has completed at least one year of Post-Secondary Education.

One award may be issued each calendar year only when the Selections Committee deems an applicant has sufficiently met the approved criteria. Therefore, this award may not be issued each year.

Selection Criteria

The Loretta Saunders Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to:

- A full-time attending student under the Nunatsiavut Government's Post-Secondary Student Support Program;
- A student who has overcome obstacles to become a full-time Post-Secondary student.
- A student who has successfully completed at least one full year of post-secondary studies, is in clear standing with their institution and the PSSSP and is continuing full-time in their program of studies;
- A student who has demonstrated leadership skills through extracurricular activities or community involvement, particularly for events or activities promoting safe and healthy environment and lifestyles for women, children and Aboriginal people.

For purposes of interpretation, full-time attendance under Nunatsiavut Government's Post-Secondary Student Support Program requires students to be registered in a minimum of 4 credit courses or 12 semester hours of credit. Students who are receiving part-time funding under the PSSSP, but who meet the PSSSP full-time attending criteria are also eligible for this award.

The award will be open to all Nunatsiavut Government PSSSP full-time attending students, (female or male) who can demonstrate they have met the approved criteria.

Applying for the scholarship

Each student must submit an application for this award, along with a personal statement detailing how they have met the requirements of this award and why they should receive this award.

Each applicant must provide two letters of support: an education reference from an education representative and a personal reference from an individual (non-relative) who is familiar with the applicant's personal character. Both references should be able to verify that the student has met the conditions of the award.

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 28 OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR

Scholarship Value

The award amount has been set at \$1,000.00 per award. The recipient of the award will be presented with a certificate, along with the cheque and have their name placed on a perpetual plaque which will be displayed at the College of the North Atlantic in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

The Committee will consist of 3 representatives:

- Tim McNeill, Deputy Minister of Education and Economic Development with the Nunatsiavut Government
- Clayton Saunders, Father of Loretta Saunders
- Tanya Vincent, Friend of Loretta Saunders



THE LORETTA SAUNDERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ Beneficiary Number: _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Current Institution: _____

Program of Study: _____

Summary of School/Community Service Activities:

Personal statement detailing how you have met the requirements of this award.
(please attach additional paper if more space is required):

NOTE: Two letters of reference are required and should be attached to this form.

*References cannot be provided from relatives.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Applications should be forwarded to the NG office in St. John's.
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