

About the Scholarship

The Shirley H. & Meredith Nelson Health Care Scholarship was established in 2006. Shirley H. Shrum was born April 7, 1923 on her family farm in Gainsborough Township, County of Lincoln, Province of Ontario. Shirley graduated as a registered nurse from Mack Training School in St. Catherine's, Ontario. Meredith O. Nelson and Shirley H. Shrum married and lived in Newfoundland where Meredith was in the Navy. When Meredith retired they settled in Thunder Bay in 1985. The fund was established by their daughter Deborah H. Kraft.

Introduction for Student Services

The *Shirley H. & Meredith O. Nelson Scholarship is open to students from **Thunder Bay and the District of Thunder Bay**. See goo.gl/q1oQvo for more details.

Each school is asked to select and nominate **Two (2)** of qualified students for consideration by our Scholarship and Bursary Committee.

Students may not apply directly to the Foundation for this scholarship

Please make FOUR (4) hole-punched, stapled copies, mail or hand-deliver application to:

Thunder Bay Community Foundation,
Suite 312, 101 Syndicate Avenue,
Thunder Bay, ON P7C 3V4

Important Dates

- Completed Applications to Student Services: April 16, 2018
- Nomination from Student Services to TBCF: April 16, 2018
- Reception Date: June 19, 2018

Application Details

Section 1 – Check List (Please order the packages as follows)

- Scholarship Application Form* – Your personal and contact information using the form provided on the website or by your student services office.

- Volunteer Activities Form* - A list of your community volunteer activities and work experience using the form provided on the website or by your student services office.

- Extracurricular Activities Form* – A list of your school related leadership and volunteer activities using the form provided on the website or by your student services office.

- Work Experience Form* - A list of any part time or summer jobs you may have had or now have using the form provided on the website or by your student services office.

- ONE reference from an adult in the community using the criteria in the *Reference Letter Details Form*.

- Essay in response to the question included in this information sheet in Section 3 using the *Essay Form* or following the formatting checklist using MS Word or other applicable word processor.

- High school transcript* along with this semester's mid-term marks (submitted by the guidance counsellor).

Section 2 - Eligibility

- Applicants must be in their graduating year of secondary school.
- Nominees must have a minimum overall average of 80% in all Grade 12 credits.
- Be a student graduating from high school living on a working farm in Northwestern Ontario or a student who was raised on a farm and is in a graduate program.
- First priority will be given to a student(s) who are going into the field of Nursing. If there are two students who apply in one year and meet the above requirements, then potentially more than one award will be given at an amount determined by Meredith Nelson or Deborah Kraft or their designees.
- Priority two - if there are no students going into Nursing then a Scholarship will be given to a student majoring in other health care either in an undergraduate or graduate program. **Note if the Scholarship recipient is going into a Graduate Program or continuing in a Graduate Program at a Canadian University they will provide marks based on the Graduate Program they have been admitted to or are attending. 80% will not be the baseline. They will also not be expected to live on a working farm while they are attending University.
- Priority three - if none of the above requirements are met the Scholarship will be open to any student meeting criteria 1 through 4 and entering into any undergraduate program in a University in Canada.

Section 3 – Essay Details

Please answer the following:

Describe the size of the farm, where its income is derived, the number of animals, main crops and what the applicant did to help on the farm.

Formatting Checklist

Essays should be limited to ONE (1) page and be formatted as follows (or use the form available on the website titled Essay Form):

Header

- Title: Centered, bolded, Bookman Old Style, Size 16
- Name of Student (Under Title): Centered, Bookman Old Style, size 12

Normal Text (everything between the header and footer)

- Font Type: Bookman Old Style
- Font Size: 11
- Line Spacing: single (0 pts before and after text)
- Any section headers/titles: same as above, except bolded

Section 4 – Application Requirements (for Student)

- All nomination packages must be submitted by the applicant to Student Services by **Monday, April 16, 2018.**

Section 5 – Application Requirements (for Student Services)

- All nomination packages must be received at the Community Foundation by **Thursday, April 26, 2018** from the school.
- Late applications will not be accepted. Unsigned or incomplete application packages will be disqualified.
- Please provide THREE (3) copies and ONE (1) Original of each application, stapled and 3 hole-punched. The original application should include wet/original signature.

Section 6 – Selection Process

The Community Foundation evaluates applicants in the following four areas.

Item	Weight
Academic performance	30%
Involvement in school and community activities	30%
Reference letter	10%
Essay	30%

- Only successful applicants will receive notice from the Foundation.
- All decisions are at the sole discretion of the Board of Trustees and are final.

Section 7 – Obligations of Recipients

- Before payment the applicant must submit proof of full-time registration at a Canadian post-secondary institute (as per the eligibility criteria) their Social Insurance Number and proof of aboriginal ancestry (if required). The award is paid in one installment in **December of 2018**.
- Winners must enter university/college in the year of their application.
- Successful applicants must provide a photo for publication on the Community Foundation's website and a brief summary of his or her academic plans.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact the Thunder Bay Community Foundation Office at 475-7279 or visit the Foundation's website at www.tbcf.org