



THE JUSTICE RONALD B. LESTER MEMORIAL BURSARY

TWO (2) AWARDS AT APPROXIMATELY \$5,000 EACH

*THE NUMBER OF AWARDS AND AMOUNT MAY CHANGE
BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE

About Justice Ronald B. Lester

Justice Ronald B. Lester moved to Thunder Bay with his wife Susan in 1975 and was made a Provincial Court Judge in 1991. He was very committed to his community and his family and was involved in a myriad of activities. After his passing in 2000 the Harbour Youth Foundation celebrated his memory by renaming their Foundation the Justice Ronald B. Lester Memorial Youth Foundation. The Foundation's bursaries have been awarded to local graduating high school students who have demonstrated financial need and outstanding community service. Since its inception in 2000, the bursary has been awarded to 34 students, for a total of over \$150,000. In 2014 The Justice Ronald B. Lester Memorial Youth Foundation ceased operations and requested that the Thunder Bay Community Foundation administer their Bursaries.

Introduction for Student Services

A total of Two (2) Awards will be presented annually to students from Thunder Bay who have completed Grade 12 and are entering a Post-Secondary Program at any post-secondary institution in Canada. The Justice Ronald B. Lester Memorial Bursary is dedicated to creating opportunities for young people, who as a result of economic limitations may not otherwise be able to attend College or University. The goal is to help individuals further their educational pursuits and realize their highest potential and aspirations. The Justice Ronald B. Lester Memorial Bursary is open to students from Ontario Secondary Schools in Thunder Bay. See <http://tbcf.org/pages/view/scholarships-and-bursaries> for more details. Each school is asked to select and nominate an **unlimited** number of qualified students for consideration by our Grants & Scholarships Committee.

Students may not apply directly to the Foundation for this bursary.

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 21, 2017
- Nomination from Student Services to TBCF: May 1, 2017
- Reception Date: June 6, 2017 from 5:00PM to 7:00PM

Application Details

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

- Lester Bursary Application Form* – Your personal and contact information, Volunteer/Community Activities Details Write Up, Letter of Reference and Personal Reference Details, Letter of Reference Form, and Financial Need Form using the form provided on the website or by your student services office. This package is different from the other applications. Only this application can be used for the Justice Ronald B. Lester Memorial Bursary.

- 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.

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

Section 2 - Eligibility

The Justice Ronald B. Lester Memorial Bursary is open to applicants from Ontario Secondary Schools from Thunder Bay.

- Applicants must be seeking full-time admission to a Canadian university or college, accredited by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada.
- Applicants must be in their graduating year of secondary school.
- Applicants must clearly demonstrate financial need

Section 3 – Application Requirements (for Student)

- All nomination packages must be submitted by the applicant to Student Services by **Friday, April 21, 2017** from the school.

Section 4 – Application Requirements (for Student Services)

- All application packages must be received at the Community Foundation by **Monday, May 1, 2017** 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. The Financial Needs Form only needs to be included with the original.

Section 5 – Selection Process

The Committee of the Justice Ronald B. Lester Memorial Youth Foundation evaluates applicants in the following three areas:

- Clearly demonstrated financial need

- A record of involvement and participation in activities and initiatives directed toward the helping of others and a demonstrated concern for the welfare of others
- Good Academic performance
- 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 6 – Obligations of Scholarship Recipients

- Before payment the applicant must submit proof of full-time registration at a Canadian post-secondary institute (as per the eligibility criteria) and their Social Insurance Number. The award is paid in one installment in **December of 2017**.
- 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