

# JUSTICE RONALD B. LESTER MEMORIAL BURSARY

**TWO (2) AWARDS AT APPROXIMATELY \$7,500 EACH**

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

## About the Bursary

Justice Lester was very committed to serving his community especially supporting youth organizations. For many years Justice Lester was the President of Harbour Youth Services. After his passing in 2000, the Harbour Youth Services Board renamed their post-secondary bursary after him. In 2005, the Lester family overtook the administration of this bursary and started the Justice Ronald B. Lester Memorial Youth Foundation. This Foundation is dedicated to creating educational opportunities for local graduating high school student who as a result of economic limitations may not otherwise be able to attend college or university. This bursary is 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 44 students totaling over \$200,000 in funding. The Justice Ronald B. Lester Bursary is one of the largest (financially) private family bursaries in the Thunder Bay region to be awarded.

## Introduction for Student Services

- The Justice Ronald B. Lester Memorial Bursary is open to students from **Thunder Bay and the District of Thunder Bay**. See [goo.gl/q1oQvo](http://goo.gl/q1oQvo) for more details.
- Each school is asked to submit an **unlimited** number of qualified students for consideration by our Scholarship and Bursary Committee.
- **Students may not apply directly to the Foundation for this scholarship.**

## Important Dates

- Completed Applications to Student Services: **Friday April 12, 2019**
- Nomination from Student Services to TBCF: **Thursday April 25, 2019**
- Reception Date: **Thursday June 6, 2019**

## Application Details

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

- Bursary 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).
- Financial Need Form* – This demonstrates your financial need. Please use the form provided on the website or by your student services office.

### **Section 2 - Eligibility**

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

### Section 3 – Essay Details

Please answer the following using the form in the application package.

Select one of your volunteer activities. A) Why did you choose this volunteer area? B) Describe how you were involved. C) Would you continue in this volunteer area? Why or why not?

### Section 4 – Application Requirements (for Student)

- All nomination packages must be submitted by the applicant to Student Services by **Friday April 12, 2019**.

### Section 5 – Application Requirements (for Student Services)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Activities Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Activities Form
<input type="checkbox"/> Extracurricular Activities Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Extracurricular Activities Form
<input type="checkbox"/> Work Experience Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Experience Form
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- All nomination packages must be received at the Community Foundation by **Thursday, April 25, 2019** from the school.
- Late applications will not be accepted. Unsigned or incomplete application packages will be disqualified.

### Section 6 – Selection Process

The Community Foundation evaluates applicants in the following five areas:

Item	Weight
Academic performance	4
Financial Need	10
Involvement in school, community activities and work experience	6

- Only applicants who are short-listed for an interview will be notified.
- Only successful applicants will receive notice from the Foundation.
- All decisions are at the sole discretion of the Lester Family 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 Indigenous ancestry (if required). The award is paid in one installment in **December of 2019**.
- Successful recipients 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](http://www.tbcf.org)