

June 2020

ROTARY HELPING STUDENTS- \$100,000. FOR BURSARIES

'It takes a community to raise a child.'

Last year 34 students set off from Gravenhurst to study at universities and colleges from the University of British Columbia to Dalhousie and they were assisted by citizens from Gravenhurst who, over the past 10 years have made donations to the Rotary Bursary Endowment Fund. This year the fund, together with a private donation from a retired cottager, will provide over \$100,000.00 in bursaries to students from Gravenhurst or students who have studied in Gravenhurst who want to pursue a higher education by obtaining a degree, diploma or certificate from a university, college or trade program of their choice. Through the generosity of over 150 Gravenhurst and area residents, 18 'Stand-Alone' bursaries have been set up in family names and these family bursaries vary in size, providing between \$1,200.00 and \$4,000.00 last year. In addition to the Rotary Club of Gravenhurst, bursaries will be provided by the following families who have donated \$25,000.00 or more to the Endowment Fund:

Mary E. McSheffery Memorial Bursary
Norman Rippon Family Bursary
Everett and Florence Doherty Family Bursary
Ross and Betty Franklin Family Bursary
Audrey and Fred Brown Family Bursary
William and Dora Rathbun Family Bursary
Agnes Lina Cook Memorial Bursary
Terence Haight Memorial Bursary
Glen and Phyllis Williams Family Bursary
Isabel Heels Memorial Bursary
Goodwin Family Bursary
Frankish Family Bursary
Vellinga Family Bursary
Enno and Marina Hoekstra Family Bursary
Jack and Sandra Young Family Bursary
Patricia Patterson Family Bursary
John Vail Family Bursary,
Dorothy Liddle Bursary Fund
Rotary Club of Gravenhurst Bursary

Ken Little, Chairman of the Fund, noted 'The community should be proud of their involvement in the success of the children from our community. The donors are slowly changing the perceptions of some lower income families and the expectations of their children

by providing financial opportunity in Town. We want children and families to know there is help – right here in our community for their children to get a better education.”

Richard Augustine, an accountant and advisor to the Bursary Fund notes: The grants are not scholarships, there is no requirement to submit academic marks...these are bursaries intended to help families and their children who have a dream of a better life. It is ‘need’ that is most important and the determining ‘factor’.

To qualify for a Bursary, the applicant must be either, going to school in Gravenhurst, or a Gravenhurst resident and actively pursuing a post-secondary education. If a student is from Gravenhurst and attending a Catholic Schools in Bracebridge or Orillia, they can also be eligible for a bursary. Former Bursary Award winners are invited to apply again this year. Members of the Rotary Club are not eligible.

The Rotary Bursary Endowment Fund continues to receive donations annually from individuals in the community and encourages those in a financial position through their own hard work, inheritance or lottery to consider this registered charitable, tax deductible cause, which is helping our children who are trying to improve themselves.

Applications for the 2020-2021 year of study are available at the local High Schools or on the website at www.BursaryFund.ca, where you will also find full details regarding qualifications, special donors, history etc.

Fully completed Applications must be received by June 30th and can be dropped off at Muskoka Real Estate Services, 810 Bay St. in Gravenhurst or mail it in to:

The Rotary Bursary Endowment Fund
Box 888,
Gravenhurst, Ontario
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