



THE PAT LORD POST SECONDARY EDUCATION AWARD FOR PICTOU COUNTY ADOPTEES

FUNDED THROUGH THE ABERDEEN HEALTH FOUNDATION'S CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY OF PICTOU COUNTY ENDOWMENT FUND

The Pat Lord Post-Secondary Education Award for Pictou County Adoptees was created in 2009 to recognize the work of Pat Lord, an Adoption Worker who retired after 39 years of service with the Children's Aid Society of Pictou County.

When the long-time private agency was integrated into the Department of Community Services in 2010, funds from donations and bequests to the Children's Aid Society of Pictou County were transferred to the Aberdeen Health Foundation to create an endowment fund.

The Pat Lord Post Secondary Award is funded through this endowment and awarded based on the recommendation of a Selection Committee and the applicant's demonstrated involvement in their school and community rather than their academic success.

AMOUNT OF THE AWARD:

One award each year in the amount of \$2,000.

WHO MAY APPLY:

Applicants that qualify for the Pat Lord Post-Secondary Education Award must have been either in the care of the Children's Aid Society of Pictou County and placed for adoption within Nova Scotia **OR** have been in the care of another child protection agency within Nova Scotia and placed for adoption with a family in Pictou County.

Applicants must enroll in a recognized post-secondary education program within two years of graduation from high school. Applications outside these criteria may be eligible for consideration under exceptional circumstances.

Applicants are only eligible to receive this award once.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Applications must be received by **May 30, 2025**.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Applications and all required documents may be submitted by email with all documents in .pdf format OR regular mail to the address below.

Aberdeen Health Foundation
Attn: Megan Manuel Murphy
835 East River Road
New Glasgow, NS, B2H 3S6

APPLICATIONS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY:

- ☐ Proof of Acceptance to a Recognized Post-Secondary Education Program
- ☐ A Copy of your High School Transcript
- ☐ A Letter of Recommendation from an adult unrelated to you that can attest to your commitment and involvement in your school and community, e.g., Teacher, Guidance Counselor, Youth Group Leader, Minister, Employer, et al.
- ☐ A 500-word essay introducing yourself to the Selection Committee.
This essay should help the Committee get to know you and should include:
 - Your Educational and Career Goals
 - Your Non-Academic Involvement in your School and/or Community
 - What being an adoptee has meant for you
 - What this award would mean to you
- ☐ Information on other Scholarships and Bursaries you have received, if applicable

SELECTION PROCEDURE:

All applications will be reviewed and evaluated by the Selection Committee.

The Aberdeen Health Foundation will notify the selected award recipient.

RECIPIENT REQUIREMENTS:

- ☐ To provide proof of enrollment. Once received, a cheque for the total amount of the award will be issued, payable to the recipient.
- ☐ To provide their Social Insurance Number. For issuing the T4A required by law.
- ☐ To provide proof of payment of their tuition within 30 days of the start date of classes.



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APPLICATION FORM**

Full Name of Applicant: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: ____ - ____ - ____ **Email Address:** _____

Name(s) of Adoptive Parent's: _____

Year Placed for Adoption: _____

Name of High School: _____

Name of Post-Secondary Institution: _____

Name of Post-Secondary Program: _____

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Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____