

DR. GARY MCPHERSON LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Award Value – \$2,000

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Dr. Gary McPherson was a renowned advocate for people with disabilities. He devoted himself to inspiring leadership and bringing out the best in everyone. He was a member of the Order of Canada, the Alberta Order of Excellence and both the Edmonton and Alberta Sports Halls of Fame.

This scholarship recognizes students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, especially in the area of disability, and/or initiative to improve the conditions and lives of others.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- be a Canadian citizen, Permanent Resident or Protected Person (visa students are not eligible),
- be an Alberta resident, and to be considered an Alberta resident one of the following conditions must apply:
 - one parent, or legal guardian has maintained permanent residence in Canada for at least twelve (12) consecutive months immediately prior to commencing post-secondary studies and be residing in Alberta, or
 - Alberta is the last place the student has lived for twelve (12) consecutive months immediately prior to commencing post-secondary studies, or
 - was married to an Alberta resident immediately prior to commencing post-secondary studies.
- be enrolled full-time in a post-secondary program: undergraduate, professional, graduate, apprenticeship, diploma or certificate program at a designated Alberta institution in the year of nomination, and
- have shown outstanding leadership, especially in the area of disability, and/or initiative to improve the lives of other people while attending a post-secondary institution in Alberta.

Selection Process

Each institution will establish a selection committee with appropriate expertise. This committee may be the same as used for other institutional awards. The committee will consider the role and contribution each applicant has made at their school. The selection committee may also take into consideration marks, financial need, and other activities as secondary selection criteria.

The Selection Committee will forward the names of the successful candidates to Alberta Student Aid no later than February 15, 2018.

Application Process

Include with your completed application:

- a resume highlighting your leadership involvement and other activities related to improving the lives of other people,
- a related letter of reference, and
- an essay of up to a maximum of 1,000 words - please refer to page 2 of the application for details.

Additional Information

100 awards of \$2,000 each will be awarded annually.

Post-secondary institutions nominate eligible students for this scholarship. There are a limited number of scholarships available to each school and application deadlines vary by school. Students must contact their schools for application deadline dates (be aware that some student deadlines may be months before the school submission deadlines).

Alberta Student Number (ASN)

Your Alberta Student Number is on your Alberta Transcript for High School Achievement.

If you do not know your ASN, or do not have an ASN:

- Visit iae.alberta.ca/ASN for instructions.
- Call toll-free in Alberta at 310-0000 to have a Request for ASN form mailed to you. Due to privacy issues, ASN's will not be given over the phone.

Deadline and How to Apply

- **Application Deadline:** Students must contact their schools for application deadline dates.
- **Post-Secondary Institution Nomination Deadline for submission to Alberta Student Aid:** February 15, 2018
- **Submit application to:** Post-Secondary Institution Student Award Office
- **Payment:** March

Contact: Alberta Student Aid Service Centre at 1-855-606-2096
Visit: studentaid.alberta.ca/scholarships

Post-Secondary Institution Enrolment Information

Post-Secondary Institution Name

Student ID

Address

City/Town

Prov/State

Country

Postal/Zip Code

Program of Study

Level of Study: (check one)

- Master Level
- Ph.D Level
- Undergraduate
- Professional Program (e.g. medicine, veterinary medicine, optometry, etc.)

Program of Study Start Date

Month	Year

Anticipated Date of Completion

Month	Year

Program Length

 Years Months

Year of Program

Expected Credential (e.g. upgrading, transfer, degree, diploma, certificate, other)

Additional Information

Dr. Gary McPherson Leadership Scholarship - Biography

After reading the biography of Dr. Gary McPherson please attach an essay of up to a maximum of 1,000 words using examples of how you have shown leadership, especially in the area of disability, and/or initiative to improve the lives of others.

The essay should be typed, double-spaced and use a font size no smaller than a size 10.

Dr. Gary McPherson Biography

Dr. Gary McPherson was an extraordinary Albertan who sought to improve the conditions and lives of people through his outstanding leadership ability. Despite being paralyzed due to polio, McPherson was a sports enthusiast throughout his life and helped to transform wheelchair sports into a worldwide sporting movement known as the Paralympics.

McPherson was also a leader and advocate for the disabled community serving as Chair of the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities and Vice-Chair of the Alberta Paraplegic Foundation. Gary received significant recognition and awards for his achievements including the prestigious Order of Canada, the Queen's Jubilee Medal and the Alberta Order of Excellence.

Above all, Gary dedicated his life to his family and to activities that promoted community development and support for young people. Gary passed away on Saturday, May 8, 2010.

Declaration of Nominating Party

To be Completed by the Post-Secondary Institution:

I hereby declare that this student has been selected for this scholarship and meets the required eligibility and obligations.

Name of Official

Position

Signature of Official

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Date

Day	Month	Year

Declaration of Applicant

I have read and understand the instructions, and declare that:

- all information provided in this application, including any supplemental information required to establish my eligibility (the "Application"), is true and complete and I understand that the information is subject to review and audit.
- I have read and understood the eligibility requirements and obligations of the scholarship and/or award as stated in the scholarship and/or award application and requirements.
- I will immediately notify Alberta Scholarships – Alberta Student Aid, in writing if I withdraw from studies or of any changes to my name, address, academic status or study period, or to any other information contained in the Application in accordance with the instructions relating to changes of information found on the Alberta Student Aid website, studentaid.alberta.ca.

Disclosure of Information

I understand that Advanced Education may disclose and exchange my personal information pertaining to my high school and post-secondary academic records, academic progress, and enrolment status with:

- Alberta Education to verify my Alberta Student Number, name, date of birth, and gender solely to confirm identification for the purpose of the scholarship and/or award application.
- Any of the following: provincial and federal government departments; the educational institution(s) named in the Application; boards; and any third party or third party organizations involved in the selection of the recipient.

I understand and agree:

- to provide all information requested by Alberta Student Aid which, in Alberta Student Aid's sole discretion, is required to verify any statements made in this Application.
- if I receive a scholarship my name, award, and city/town may be released publicly to promote the program. My name, the name of the scholarship and the scholarship amount may also be published on the Government of Alberta Grant Disclosure Portal. However, my consent to the publication of this personal information is not a criterion for eligibility, and if I do not want to be identified, I will contact Alberta Student Aid and request that it not be disclosed.

Signature of Applicant

Today's Date

x SIGN HERE	Day	Month	Year	

**Please review your application to make sure you have completed all the required fields.
All supporting information must be received by the application deadline.
Missing information will delay processing.**