

# The George MacNeil 4-H Entrance Scholarship Guidelines and Application

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## **Purpose of the Award:**

With thanks to all those who gave so generously to allow it to happen, the Cape Breton County 4-H Leaders' Council is proud to establish the **George MacNeil 4-H Scholarship**, an endowed scholarship award in memory of an outstanding 4-H member, leader and friend, George MacNeil. This award will honor the life and legacy of George to the 4-H program in perpetuity, by supporting deserving Nova Scotia 4-H members pursuing post-secondary study.

## **Award Conditions:**

One award of \$1,000 will be presented to a 4-H member **entering a recognized post-secondary program of study of that current year**. The award will be announced at 4-H Weekend in May, with pay-out to be made on or before November 15<sup>th</sup> of that year. Recipients must provide proof of enrolment in a post-secondary program in order to qualify for receipt of the award.

## **Award Criteria:**

- (a) The successful candidate must demonstrate involvement in his/her 4-H community and other worthy non-academic activities.
- (b) The successful candidate must have a minimum average of 80%, with no failures in most recent evaluations.
- (c) **This is a one-time, non-institutional-specific award, to be granted to a Nova Scotia 4-H member registered in a recognized degree, diploma or certificate program.**

## **Award Administration and Endowment Management:**

The George MacNeil Scholarship Award Committee will make candidate selection. The award itself will be paid out of interest generated by the capital amount of the endowment.

## **The Award Committee:**

For purposes of scholarship award and disbursement, the George MacNeil Scholarship committee will consist of

- (a.) A minimum of 5 registered 4-H leaders, at least one of whom must be a member of the executive of the Cape Breton Leaders Council, and one of whom must be a member of the executive of the Nova Scotia 4-H Leaders Council
- (b.) One (non-4-H) external member with experience or involvement in other volunteer organization/s.
- (c.) One Youth member (under the age of 25), who may or may not have knowledge and experience in the 4H program.

## **Conflict of Interest:**

There shall be no familial or other substantive relationship between a 4-H member applicant and an individual serving as a member of the Scholarship Award Committee. In any case where such a relationship is determined to exist within applications received, the Scholarship Award Committee member must declare a Conflict of Interest and step down. In such case as a Committee member steps down for this reason, an alternate member shall be selected.

## **Changed Circumstances:**

In the event the endowment created herein cannot be used for the purpose intended because the purpose is no longer appropriate, necessary, practical, or possible, or if for other substantial and lawful reasons the purpose cannot be accomplished, the Committee may, in its discretion, use the distributions from the fund for a substantially similar purpose, or for such other purpose as will foster and support the education of rural youth in Nova Scotia consistent with Revenue Canada's guidelines for charitable organizations.

## **Application Process:**

Scholarship information and application forms will be included among General Leaders packages sent annually from the Provincial 4-H office or via email. **It shall be the responsibility of General Leaders to ensure eligible members from their club receive scholarship information.** The Scholarship Award Committee is not responsible for ensuring that eligible members receive information.

Deadline for application is **April 1<sup>st</sup> of** the calendar year of the award.

Application shall include:

- (a) An official transcript of first semester, Grade 12 marks
- (b) A completed application form (as attached) outlining 4-H and non-4-H activities
- (c) A one page general resume

In order to support the work of the committee, members are encouraged to provide their information in a concise manner on the application form provided. Materials submitted in addition to (a-c) above, will *not* be evaluated or considered by the committee.

Although it is anticipated that the Committee will usually be able to make decisions on application packages submitted, in the case of extraordinarily close applications or ties, an additional personal interview with applicants may be requested.

Applications to be mailed to:

**GEORGE MACNEIL SCHOLARSHIP  
COMMITTEE C/O KELSEY POLLARD  
154 BEATON ROAD  
COXHEATH NS B1Y 1W4**

Application may also be electronically mailed to [georgemacneilscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:georgemacneilscholarship@gmail.com) with official transcript to follow by regular mail to above address. All materials must be received by the **April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.**

*Leaders don't create followers, they create more leaders.*

# **George MacNeil Scholarship**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Age:</b>
<b>Civic/Mail Address:</b>	<b>Postal Code:</b>
<b>Phone:</b>	<b>E-mail:</b>
<b>4-H Club:</b>	<b>Number of Years in 4-H:</b>
<b>County:</b>	<b>Number of Years in COUNTY:</b>

(Complete all sections in their entirety to ensure your eligibility. If additional space is required, please attach to form):

## **4-H Involvement**

<b>Projects completed to date:</b>
<b>Participation in 4-H Events (Club, County, Regional, Provincial):</b>
<b>4-H Leadership Opportunities:</b>



**Community Involvement**

<b>List organizations, other than 4-H, to which you belong(ed):</b>
<b>Involvement or Leadership Opportunities (Other than 4-H):</b>

I hereby state that the above information is correct:

<i>Signature of applicant</i>	<i>Signature of parent/guardian</i>
<i>Signature of Leader</i>	<i>Signature of parent/guardian</i>

**Return this application form with your resume and transcript of marks on or before April 1st. to:  
 GEORGE MACNEIL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE C/O KELSEY POLLARD –  
 154 BEATON ROAD COXHEATH NS B1L 1A9 or email submissions to  
[georgemacneilscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:georgemacneilscholarship@gmail.com)**

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