



The Orville Erickson Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Orville Erickson Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 1975 in memory of an outstanding conservationist and outdoorsman, the late Orville Erickson, of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

Orville Erickson

Orville Erickson's love of the outdoors and interest in conservation carried him to the office of President of the Canadian Wildlife Federation, a post he served so well that he was acclaimed Canadian Outdoorsman of the Year – 1975. Erickson held a variety of conservation and municipal positions during his lifetime and in 1968, he was named 'Citizen of the Year' in his home city of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

During his short but busy life, Erickson found time to be a successful businessman, a good husband and father while working hard for the things he believed in. At his untimely death in August 1975, he was fishing with friends in northern Saskatchewan.

In recognition of his contribution, the Orville Erickson Memorial Scholarship Fund (OEMSF) was established to carry on, with his same enthusiasm and spirit, the search for solutions to our environmental difficulties.

The OEMSF is administered by the Canadian Wildlife Foundation. The OEMSF is financed entirely with monies raised in the private sector through the voluntary efforts of Orville Erickson's friends. The people involved in generating these funds, and those concerned with their expenditure, have expressed the wish that these hard earned resources be used to assist financially, students demonstrating the same type of commitment and enthusiasm for conservation as Orville Erickson did during his lifetime. To ensure the perpetuity of the OEMSF, only the interest will be disbursed. At no time will administration expenses be charged against the OEMSF. The scholarship will be awarded annually.

Purpose

The purpose of the OEMSF is to provide financial assistance to students pursuing higher education in the field of conservation.

Eligibility

The OEMSF members reserve the right of decision as to who is qualified for support.

In general, however, all applicants must be competent, full-time students registered in a recognized Canadian educational institute and be citizens of Canada, or landed immigrants, with the intent of working in Canada. All applicants must be in need of financial assistance to pursue their course of study.

Assessment Procedures

The OEMSF consists of a 5-member Selection Committee. This committee is responsible for the selection of candidates who will receive scholarship in any given year.

The Canadian Wildlife Foundation receives and distributes grant applications to the Orville Erickson Memorial Scholarship Fund members. The members evaluate applications and submit their list of applications warranting support.

Disbursement of Funds

The Canadian Wildlife Foundation issues scholarship cheques on behalf of the OEMSF members and upon their instructions.

All scholarships cover a regular academic year. Each scholarship is divided into two equal units. One unit is issued in September, the other, in January.

Forms

Application for scholarship must be made on the Orville Erickson Memorial Scholarship Fund form. Any additional information must be limited to one page. Graduate students must include a plan of study or research (limited to 1 page).

Application Deadline

Applications sent by fax will not be accepted. Applications must be received on or before May 25th. OEMSF members will evaluate applications in September. The signature of the application implies acceptance of the responsibility to comply with the granting conditions described herein.

Notification of Decision

Each applicant will receive a letter of notification of decision. These will be mailed by the Canadian Wildlife Foundation no later than September 30th.

Regulations on the Use of the Scholarship

Scholarships are awarded to students in need of financial assistance to pursue their course of study. The scholarship may be used to help cover living expenses. It may not be applied to the purchase of equipment or vehicles at any time.

Accounting Procedures

The recipient is the ultimate spending authority and must be accountable for the use of the scholarship. OEMSF members reserve the right to inquire about the use of funds and request additional financial information if necessary. Members also reserve the right to revoke a scholarship if evidence is found that funds have been misused.

Reporting

Applicants receiving a scholarship must provide a transcript of marks after each semester, within two weeks after marks are received by the student. Only after the transcript is received, and reviewed, will the second portion of the scholarship be forwarded. The members reserve the right to revoke a scholarship if the student does not achieve an acceptable level of academic performance.

If students do not comply with reporting procedures, future applications will not be accepted.

Acknowledgement of Support

It is expected that acknowledgement of assistance would be given in any publication, film, event, project, etc., undertaken by a student while the student is supported by the Orville Erickson Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Selection Committee

Incumbent President, Canadian Wildlife Federation
Larry Leigh - Whitehorse, Yukon

Incumbent President, Canadian Wildlife Foundation
Derrek Stanley – Tisdale, Saskatchewan

Executive Vice President, Canadian Wildlife Federation
Wade Luzny – Kanata, Ontario

OEMSF Member, Canadian Wildlife Foundation
Ed Begin – Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan

OEMSF Member, Canadian Wildlife Foundation
Clayton Ramage – Prince Albert, Saskatchewan

To be completed by all applicants (Please print or type)

1. Name _____

2. Address _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone _____ E-mail address _____

3. Date of Birth _____ Social Insurance Number _____

If not born in Canada state:

date you became landed immigrant _____

date you received Canadian Citizenship _____

4. List scholarships, fellowships, grants, and awards you have received or will be receiving

5. List any other academic distinctions or awards

6. Identify academic terms you are applying for

September-December

January-April

Summer Please specify _____

Other Please specify _____

To be completed by secondary school, CEGEP, or undergraduate students only

1. List in chronological order the secondary schools or CEGEP you have attended including the one you are now attending

School	Years Attended	Grades Completed
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

2. Three letters of reference must be submitted. Two must be a teacher or professor and one could be from an employer. List the names, addresses, and occupations of those who will be submitting letters of reference on their school or business letterhead.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

3. Name of University/College you plan to attend _____

4. Letter of acceptance from the University/College

is attached is being forwarded

5. Official transcripts of your last two years of High School or CEGEP

are attached are being forwarded

6. Degree/Diploma/Certificate sought _____

7. Proposed course of study _____

To be completed by graduate students only

1. List in chronological order your academic training (starting with undergraduate years).

Institution	Years Attended	Degrees (or equivalent) received
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

2. Present occupation and previous appointments (if any) _____

3. Attach a brief description of the plan of study or research you wish to undertake (limited to 1 page)

4. State name of university and person under whose direction you propose to carry out this research (applicable to graduate students)

5. Letter of acceptance from the University/College above

is attached is being forwarded

6. University/College transcripts

are attached are being forwarded

To be completed by graduate students only

7. Three letters of reference must be submitted. Two must be professors and one could be from an employer. One of the three could be the person named in Section 4. List the names, addresses, and occupations of those who will be submitting letters of reference on their school or business letterhead.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

To be completed by all applicants

7. Outline your plans for your future career or profession and how it will benefit wildlife resources
(Use additional page if necessary and attach to this form)

8. Describe briefly your extracurricular activities and interests (include membership to clubs, etc.)

9. Any other information you consider relevant to this application related to financial need

10. Application forms must be completed and sent to the address below.



Orville Erickson Memorial Scholarship Fund
Canadian Wildlife Foundation
350 Michael Cowpland Drive
Kanata, Ontario
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It is agreed that the conditions governing this Scholarship as outlined in the 'Orville Erickson Memorial Scholarship Fund' apply and are hereby accepted by the applicant.

Date _____ Signature _____