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THE ORVILLE ERICKSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND *GUIDELINES*

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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. Scholarships range in value from \$500 to \$4,000.



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. Before he became President of CWF, he served as president for both the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation in 1969 and 1970 and the Prince Albert Branch in the 60's becoming a respected voice for sportsmen throughout Canada. Orville was passionate about legislation for firearm registration and also about the illegal hunting and selling of wild meat. In 1974 Orville was awarded the Gordon Lund Memorial Trophy for outstanding contributions to conservation, known as one of Saskatchewan's foremost leaders in the field of conservation. His passion was the outdoors and Orville made sure to meet with those who could affect change in Canada; meeting with natives to discuss conservation issues, international field biologists, former Prime Minister Diefenbaker, and the president of the National Wildlife Federation in the United States. At his untimely death in August of 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. Some of the programs that previous OEMSF winners have studied include Biological Studies, Zoology, Global Resource Systems, Ecosystem Management, Environmental Biology, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Ecological Restoration, Environmental Sciences.

PURPOSE

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

ELIGIBILITY

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.

ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

The OEMSF consists of a 5-member Selection Committee. This committee is responsible for the selection of candidates who will receive a 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 one page).

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications must be received by mail or e-mail 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

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.