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The Tony Evans Memorial Bursary for Academic and Athletic Excellence

Information

Ruth Florence Elliott Evans Heavysege was born on November 11th, 1913 in Montreal, grew up in Lachine and completed her nursing training at Philips Nursing Academy where she graduated 1st in her class. She worked as a nurse in a munitions factory in Verdun for 3 years during the Second World War. After the War she worked at the Royal Victoria Hospital, The Montreal General Hospital and the Montreal Neurological Institute where she was recruited by Dr. Wilder Penfield to work on his ground-breaking team. She also worked as a private duty nurse for many years.

Ruth married Delano Ernest Evans in 1939 and in 1940 they had a son, Tony. Unfortunately, their time together was short as Delano died a year later. After the death of her beloved husband, Ruth went back to work. A single mother when there was no social assistance and when most mothers stayed home, Ruth worked long hours to provide for her son. There were some lean years but she was strong-willed and very proud of the fact that they were able to make it on their own.

Ruth eventually reconnected with Henry Dryden Heavysege, a man she knew from kindergarten. Major Heavysege had served with the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals during the Second World War and they married in 1957. They lived for many years in Pointe Claire before moving to Victoria, BC. Ruth returned to Pointe Claire in 1996 and then moved to the Chateaugay Valley in 2005 where she resided until her death in 2015 at the age of 101.

Ruth loved to read, to travel and to entertain. She was kind, patient, and compassionate and had a wonderful sense of humor. Her family and friends were very important to her and she was very close to her son Tony, her granddaughter Lisa, and her great-granddaughters Jalyn & Krystin. When she turned 100 she was asked if she had any advice. She thought for a moment and then replied that she had always believed it was important to give generously. One of her final donations was to the CVR Educational Foundation to create this bursary in the name of her son, Tony Evans. She had always admired his dedication to the teaching profession and the many hours he spent every year coaching various sports teams.

Tony started his teaching career in Aylmer QC and transferred after two years to become a member of the CVR High School staff in its inaugural year, 1967. Tony taught for 50 years and then happily continued his role as an educator by tutoring at home. His lifelong love of sports lead him to give countless hours to the development of football, basketball, rugby and lacrosse programs throughout Quebec. As a teacher, athlete, coach and referee he touched the lives of many young people. Tony Evans passed away September 9, 2017.

Each year, one bursary of \$1000 will be awarded to a student in the graduating class.

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Criteria

Dear applicant,

Bear in mind that the following criteria are used by the jury members who will review your submission. Please feel free to show this document to the people who will be writing your letters of reference.

1. Letter of Intent (10 points)

Your letter should include;

- Does the applicant have clearly defined goals leading to a career path?
- Has the applicant stated what experiences influenced his/her chosen career path? Within this context, the following may be used as examples, if applicable:
 - Sports (which ones and names of the coaches)
 - School life at any level (cultural, leadership)
 - Community life (working for service groups, sports organizations, churches, agricultural organizations)
 - Work experience (part-time and/or summer jobs)
- General presentation. (Did they use proper letter-writing format?)
- At the discretion of the evaluator.

2. Marks (10 points)

The applicant must submit a copy of the most recent MEES (Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'enseignement supérieur du Québec) Record of Achievement as well as a copy of their latest CVRHS report card (Term 2). This bursary requires that you have maintained an overall average of 80% or more in grade 10 and thus far in grade 11.

3. Letters of Reference from a CVRHS teacher (10 points)

- Student's ability as perceived by an educator (student's character, academic success).
- How involvement at school has shaped this applicant (sports, culture, leadership, etc.).
- Post-secondary potential
- General work ethic (student's work habits.)
- At the discretion of the evaluator.

4. Evaluation Grid from CVRHS coaches (20 points)

- Sports played by the student during his/her senior year (minimum of 3 required)
- Overall attitude and general demeanor
- Sportmanship / Is this student a good ambassador for CVR High School?
- Dedication and attendance.
- Athletic abilities.
- Level of leadership / contribution to their teams.

Note to applicant: Other than clearly indicating the 3 sports you played during your senior year and the names of your coaches in your letter of intent, you do not have to do anything in regards to this Evaluation Grid as it will be handled internally by the school's administration and added to your application by the CVR Educational Foundation.

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Selection procedures and instructions

- ◆ The CVR Educational Foundation will call for applications.
- ◆ All students in the graduating class are invited to apply for this bursary based on the following criteria:
 - Must pursue post-secondary education.
 - Must have maintained an overall average of 80% or more, each year, in grades 10 and 11.
 - Must have participated in at least one CVRHS sport during every season (Fall, Winter and Spring) of their senior year.
 - Must have made an important contribution to their teams (not necessarily the best player but has demonstrated a high level of athletic ability).
 - Is an excellent ambassador for CVR High School and has benefitted from their experience at CVR.
- ◆ Application deadline is announced by CVR's Guidance Counselor and on cvredfoundation.com (usually in the month of April). Should there be an inadequate number (none or one) of applications; the deadline for applications will be extended to provide an opportunity to encourage participation.
- ◆ CVR's Guidance Counselor will be available to play a role in assisting students in the application process, and in forwarding these applications to the CVR Educational Foundation.
- ◆ The applicant is responsible to complete and submit all the documents (unfolded and no staples) listed in the criteria in a large sealed envelope addressed to: CVR Educational Foundation / The Tony Evans Memorial Bursary. The envelop can be given to the Guidance Counselor or brought to the CVRHS reception desk. **In addition to the documents listed in the criteria, the applicant is asked to include a copy of his/her letter of acceptance into a post-secondary program. If the applicant has not yet received an answer at the time of submission, he/she must send it by e-mail to the CVR Ed Foundation (go to cvredfoundation.com/contact/ to upload and send your document) when received. This bursary will not be awarded without acceptance in a post-secondary program.**
- ◆ The CVR Ed Foundation gives the Evaluation Grid to the rightful coaches for scoring. Then reviews all applications, removes all identifying marks and submits the applications to the jury for consideration.
- ◆ Each application is reviewed and scored by a jury of 3 members*. The jury includes a member of the Evans family. * *It is expected that members excuse themselves in the case of a conflict of interest.*
- ◆ Results of the evaluations are compiled and a recipient is selected.
- ◆ Every year, one \$1000 bursary is awarded according to the criteria.
- ◆ The name of the recipient is announced during CVRHS Sports Banquet and the bursary is awarded at the graduation ceremonies at the end of the school year.
- ◆ The CVR Educational Foundation disburses 2 equal installments (September and January) to the recipient, provided he/she provides proof of full-time studies in a post-secondary institution.