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Dr. Wilfred & Mrs. Jean Watson Memorial Bursary

Information

In 2011, the CVR Educational Foundation established the Dr. Wilfred & Jean Watson Memorial Bursary with a donation from their son Mackenzie (Mac) & Rena Watson.

Wilfred Watson was born in Howick, and graduated in 1919 with a Veterinarian Science degree. He immediately set up practice with his father. Jean Whillans was also born in Howick. She was the recipient of a full bursary to the Trafalgar School for Girls in Montreal. She graduated with a gymnastics teaching diploma and taught in Montreal.

Wilfred and Jean married in 1932 and had four sons. Wilfred's vet practice grew and he was on call day and night. Jean handled the phone, responded to office visitors and ran the household. Mackenzie affirms that he and his brothers owe an enormous debt of gratitude to their parents for having provided a loving, harmonious, stable and disciplined home environment. "All of us were encouraged from early on to aim for a college or university education."

"Higher education opens doors and provides many personal fulfillment opportunities. This bursary will help deserving students achieve their goals."

Each year, three bursaries of \$1000 are awarded to graduating students who are pursuing post-secondary education in a two-year pre-university program in Science or Commerce, leading to a B.Sc. or B.Com. Students apply for these bursaries following the criteria and guidelines set out by the CVR Educational Foundation. Applications are subjected to a blind review by a jury of 3 evaluators. Mr. Mackenzie Watson is one of the three evaluators.

See your Guidance Counselor or www.cvredfoundation.com/apply/ for details, submission dates and deadline.

The \$1000 scholarships are awarded at the graduation ceremony at the end of the school year.

The CVR Educational Foundation will disburse 2 equal installments (September and January) to the recipients, when they confirm full-time attendance in a post-secondary institution in Science or Commerce.

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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 (20 points)

A letter of intent clearly identifying an education/career goal in a two-year pre-university program in science or commerce, leading to a B.Sc. or B.Com. The student must state what experiences influenced his/her chosen career path. Within this context, the following may be used as examples, if applicable:

- School life (sports, cultural, leadership);
- Community life (working for service groups, sports, church or agricultural organizations);
- Work experience (part time and summer jobs).

2. Financial Need Assessment Form (20 points)

The applicant must express the need for financial support by completing the Financial Need Assessment Form.

3. Two letters of reference (5 points)

- one from a **CVR educator** (which should reflect the student's school/academic work ethic and potential for academic success)
- one from **outside CVR/school milieu** (character reference from an employer, a community leader or a sport coach outside of school sports).

4. Marks (5 points)

The student must submit the most recent Achievement Record issued by MEQ (Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur du Québec) and the latest (Term 2) CVRHS report card.

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Selection procedures and instructions

- ◆ The CVR Educational Foundation will call for applications.
- ◆ The application procedures should clearly state that the bursary is open to all CVR students in Secondary 5 who intend to pursue their studies in a two year pre-university program in Science or Commerce.
- ◆ Application deadline is announced by CVR's Guidance Counselor and on cvredfoundation.com. Should there be an insufficient number (none or one) of applications; the deadline for applications will be extended to provide an opportunity to encourage participation.
- ◆ CVR's Guidance Counselor is 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 Dr. Wilfred and Mrs. Jean Watson Memorial Bursary. The envelope 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 in the required 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 the required program.**
- ◆ The CVR Educational Foundation Coordinator 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*. Jury members to include Mr. Mackenzie Watson.
** It is expected that members excuse themselves in the case of a conflict of interest.*
- ◆ Results of the evaluations are compiled and 3 recipients are selected.
- ◆ The recipients are announced during the graduation ceremony at the end of the school year.
- ◆ The CVR Educational Foundation will disburse 2 equal installments (September and January) to each recipient when they have provided proof of full-time studies in a post-secondary institution in Science or Commerce.