

Muriel Connors Award

Value of the Award for September 2022 will be a minimum of \$3,000

Muriel died in August of 2020. To honour their mother and grandmother, the family decided to create this annual award, with hopes of fostering young talent that may be overlooked by other scholarships. Muriel Connors' heart would go out to someone who maybe did not have the natural gifts or talents of the front-runners, but would work harder than anyone else just to keep-up.

Background: Muriel Connors was an amazing lady and loved by all who knew her. She was a school teacher, principal, bookkeeper, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and a friend to anyone who met her.

Muriel grew up in Shediac Cape, New Brunswick and spent the remainder of her life on Brookdale Farm (Scoudouc Road, NB), with her loving husband (Joe) and their six children. Muriel was a strong supporter of curiosity, reading, education, cooking, and most importantly - spending time with people.

Muriel was a pillar in the community and involved in many activities. She served her church (*St. Martin's in the Woods Anglican Church*) by volunteering on many church committees, being a member of *ACW* and the *Ladies Guild*, and reading at the early service every Sunday morning. She had years of volunteering with *Girl Guides of Canada*, *Girls' Auxiliary*, *Hospice*, *School Breakfast Programs* and the *Canadian Cancer Society*, and she was a member of several community groups.

The ***Muriel Connors Award*** does not have a minimum grade/GPA requirement and the application process is designed to encourage students with varying skills and interests, (such as art, academics, cooking, skills in trades or videography) to apply. **The family welcomes applications from any student who is interested.**

ELIGIBILITY:

- **Age:** Applicant must be between the ages of 15 and 30
- **Graduation from a New Brunswick high school** (Note: This does NOT exclude university students from applying, provided they graduated from a high school in NB at some time.)
- **Attendance at post-secondary school:** Student must show proof of application to, acceptance from, or attendance at an accredited community college or university program in Canada

Application Process (4 steps):

Step 1: Application Form

Complete the ***Muriel Connors Award Application*** form (attached)

Step 2: Personal Statement

Please describe how receiving this award will enhance your post-secondary education experience. (250 words or less)

Step 3: Essay OR Video

Please respond to **one (1)** of the following four (4) topics in either essay (500 words or less) or video format (maximum of 5 minutes):

1. Share a story about your favourite memory with your mother, grandmother or favourite person
2. Tell us about the most kind or generous person in your life and explain how they have impacted you
3. Tell us about a personal life-changing moment, experience, lesson etc.
4. Tell us about your family: a) why they are important to you, and b) what family means to you

Step 4: Creative Interest

Please share **one (1)** of the following three (3) creative items with us:

1. Send us your favourite photo (a copy) – taken by you or someone else- and tell us why it is meaningful to you
2. Send us your favourite family recipe – and tell us why it's meaningful to you
3. Be unique and surprise us by creating your own submission. Share something that you've done/created (Here are some examples, but there are no boundaries: a video or lyrics of a song you wrote; a poem you wrote; a photo of a science fair project, computer code, artwork, a medal / banner from sports with an explanation of the steps you took to achieve it)

****Please note we will not be returning anything that is submitted so please send copies and not originals.**

PROCEDURES:

- Please ensure your application is complete. A completed application will have:
 - o Completed Application ***Muriel Connors Award Application*** Form
 - o Steps 2-4 completed (3 parts)
 - o Reference contact information (included at the bottom of the application form)
- Submit your application by **March 31, 2022**. Applications can be submitted by:
email to murielconnorsaward@gmail.com
OR
mail or courier to:
 - The Muriel Connors Award
 - % Fredericton Community Foundation
 - 117 York Street, Suite 102
 - Fredericton, NB E3B 3N6
- References will only be contacted for the finalists for this award
- The Award winner will be contacted by June 15th, 2022

EDUCATION POSTPONEMENT:

If the winner chooses to postpone his/her college education, the scholarship may be reserved for up to one year.

