

DR. GARY MCPHERSON LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Award Value – \$2,000

16/17

Dr. Gary McPherson was a renowned advocate for people with disabilities. He devoted himself to inspiring leadership and bringing out the best in everyone. He was a member of the Order of Canada, the Alberta Order of Excellence and both the Edmonton and Alberta Sports Halls of Fame.

This scholarship recognizes students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, especially in the area of disability, and/or initiative to improve the conditions and lives of others.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- be a Canadian citizen, Permanent Resident or Protected Person (visa students are not eligible),
- be an Alberta resident, and to be considered an Alberta resident one of the following conditions must apply:
 - one parent must currently be residing in Alberta, or
 - Alberta is the last place the student has lived for twelve (12) consecutive months before being a full-time student, or
 - is married to an Alberta resident before the start of the qualifying year of study.
- be enrolled full-time in a post-secondary program: undergraduate, professional, graduate, apprenticeship, diploma or certificate program at a designated Alberta institution in the year of nomination, and
- have shown outstanding leadership, especially in the area of disability, and/or initiative to improve the lives of other people while attending a post-secondary institution in Alberta.

Selection Process

Each institution will establish a selection committee with appropriate expertise. This committee may be the same as used for other institutional awards. The committee will consider the role and contribution each applicant has made at their school. The selection committee may also take into consideration marks, financial need, and other activities as secondary selection criteria.

The Selection Committee will forward the names of the successful candidates to Student Aid Alberta no later than February 15, 2017.

Application Process

Include with your completed application:

- a resume highlighting your leadership involvement and other activities related to improving the lives of other people,
- a related letter of reference, and
- an essay of up to a maximum of 1,000 words - please refer to page 2 of the application for details.

Additional Information

100 awards of \$2,000 each will be awarded annually.

Alberta Student Number (ASN)

Your Alberta Student Number is on your Alberta Transcript for High School Achievement.

If you do not know your ASN, or do not have an ASN:

- Visit iae.alberta.ca/ASN for instructions.
- Call toll-free in Alberta at 310-0000 to have a Request for ASN form mailed to you. Due to privacy issues, ASN's will not be given over the phone.

Deadline and How to Apply

- **Application Deadline:** Students must submit completed applications directly to Student Awards Offices at their schools by the posted application deadline.

- **Post-Secondary Institution Nomination Deadline for submission to Student Aid Alberta:** February 15, 2017

Contact: Student Aid Alberta Service Centre at 1-855-606-2096

Visit: studentaid.alberta.ca/scholarships

Post-Secondary Institution Enrolment Information

Post-Secondary Institution Name

Address

City/Town

Prov/State

Country

Postal/Zip Code

Study Start Date

Month	Year

Program of Study

Program Length

	☐ Years	☐ Months
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Year of Program

Student ID

Additional Information

Dr. Gary McPherson Leadership Scholarship - Biography

After reading the biography of Dr. Gary McPherson please attach an essay of up to a maximum of 1,000 words using examples of how you have shown leadership, especially in the area of disability, and/or initiative to improve the lives of others.

The essay should be typed, double-spaced and use a font size no smaller than a size 10.

Dr. Gary McPherson Biography

Dr. Gary McPherson was an extraordinary Albertan who sought to improve the conditions and lives of people through his outstanding leadership ability. Despite being paralyzed due to polio, McPherson was a sports enthusiast throughout his life and helped to transform wheelchair sports into a worldwide sporting movement known as the Paralympics.

McPherson was also a leader and advocate for the disabled community serving as Chair of the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities and Vice-Chair of the Alberta Paraplegic Foundation. Gary received significant recognition and awards for his achievements including the prestigious Order of Canada, the Queen's Jubilee Medal and the Alberta Order of Excellence.

Above all, Gary dedicated his life to his family and to activities that promoted community development and support for young people. Gary passed away on Saturday, May 8, 2010.

Declaration of Nominating Party

To be Completed by the Post-Secondary Institution:

I hereby declare that this student has been selected for this scholarship and meets the required eligibility and obligations.

Name (please print)

Position

Signature

Date

Declaration of Applicant

I have read and understand the instructions, and declare that:

- all information provided is true and complete and I understand it is subject to audit.
- I will meet any eligibility requirements and obligations of the scholarship as stated in the scholarship requirements.
- I will immediately notify Student Aid Alberta in writing if I withdraw from studies.

I understand that:

- personal information pertaining to my high school and post-secondary academic records may be released and exchanged by and between Student Aid Alberta, Alberta Education and the educational institutions for the purpose of determining my eligibility for a scholarship.

- personal information pertaining to my post-secondary academic progress and enrolment status may be released and exchanged by and between Student Aid Alberta and the educational institution for the purpose of determining my eligibility for a scholarship.
- my personal information may be released and exchanged by and between Student Aid Alberta and any federal and provincial government departments, boards, or institutions to verify the information I have provided to Student Aid Alberta, and for the use in research and statistical analysis in program evaluation.

I understand and agree that:

- if I receive a scholarship my name, award and city/town may be released publicly to promote the program, however, this is not a criterion for eligibility, and if I do not want to be identified, I will contact Student Aid Alberta.

Signature of Applicant (in ink)

Today's Date

X SIGN HERE	Day	Month	Year

**Please Review Your Application to Make Sure you Have Completed All the Required Fields.
Missing Information Will Delay Processing.**