2017 “For The Love Of Curling” Scholarships

Eligibility and Frequently Asked Questions

 **Thanks to the generosity of the curling community across Canada, the Curling Canada Foundation is thrilled to be offering scholarships to young curlers pursuing their secondary education in the 2017-2018 academic year.**

**The 2017 Scholarships will be offered as follows:**

* Ten $1,000 scholarships that will be awarded to male and female curlers who best demonstrate athletic and academic prowess as well as community leadership.
* Three $1,100 scholarships that will be made available to young female curlers, a legacy of the remaining funds from the now-defunct Women’s World Curling Tour.

**General Information:**

The “For The Love Of Curling” Scholarship Program is intended for young Canadian athletes who excel in curling and maintain a good level of academic standing, while demonstrating a commitment to the sport of curling through their involvement in coaching, instructing and/or volunteer activities. The purpose is to give talented junior curlers the support to pursue competitive curling as while studying at a Canadian university or college.

Please read the **Eligibility and Frequently Asked Questions**, in it’s entirety, prior to applying. Application forms can be found at [www.curling.ca/scholarship2017](http://www.curling.ca/scholarship2017).

**Deadline for applications is June 30, 2017.**

**Eligibility:**

* Applicant must be a Canadian citizen.
* Students must be **23 years old or younger by December 31, 2017**.
* Applicants must be enrolled full-time for at least two semesters in a Canadian university or college (Fall/Winter/Summer). Note: Students enrolled at a private post-secondary institution (i.e. private vocational colleges) may not qualify. Each school and application will be individually evaluated. Please contact the Curling Canada Foundation before applying if you are unsure if your school qualifies.
* Applicant must have a **minimum grade average of 80%** or equivalent grade point average (GPA).
* Successful applicants must register on the CTRS for the year of their scholarship.
* Only female applicants are eligible for the three $1,100 scholarships. The ten $1,000 scholarships are open to male and female applicants.
* Previous recipients of the *For the Love of Curling* Scholarship are NOT eligible to apply again.

**Criteria for Awarding Scholarship:**

Selection will be based upon:

1. Curling Achievements, Development and Contributions;
2. Community Involvement;
3. Academic Achievement.

As the National Sporting Organization for curling in Canada, emphasis will be placed on athletes who have competed at the provincial/territorial level or higher, and who have maintained a good level of academic standing, while showing a commitment to curling through their involvement in coaching, officiating and/or volunteer activities.

**How to Apply for a Scholarship:**

1. Complete the application form.
2. Write a personal essay (maximum 2 pages), detailing:
* What curling means to you;
* What role it plays in your daily life, your family and how it shaped the kind of person you are today;
* How you are and will be an ambassador for the sport;
* What would this scholarship mean to you;
* And specifically how you plan to use the funds.
1. Submit a copy of your high school or university transcripts.
2. Submit two letters of recommendation.
3. Awardees shall agree to the “Code of Conduct” of the scholarship and sign the “Letter of Agreement”.

Once completed, please scan and submit your application and supporting documents to donor@curling.ca. **Please scan all documents into one file and save as “FTLOC 2017 *YOUR LAST NAME, FIRST INITIAL”***. Applications may also be mailed to Curling Canada’s national office at 1660 Vimont Court, Orleans, Ontario K4A 4J4. *Please see the application form for complete details.*

**Application Deadline:**  The application deadline for the 2017-2018 school year is midnight (Eastern Time) June 30, 2017. Successful applicants will be notified no later than August 18, 2017.

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

**Number of Scholarships:** Historically ten, however in the 2017 program, there are thirteen scholarships to be awarded.

**Monetary Value of Scholarships:** Ten will have a value of $1,000 and the remaining three will have a value of $1,100.

**Award Components:** The successful applicants will be reimbursed for $500 in curling expenses and $500 in academic expenses. All expenses must be submitted with receipts and received at the Curling Canada national office no later than March 30, 2018.

**Qualified Expenses:**  Qualified curling expenses include entry fees to curling competitions and curling-related expenses such as; league dues, travel, accommodation, medical (chiropractor, massage therapist, physiotherapist, sports psychologist), equipment, training and skills development (fitness membership).

Qualified education expenses include tuition and fees required to enroll at an eligible educational institution. Course-related expenses such as books, supplies and equipment that are necessary to complete courses also qualify.

For any further questions please contact the Curling Canada Foundation office at donor@curling.ca or 613.834.2076 ext. 127.