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BILL MASON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Thank you for your interest in the Bill Mason Memorial Scholarship Fund. Paddle Canada is pleased to offer tomorrow's environmental stewards this opportunity at a \$1000 scholarship to assist them in meeting their educational goals. It is our sincerest hope that you will help to make a difference in the world we live in today and will pass on to future generations.

Attached you will find the Application requirements for remitting your scholarship application.
Helpful Tips for completing your application...

- **If you need help, do not be afraid to ask**
Feel free to contact Paddle Canada if you have any questions or concerns.
A university counselor, college advisor, your parents, or even another student may also be of service.
- **Be sure to follow the instructions carefully**
Make certain to complete all sections as incomplete sections will be awarded a value of zero.
- **Proofread, proofread, and proofread again**
Misspelling and grammar errors may reflect poorly on your application.
Have a friend or relative double-check your work.
- **Make certain your application is received on time**
Deadline for applications is midnight 30-September of the current academic year.
Incomplete or late packets will be rejected unless Paddle Canada is given prior notification.
Therefore we recommend that you:
 - Send your application by Express Post or Priority Courier to ensure that your application can be tracked.
 - Email us with the date and tracking number of your package as proof you have met the application deadline (in the event the package is lost and/or does not get delivered on time).
- **Write a letter of thanks if you receive an award.**
Other than being the polite thing to do, if you are planning to apply for scholarships again in the future, a thank you letter for past scholarships goes a long way in impressing the scholarship committee.

We wish you the best of luck in your educational pursuits.

Sincerely,

The Bill Mason Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee
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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for the Bill Mason Memorial Scholarship, applicants must be:

- A Canadian Citizen
- Enrolled full-time at a Canadian University or College
- Enrolled in undergraduate studies, second (2nd) year of higher standing
- Enrolled in an Outdoor Recreation, Environmental Studies or other related program
- Have an academic standing of B+ (75%) or higher

ENTRY DEADLINE

Postmarked no later than midnight, September 30 of the current academic year.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must provide the following information:

Cover Letter

Required

- Title your cover letter "Bill Mason Memorial Scholarship Fund Application"
- Indicate both your residential and permanent home mailing addresses
- Include your email address and telephone numbers for ease of contact

Confirmation of Eligibility

Required

- Provide a copy of your birth certificate, Canadian passport or other equivalent document
- Provide the full name and address of the college or university in which you are enrolled
 - Include a confirmation of enrolment letter or related document
- Provide the name of your program or discipline of study
 - Include the name, address and telephone number of your department head
- Provide your current academic year standing
- Provide an official, unopened, copy of your most recent transcript

Confirmation of Academic Course Content

Value: 5 points

- Provide a list and brief description of courses that emphasize environmental awareness and education.
- Do not send program of study brochures; report only on those courses in which you are enrolled for the current academic year.

Affirmation of Career Objectives

Value: 5 points

- Outline any past involvement and leadership within the fields of environmental and outdoor recreation.
- Describe your future job, plans and/or goals for continuing your involvement with environmental stewardship.

Knowledge of the late Bill Mason

Value: 5 points

- Provide a brief, one-paragraph statement outlining your knowledge of the late Bill Mason.
- Not to exceed 100 words

Statement of Philosophy

Value: 15 points

- Provide a statement of philosophy regarding your beliefs with reference to the environment, to outdoor education and to how it pertains to the ethics of land and water.
- Not to exceed 600 words

Demonstrated Need for Financial Assistance

Value: 10 points

- Provide a budget, outlining both expenses and anticipated revenues during the current academic year

Background in paddling

Value: 10 points

- Provide a résumé of your paddling involvement.