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A variety of scholarships and bursaries are available to serving and former Canadian Forces members and their families. Though Canadian Forces Personnel and Family Support Services does not administer all of the scholarships or bursaries below, we would like to support the generosity of the educational institutions, government partners and charitable organizations who provide these programs by helping them raise awareness among eligible military community members. Please review the scholarship and bursary opportunities below, and share this information with the military members and families within your area. If you know of a military community-oriented bursary or scholarship offered by a post-secondary institution that is not listed here, please contact Branco.Nancy@cfpsa.com with the scholarship details.

ACADEMY CANADA – Canadian Forces Military Spouse Scholarship Program

Location: Three locations in Newfoundland and online learning.

Academy Canada has a tuition reduction program for the spouses of Canadian Forces members. Academy Canada wishes to support Canadian Forces families by assisting military spouses in the pursuit to further their education and career goals. Spouses of Canadian Forces members who have served at least three years are eligible for the Academy Canada scholarship program. For military spouses already enrolled, tuition reduction will come into effect at the start of the semester subsequent to the student becoming eligible. Eligible students are entitled to a $1000 tuition reduction each semester as long as their spouse remains an active Canadian Forces member. The tuition reduction will be in scholarship/bursary form. Students are responsible to pay any applicable income taxes on these funds. For more information, please visit http://www.academycanada.com/apply-online/.
ALGONQUIN COLLEGE – Military Families Fund Sens Foundation Bursary

Location: Campuses in the National Capital Region and Ottawa Valley as well as online learning.

Algonquin College offers a variety of services to military members and their families, including the Military Families Fund Sens Foundation Bursary. Applications for the Bursary are currently being accepted for the 2012-2013 school year. The deadline for applications is September 21, 2012. The Foundation is hoping to disburse between 15-20 bursaries. For more information about the bursary and other military-oriented programs, please visit http://www.algonquincollege.com/military/.

BRANDON UNIVERSITY – Afghanistan Mission Memorial Award

Location: Brandon, Manitoba

The Afghanistan Mission Memorial Award recognizes the sacrifice of Canadians within the theatre of combat, in peacekeeping and in diplomatic service in Afghanistan. These full tuition undergraduate awards are available to any student whose parent or legal guardian was a member of Canadian Forces staff or Canada’s federal diplomatic corps (i.e. department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade) and was killed as a result of an operational mission in Afghanistan (as of 2001/2002) or in training for such a mission. These awards are open to full-time or part-time undergraduate students in their first degree. To be eligible to receive the award, a student must also have graduated from high school and undertaken their first year of study prior to the age of 21. These awards are renewable to a maximum of 120 credit hours provided that the student remains in good standing (minimum 2.0 c.g.p.a.). To learn more about this award, please visit http://www.brandonu.ca/senate-office/scholarships-bursaries.
CanScribe Career College is offering two scholarships to any military member or military family member interested in applying for the Medical Transcription Program. Applications are currently being accepted, as the scholarships will be awarded by 31 December 2012. To be considered for this scholarship, please submit a 1-2 page essay describing your personal motivation for applying, including background information, how this career choice will impact your life, your plan of action to complete the course and future aspirations. Essays should be submitted via email to Colleen Gaudet at cgaudet@canscribe.com. All military members and military family members who enroll in the Medical Transcription Program are also eligible for a free Dictation Program upgrade. Simply request the free upgrade upon your enrolment into the program. To learn more about CanScribe Career College and program options, please visit www.canscribe.com.

The Operation Hero Scholarship is open to dependants and spouses of serving and retired Canadian Forces members who are entering any full-time post-secondary program at Georgian College and have demonstrated involvement within their communities. Students must demonstrate financial need and be a permanent resident of Ontario. Preference will be given to family members of those currently posted to CFB Borden, Meaford and the Grey and Simcoe Foresters. For more information, please visit www.operationhero.ca and to apply, visit http://www.georgiancollege.ca/news/guidance-information/operation-hero-scholarship.
NORTHERN ALBERTA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (NAIT)

Location: Campuses in Edmonton and Calgary, as well as distance learning

Fallen Heroes Scholarship
This scholarship is available to any full-time student at NAIT who is an immediate family member of a fallen hero. A fallen hero includes members of the Canadian Forces, police service, firefighters or emergency medical technicians/paramedics who have died on duty. The scholarship is awarded on the basis of financial need and/or satisfactory academic achievement. One scholarship of $2,000 is awarded annually and the deadline to apply is 31 Jan 2013. For application instructions, please visit www.nait.ca/scholarships.

Corporal Bryce Keller M.M.V. Memorial Bursary
This bursary is available to any full-time or apprenticeship student at NAIT who is the child of a currently serving or retired Canadian Forces member. It is awarded on the basis of satisfactory academic achievement, financial need, and a demonstrated determination to succeed. Applicants must complete a minimum half page essay outlining how they demonstrate the determination to succeed. One scholarship of $1,000 is awarded annually and the deadline to apply is 31 Jan 2013. For application instructions, please visit www.nait.ca/scholarships.

Alberta/NWT Command The Royal Canadian Legion
This scholarship is available to any full-time students enrolled in a two-year program at NAIT. The following priorities are given: (1) son or daughter of a deceased or disabled War Veteran, or (2) son or daughter of a War Veteran, or (3) an Ex-Service Man or Woman, or (4) son or daughter of Ex-Service or Serving Personnel, or (5) grandson or granddaughter of Ex-Service Personnel, or (6) a Native-born or naturalized Canadian domiciled in Alberta or the NWT. It is awarded on the basis of satisfactory academic achievement and financial need. Three scholarships of $1,000 will be awarded and the deadline to apply is 30 Sep 2012. For application instructions, please visit http://www.nait.ca/33734.htm.
WILFRED LAURIER UNIVERSITY
– Wilkin Family Military Scholarship Fund

Location: Brantford, ON.

This scholarship is open to full time students attending courses at Laurier Brantford campus in 2nd, 3rd or 4th year with a minimum cumulative GPA of 9.0 (B+). Eligible students must be accepted to the Canadian Army Reserve Force with the 56th Field Regiment, Brantford, Ontario. This scholarship will be granted to the two applicants who are deemed to demonstrate the most serious commitment to the 56th Field Regiment. Taken into consideration will be overall leadership, attendance at parades and participation in summer military camp. The deadline to apply for the $1,000 endowment scholarship is 15 Oct 2012. For more information, please visit http://www.wlu.ca/student_awards_search/story.php?id=1013.

CANADA COMPANY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Children of military parents killed while serving on an active mission with the Canadian Forces are eligible to receive financial assistance for their post-secondary education from the Canada Company Scholarship Fund launched in October 2007. The scholarship fund is in recognition of the selfless sacrifice that Canada’s brave military personnel make in the service of their country. The Canada Company Scholarship Fund provides up to $4,000 per year for up to four years to support the post-secondary education for children who qualify. The fund will provide scholarship grants to children retro-actively to January 1, 2002.
PROJECT HERO (CANADA COMPANY)

Location: At over 70 colleges and universities across Canada

Established in 2009 by General (Retired) Rick Hillier and Honorary Lt. Colonel Kevin Reed, this scholarship is offered to children of fallen soldiers who wish to begin undergraduate studies. Over 70 Canadian colleges and universities offer this scholarship, which is used towards tuition and in some cases room and board for the first year of study. To see which schools offer the Project Hero scholarship, please visit www.canadacompany.ca.

THE CANADIAN HERO FUND SCHOLARSHIP

Children and spouses of Canadian soldiers who are killed in active duty are eligible for Canadian Hero Fund scholarships. These scholarships help the children of fallen soldiers pursue a post-secondary education and provide spouses of fallen soldiers the necessary support for professional retraining. Scholarships can be used towards attendance at an accredited university, college, or trade school in Canada. The Canadian Hero Fund is currently accepting scholarship applications. Applications for both scholarships can be downloaded at www.herofund.ca/about/scholarships/. Scholarships applications for the 2012-2013 academic year can be sent to: Canadian Hero Fund, 55 Bloor St. W, PO Box 19532, Toronto, ON M4W 3T9.
GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN
– Scholarship of Honour

The Scholarship of Honour was established in March 2009 to recognize Saskatchewan men and women serving in the Canadian Forces by supporting their enrollment in post-secondary education anywhere in Canada. To be eligible, a candidate must be a returning soldier who served on active duty in designated military operations in the Canadian Forces (Regular or Reserves), after January 2001; and a returning soldier who is a current or former Saskatchewan resident; or the spouse or child of a permanently disabled or deceased soldier who served in designated military operations after January 2001 and who is or was a Saskatchewan resident. The value of the scholarship is $5,000. To learn more about the scholarship, contact Student Financial Assistance at 1-800-597-8278 or visit www.aeel.gov.sk.ca/soh.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
– Poppy Trust Fund

A variety of bursaries are awarded from the Poppy Trust Fund to students who are children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Canadian ex-service personnel (war veterans or post-war service) and who are in need of assistance. These bursaries may be awarded at any stage of a college or university program. Other bursaries and scholarships may be awarded from other Legion funds and the criteria are established by the respective branch or Provincial Command. For complete information on the bursaries and scholarships available in your province or community, please contact the Legion branch nearest you. Contact information is available at www.legion.ca.
ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL BENEVOLENT FUND EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

The RCN Benevolent Fund assists dependants and grandchildren of serving and retired naval members with their educational pursuits at colleges, universities, and vocational institutions.

Annually fifteen Navy Centennial Bursary scholarships of $2,000 each and five CPO Hooser $1000 scholarships are awarded. In addition the RCNBF administers the CPO Andrew McQueen Jack Trust which provides bursaries to former and serving members of the naval forces of Canada, their dependants and descendants. Applications for these awards must be received not later than end-October.

Under a separate program, the Fund also assists those with financial need who are pursuing trade, vocational, or community college training. This assistance, which is based on need, is limited to a maximum of $1,000 per applicant. Applications are accepted any time during the year for this program.

Bursary details, guidelines and applications are available on the RCNBF website at www.rcnbf.ca or by calling the RCN Benevolent Fund at 1-888-557-8777.
THE ROYAL CANADIAN REGIMENT ASSOCIATION BURSARY PROGRAM

The Royal Canadian Regiment Association will award up to three bursaries of $1,500.00 each for calendar year. The number of bursaries awarded will depend upon the number of applicants and their suitability.

Eligible applicants must be:

a. a child or grandchild of a serving, former serving or deceased member of the Royal Canadian Regiment; or

b. a serving member of the Royal Canadian Regiment or a spouse of a serving member; or

c. a member in good standing of a Cadet Corps affiliated with or sponsored by the Royal Canadian Regiment; and

d. in his or her final year of secondary schooling and preparing to attend an institute of higher learning (University, Trades School, Teachers’ College, Technical College, Nursing School).

In the case of a serving member or serving member’s spouse the above criteria applies except there is no time limit between completing secondary school and commencement of attendance at an institute of higher learning.

The winners of the bursaries will be chosen on scholastic achievement, community service activities, military/cadet service (if any) and family financial position.

You can download the application form at http://theroyalcanadianregiment.ca/association/forms/Bursary_Application_2012.pdf
INTEREST-FREE LOAN STATUS
(for Canadian Reservists)

Student loan interest-free status is available to any Canadian student reservists currently on Special Duty Assignments in Special Duty areas (i.e. war zones). Interest-free status benefits student reservists by ensuring that the student loans of reservists will not accrue interest, and reservists will not be required to make payments.

To be eligible for this interest-free status, reservists must indicate that their student loans are not in repayment, that they are serving abroad on a Canadian mission (including the training period prior to deployment and the re-integration period before discharge or any medical recovery/rehab period after the deployment ends) and will be returning to their studies once they are released from active duty.

You can apply here: http://www.canlearn.ca/eng/postsec/audience/reser.shtml
CANADIAN FORCES – Free Tuition
Enroll in the Canadian Forces through the Regular Force Officer Training Plan (ROTP) and you will receive free university tuition, books and academic equipment in addition to a salary with benefits. You can attend the Royal Military College or an approved Canadian university. Finally, you will have a guaranteed job upon graduation./

Enroll in the Canadian Forces through the Non-Commissioned Member Subsidized Education Plan (NCM SEP), and you will receive free college tuition, books and academic equipment in addition to a salary with benefits. Finally, you will have a guaranteed job upon graduation./

Enroll as an Officer in the Canadian Forces through the Reserve Entry Training Plan (RETP), and you will attend the Royal Military College. You will receive an officer cadet’s salary when doing military training but you must pay for your own tuition and books. You will be eligible for a reimbursement of up to $2,000 per year to a maximum of $8,000. /

For complete details, please visit http://www.forces.ca/en/page/paideducation-96

Children of War Dead (Education Assistance) Act
This Act provides fees and monthly allowances for children of veterans whose death was attributable to military service. Inquiries should be directed to the nearest District Office of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/contact
The Royal Canadian Sea Cadets Education Foundation

(a) The Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Education Foundation awards scholarships annually to Royal Canadian Sea Cadets entering the first year of University or Community College course leading to a degree or diploma.

(b) These scholarships will not be granted where candidates enrol in the Canadian Forces’ Regular Officer Training Plan.

(c) The amount of the scholarship is $1000.00 per cadet. The value of the scholarship will be made payable to the institution being attended.

Applications and all supporting documents (including mid-term marks) must be received on or before JUNE 1st final marks must be received no later than AUGUST 1st. Adjudication will be completed and all candidates will be advised during the first week of September.

For application and instructions, please visit http://www.canadianseacadetscholarships.ca/Application%20Form.htm

Maritime Affairs Scholarship

These scholarships are intended to assist with tuition and may not be awarded where the Government provides free tuition eg. enrolment in the Canadian Forces, acceptance at the Canadian Coast Guard College, or by grant covering the cost of tuition.

For application and instructions, please visit http://www.navyleague.ca/en/maritime-affairs/awards/maritime-affairs-scholarships/
Judge Daniel F. Foley Memorial Scholarship
It is with immense pleasure that we announce the Daniel F. Foley Memorial Scholarship available to direct descendants (children, grandchildren, great grandchildren) of members of The Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans in Canada attending ANY year of University or College courses leading to a degree or diploma.

Application can be completed here: http://anavets.ca/?page_id=131

Colonel Frank R. Kossa Memorial Scholarship
The “Frank Kossa – ANAVETS bursary” is awarded annually in a draw at our annual Board of Director’s meeting. To qualify for the draw, an applicant has to have earned the prestigious Cadet “ANAVETS Medal of Merit” and be entering any year of a University of Community College course leading to a degree or diploma (see note below).
http://anavets.ca/?page_id=129

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY
Location: Newfoundland

150 RCAF Wing Memorial Scholarship
This Scholarship, valued at a portion of the annual accrued interest on the endowment, will be tenable only at Memorial University of Newfoundland to a full time undergraduate student in any year or field of study, based on scholarship standing. Consideration may be given to students demonstrating financial need. The Scholarship will be available to: (i) a Wing member (as defined by the Constitution) or *relative of a Wing member; (ii) an Air Force Veteran or a *relative of an Air Force Veteran; (iii) an Air Cadet/ ex Air Cadet of the 515 North Atlantic Squadron (defined as any person who has served for two years and is/was in good standing at present or at the time of departure from his/her Air Cadet Unit). *Note: Relative is defined as son/daughter; grandson/daughter; great-grandson/daughter; brother/sister; nephew/niece. The Scholarship may be awarded to the same applicant more than once. If in any given year, there is no eligible candidate, two scholarships
may be awarded in the following year at the discretion of the trustees. The Scholarship will be awarded by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards. Applications are available at 150 RCAF Wing or from the Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards Office, Room 4018, University Centre, Memorial University of Newfoundland. Applicants will be required to submit a personal letter of application, stating goals, personal achievements and financial need. Applications are to be submitted in writing to 150 RCAF Wing - Memorial Scholarship Committee, 565 Roosevelt Avenue, Pleasantville, St. John’s, NL, A1A 5B2. You may contact us by telephone to (709) 753-8970.

The War Veterans Family Award
This award has been established to give financial assistance to Canadian and Newfoundland War Veterans who served overseas and their families. It is valued at $2500 annually and is renewable for up to three additional years provided the recipient maintains the minimum academic requirements for an award and continues as a full-time undergraduate student at the University. To be eligible for this award, students must show that they are the child, grandchild, spouse or other dependant of a Canadian or Newfoundland War Veteran, or are themselves a Canadian or Newfoundland War Veteran. The applicant must provide the war veteran’s name, service branch and service number. The recipients will be enrolled in any year of study at Memorial University of Newfoundland and would have graduated from a high school in Newfoundland and Labrador. Preference will be given to applicants who have demonstrated financial need. Recipients must meet the minimum academic requirements for an award as defined by the University. A special application is required and may be obtained from the Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards Office, Room 4018 University Centre or by telephone to (709) 864-3956. The award will be awarded by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards.
WIDS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Women in Defence and Security (WiDS) has established the Memorial Scholarship to encourage women to pursue careers related to the national defence and security interests of Canada. Awards will be based on academic achievement, participation in defence and national security activities, field of study, work experience, statements of objectives, and recommendations. Awards are made without regard to race, creed, colour, or religion. WiDS reserves the right to revise, suspend, or discontinue this program without notice.

Applicants must meet the following criteria. No exceptions will be considered.

1. be currently enrolled at an accredited university or college, either full-time or part-time;
2. undergraduate and graduate students are eligible; undergraduates must have attained at least 3rd year university;
3. demonstrate interest in pursuing a career related to national security or defence;
4. have a minimum grade point average of 70%;
5. provide evidence of community, education or professional leadership;
6. be a woman; and
7. be a citizen of Canada.

NOTE:

1. Students who are already fully subsidized (i.e. ROTP) or in receipt of more than $10,000 in other academic scholarships/awards/bursaries for the academic year 2012-2013 (September 2012-August 2013) are not eligible to apply.
2. Reservists (including RETP) and other students paying their way through RMC are eligible.