

# **Wilderness Rendezvous Memorial Scholarship**

## **Guidelines and Terms of Reference**

### **Scholarship Program**

- Established in memory of Scouters who have Gone Home, the Wilderness Rendezvous (WR) Memorial Scholarship provides qualified individuals with post-secondary educational funding of a total of \$500 per year, subject to applying each year. Recipients must exhibit both academic competence and exemplary ongoing service to Wilderness Rendezvous and Scouts Canada. Wilderness Rendezvous is a camp operating under Scouts Canada/Saskatchewan Council.

### **Selection Committee**

The selection committee will consist of the Camp Directors.

### **Scholarship Qualifications**

To qualify for the WR Memorial Scholarship program, individuals:

- Must be registered/enrolled as a student at an accredited post-secondary educational institution (i.e. university, community college, junior college, career school, technical school, vocational/trade school) offering a degree or recognized certification.
- Must be a student in good academic standing.
- Must have completed the WR youth program and be enrolled in either the Rover Program or Sting or working as a leader or staff member of the camp.
- Complete the Scholarship Application annually.
- Must be no older than 26 years of age at the time of application.

### **Scholarship Awards**

**Applications are due June 21st each year. To be awarded at camp each year.**

The Scholarship will be paid directly to the Post-Secondary Educational Institution upon verification of the recipient's academic status and credited to the recipient's account.

The Selection Committee may award more than one Scholarship per year to qualified, deserving individuals.

Qualified individuals are eligible to receive the Scholarship more than once, however, preference will be given to qualified applicants who have not received the scholarship previously.

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### **History of the Program**

The concept of a Scholarship program for the participants of the Wilderness Rendezvous came about as the result of a bequest in Memory of Scouter Gerald Miller. Scouter Gerald was a long-time supporter of WR and a firm believer in continuing education. He spent a lot of his time at camp working with the youth to enhance their outdoor skills. When Scouter Al Torgerson had Gone Home a further bequest came from his passing, Al was another long-term Scouter and a strong supporter of the camp. The staff of WR feels that the Scholarship is a way that Gerald and Al's work can be continued even though they have Gone Home. WR envisions the Scholarship as a way to encourage younger staff members to return to the camp each summer, thus giving WR the continuity to continue to grow the program and yet maintain the balance between the old and the new. The program began in 2015 and is part of Wilderness Rendezvous's ongoing legacy for many years to come. The spirit of the Scholarship is intended for younger Scouting members beginning their post-secondary education.

### **Scholarship Funding**

The funding for this program comes in part because of the endowed funds from Gerald and Al as well as an allocation from Wilderness Rendezvous general account or the Gone Home Fund.

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