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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 and outdoor educators 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 negatively affect your application.
- Proofread, proofread, and proofread again misspelling and grammar errors may reflect poorly on your application. Have a friend or relative double-check your work.
- **Do not staple** your application. Applications need to be scanned to selection committee.
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- Make certain your application is received on time. Deadline for applications is **midnight of September 30** 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 Expedited Post or Express Post or Priority Courier to ensure that your application can be tracked.
  - Email us at [info@paddlecanada.com](mailto:info@paddlecanada.com) 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).
  - Unfortunately, at this time video applications can/will not be accepted.
  - Please 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**

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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 Education, Outdoor Recreation, or Environmental Education Studies or another related program
- Have an academic standing of B+ (75%) or higher

### **ENTRY DEADLINE**

Postmarked no later than midnight, September 30<sup>th</sup> of the current academic year.

### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Cover Letter**

- 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**

- 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**

Provide a list and brief description of courses that emphasize environmental awareness and/or outdoor 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**

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

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### **Personal Environment & Educational Philosophy, and Knowledge of the late Bill Mason**

Within 500 words (2 pgs) please provide a statement of your philosophy regarding your beliefs with reference to the environment, to outdoor education, or outdoor recreation and to how your philosophy pertains to the ethics of land and water AND, how your philosophy reflects the life and work of Bill Mason.

### **Demonstrated Need for Financial Assistance**

Provide a budget, outlining both expenses, anticipated revenues and financial shortcoming for the current academic year.

### **Background in paddling**

Provide a résumé of your paddling experience, involvement in organized paddling and paddling instruction, if any.