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OECTA HAMILTON SECONDARY UNIT 2023 JOHN MCPHEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Executive of the Hamilton Secondary Unit is proud to offer scholarships to member's children and we're prouder still to be able to do so on behalf of people who have served this Unit extremely well over the years. These scholarships are being handed out in memory of Mr. John McPhee.

Throughout his career in education Mr. John McPhee remained a devout Catholic, a Christian, and above all a true gentleman. He was adored by students, parents, and educators alike. If there is a word which describes this person that word is, without question, 'Sir'.

The Hamilton Secondary Unit, through its scholarship program, not only continues to demonstrate its commitment to its members and their children, but above all it continues to recognize the efforts of educational leaders such as Mr. John McPhee who were instrumental to making Catholic education possible in this city.

Who May Apply?

Any dependent of a member of OECTA Hamilton Secondary Unit who is graduating from a secondary school and is pursuing formal post-secondary studies is eligible to apply. Individuals may only receive the award once.

The Amount

Scholarships will be awarded in the following categories:

- 8 scholarships at \$1000 each for students attending a recognized University
- 7 scholarships at \$1000 each for students attending a recognized College or Apprenticeship program

When are applications due?

Completed applications (application form, essay, transcript/credit counselling summary) for the 2020 Scholarship are due by **June 29th, 2023**.

Judging

Winners of the scholarships will be determined by a panel of judges based on a 500-word essay and top 6 grade 12 marks.

(Marks 40%, Essay Score 30%, Extracurricular 30%)

**Only complete applications will be considered*

Winners

Presentation of awards will occur by the middle of November to the OECTA Hamilton Secondary Unit member parents of the successful student applicants.

School and/or program confirmation must be received by the H.S.U. scholarship committee before any financial awards are dispersed.

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John McPhee Memorial Scholarship

Application Form

APPLICANT

Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

Secondary School Name: _____

POST SECONDARY:

Please circle one of the following with respect to your enrolment as of September 2023:

University

College

Apprenticeship

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION (HSU Member)

Name: _____

School/Workplace Name: _____

Completed application packages can be submitted to HSU staff reps or
forwarded to the HSU office (address below) **by June 29th, 2023.**

HSU Scholarship Committee
C/O OECTA
Hamilton Secondary Unit Office
209 MacNab Street N, Hamilton, Ontario, L8R 2M5

Application packages must include:

- Completed application form (current page)
- Transcript or Credit Counselling Summary (must show final marks for semester 2)
- Essay (maximum 500 words)
- Community Involvement/Other Activities (list and paragraph)

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PART 1 - ESSAY COMPONENT:

Applicants are required to submit an essay of a maximum of 500 words on the following topic:

This award is named for John McPhee, a well-respected and loved Catholic teacher and principal and is offered by HSU OECTA, a union which represents the collective positions and values of Catholic teachers – believing that we are stronger and a more visible witness when we speak and act together.

During your high school experience how have Catholic teachers come together and been a collective witness of the values which underpin Catholic education for the students and communities they serve?

- You may choose to reference Catholic education in the province of Ontario, school communities, or the example of OECTA members
- NOTE: the essays are marked anonymously – any personal details including names, schools, or specific identifiers will be removed before the essays are given to the markers. You are welcome to include personal examples but describe them in a way that they do not reveal your identity so they are not edited.

PART 2 – COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/OTHER ACTIVITIES COMPONENT:

- a) Provide a list of up to five activities you have participated in that most align with OECTA's priorities and values.
These activities may include volunteer work, extra-curriculars, part-time work, etc. Include with each activity dates participated and what role you held (ex. participant, executive member, lead).
- b) Explain in a brief paragraph (maximum 200 words) how the activities listed align with OECTA's priorities and values

PART 3 - ACADEMIC INFORMATION

- applicants must submit a transcript or Credit Counselling Summary that indicates 2nd semester final marks
- Only official averages will be used in scoring to determine the winners of the scholarships