

The Matthew R. Churchill



Memorial Fund

Post-Secondary Educational Scholarship Information & Application

The Matthew R. Churchill Memorial Fund's Post-Secondary Educational Scholarship has been made available through the kindness of numerous individuals, associations and companies that have made donations in Matthew's memory. The Eastern School District School Board manages the memorial fund on behalf of the Churchill Family and the Family's appointed trustees.

INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

Matthew Churchill was killed on the evening of March 25, 2005 by a hit-run-driver on Bauline Line in Portugal Cove. After his death, Matthew's parents initiated the Matthew R. Churchill Memorial Fund in order to provide a legacy and honour his memory through assisting others interested in continuing their education.

A Grade 9 student of Leary's Brook Junior High, Matthew made friends with everyone he met, was actively involved with hockey, an avid skateboarder and had a passion for guitar.

Although Matthew worked extremely hard in school, his academic achievements were overshadowed by a learning disability. Through the assistance of his parents, his dogged determination, and sheer hard work, he did succeed academically. He often talked about becoming a geologist like his dad, but in the final months before his death he was thinking of becoming a police officer.

Matthew played hockey for the Leary's Brook Junior High Eagles and also played house hockey in the Midget Division with the St. John's Minor Hockey Association where his dad Rod is still actively involved as a coach and sits as a Board Member of the Association. Matthew had a deep love of the sport – not so much for winning games, but for the fun and friendship it brought. He enjoyed spending every weekend in the rink with his dad and his friends and was very much a regular fixture at Twin Rinks on the weekend.

Matthew's friends were very important to him. He spent a lot of time with not just one or two good friends but with a circle of about 20 close friends. Matthew was the one who brokered the peace during arguments, helped teach others how to play guitar or skateboard, was a role model for his younger cousins, and above all was the best son Rod and Desma could have ever asked for.

Matthew had a gift of lifting spirits and making people smile through his generosity and kindness and it is these traits that Matthew's parents want to honour by making available a post-secondary scholarship in his memory.

ADMINISTRATION

The Memorial Fund was initiated in April 2005 and at that time, the Churchill's asked the following individuals to act as trustees:

Brian Dalton; President, *Altius Minerals Corporation*

John Baker, Q.C.; Partner, *White, Ottenheimer & Baker*

Donald Warr, F.C.A; Partner, *Blackwood & Warr Accountants*

Subsequently, proceeds collected through donations and fund raising has been transferred to the management of the Eastern School District. Dalton, Baker and Warr remain as trustees and advisors to the Churchill Family.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ❖ The applicant must be a full-time student pursuing post-secondary studies at an institution approved by the Department of Education. (Candidates will be required to submit proof of registration.)
- ❖ The applicant must be attending the post-secondary institution in the same year they graduate Level III (Grade 12)
- ❖ The applicant must have played minor hockey as a member of the St. John's Minor Hockey Association and having played all three years of midget hockey either in house league or a player with the minor or major midget divisions.
- ❖ The applicant must have attained a minimum overall 65% average for courses required for Level III graduation. (Candidates will be required to submit an official transcript of their academic record.)
- ❖ A written essay must be submitted by the applicant describing: **SCHOOL LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES** (student council, peer counselling, tutoring, yearbook committee, school club, etc.); **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT** (youth groups, minor sports coaching, charitable association volunteer activities, etc.); **ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT & PARTICIPATION** (participation, achievements, recognition, volunteer activities, etc.). This essay should include some comments regarding the importance of these activities as your development as a young adult.

CRITERIA WEIGHTINGS

- ❖ Academic Achievement (65%)
- ❖ Athletic Achievement & Participation (20%)
- ❖ School Leadership & Community Involvement (15%)

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- ❖ Complete the attached application form
- ❖ Submit a copy of an official high-school transcript
- ❖ Submit proof of acceptance at an approved post-secondary institution
- ❖ Submit an essay describing athletic achievements, school leadership and community involvement as well as how all three have helped in your development as a young adult
- ❖ Deadline for applications is **November 01** with award selection made on or about **November 15**

AWARD

- ❖ One (1) scholarship of \$1,000 will be established
- ❖ The scholarship is to be taken in the same year of the award
- ❖ Financial need will be the determining factor if there are candidates of equal overall standing

Applications are to be submitted to:

Matthew R. Churchill Memorial Scholarship
c/o **Scholarship Committee**
Eastern Education Foundation Inc.
Suite 601, Atlantic Place
215 Water Street, Box 64-66
St. John's, NL, A1C 6C9

Scholarship Application

Applicant Information	
Applicant's Name	_____
Address	_____
Phone Number	_____
Date of Birth	_____
Social Insurance No.	_____

Educational Information	
Name of High School:	_____
Address of High School:	_____
Level Completed at School:	_____
Post Secondary Institution you will attend in September is:	

Parental Information	
Name of Parent(s)	_____
Address	_____
Phone Number	_____

Scholarship Weighting Criteria

(for selection committee use only)

Criteria	Description	Points
Academic Average (65% of total weighting)	65% x Post-Secondary Entrance Average	_____
Athletic Achievement and Participation (15% of total weighting)	Athletic Achievement (10%) (team captain, MVP, most improved, championships won)	_____
	Participation (5%) (period of involvement, short- or long-term, number of sports participated in, team vs individual)	_____
Volunteer Activities (20% of total weighting)	School Leadership Activities (10%) (student council, tutor, peer counsellor, etc)	_____
	Community Involvement Activities (10%) (charitable association volunteer, involvement with community youth groups, sports coaching, scout leader, Sunday school teacher, etc.)	_____
TOTAL POINTS		_____

CHECKLIST

- Completed Scholarship Application
- Copy of Official Grade 12 Transcript
- Proof of Acceptance at Post-Secondary Institution
- Essay describing athletic and volunteer activities