

The
Rotary
Club of Simcoe



Gord Watts
SCHOLARSHIP

Description: The Rotary Club of Simcoe provides annually a minimum of one art scholarship for a graduating secondary student who is planning to enroll in interdisciplinary fine arts including visual, arts, fine arts, graphics, art history, film, photography, animation, web design, etc. at a recognized post-secondary institution. The Watts Scholarship Committee aims to increase diversity in creative professions and foster a feeling of social and environmental responsibility. Recipients are therefore selected on the basis of their academic excellence, talent, and their demonstrated commitment to giving back to the community through their volunteer work. Financial need is also considered.

A minimum of one fine art scholarship is available to a graduating Norfolk County high school student. The scholarship is for one year. Awards are paid directly to the recipient's school to be applied toward tuition.

Amount: minimum \$1,500.00.

Awards Per Year: minimum of one but if there are no qualified applicants, the Club may award a scholarship to a Norfolk County high school student pursuing post-secondary education in another field outside interdisciplinary fine arts in its sole discretion but preferably based on recommendations from the Norfolk County high schools.

Applicant must be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident and enrolled, or intend to enroll, in a full-time undergraduate program as per the above description.

Eligibility for Application:

- Attending a Norfolk County high school.
- Entering a recognized post-secondary institution with the intent to study interdisciplinary fine arts as per the description above.
- Admission to a recognized College or University as a full-time student for the upcoming Fall semester.

How to Apply:

The application, as per Schedule A, should include:

- A. Digital images of 10 works in any medium, created within the last three years, properly labeled (i.e. media, date, and title).
- B. An essay of no more than 500 words describing:
 - 1) applicant's work;
 - 2) applicant's future plans;

- 3) why the applicant needs this scholarship; and
- 4) why the applicant is the best candidate for the scholarship.

Applications should be submitted by e-mail to mikecobb56@gmail.com or send a copy to

Mike Cobb
c/o The Rotary Club of Simcoe
P.O. Box 1
Simcoe, ON N3Y 4K8.

References:

Two letters of recommendation, as per Schedule B of the Application, from teachers, counselors, community/church leaders. One of the two letters should be from an art teacher or mentor familiar with the applicant's work who can comment on the student's developing skills.

Recipients:

After review of the completed application by the Watts Scholarship committee, all students will be notified by mail or e-mail of the final decision.

Deadline:

Completed electronic and paper applications must be received by **May 31**.

The criteria and application can be downloaded directly from the Dr. Gordon C. Watts Scholarship webpage of The Rotary Club of Simcoe website www.simcoerotaryclub.com

Publishing non-contact information:

The applicant agrees that by submitting this application, The Rotary Club of Simcoe may publish non-contact information of scholarship winners in the media and/or its website, etc. (i.e. just the name and high school).

(if insufficient space, please attach schedule with additional information)

5. APPLICANT'S PLANS

(if insufficient space, please attach schedule with additional information)

6. WHY IS SCHOLARSHIP NEEDED

(if insufficient space, please attach schedule with additional information)

7. EXPLAIN WHY YOU ARE THE BEST CANDIDATE FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP

(if insufficient space, please attach schedule with additional information)



Schedule B

THE ROTARY CLUB OF SIMCOE GORD WATTS SCHOLARSHIP

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Student's Name: _____

Student's High School: _____

Dear Referent:

Thank you for taking the time to assist the student seeking a scholarship to study interdisciplinary arts at a recognized post-secondary institution.

In the space below and on the reverse or on a separate sheet of paper, please respond to the following four questions:

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
2. How would you describe the applicant's capacity for learning and creative problem-solving, particularly through visual and design media?
3. From your perspective what are the applicant's personal strengths?
4. How would you describe the student's developing art skills?

Please send your letter of recommendation to the following by **May 31**.

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Download this and all other application information and reference forms from the Dr. Gordon C. Watts Scholarship Webpage of The Rotary Club of Simcoe website www.simcoerotaryclub.com

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