



St. John Ambulance

JAMES A. ALBERY YOUTH BURSARY

Introduction:

The “James A. Albery Memorial Fund” was created in 1998 by the family of the late James Albery for the purpose of providing post secondary school education [bursary] funding for youth members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

James Albery joined the St. John Ambulance Brigade in 1965 as a member of the 159 Toronto [Humewood] Ambulance Division and during his thirty-one year Brigade career held Divisional, Corps, Provincial, and National Officer positions.

During his appointment as the Ontario Provincial Cadet Officer [1975 through 1981], he initiated the first formal educational programme, in Canada, for Brigade Youth Leaders. His original concept of annual, weekend, residential training sessions has grown and expanded over the years to include Council, Branch, and all other Brigade Officers. As the National Cadet Officer [1981 through 1986], he was instrumental in the creation of the [Canadian] Cadet Proficiency Subject Programme and when, in 1986, he was appointed National Training Officer, he developed and implemented the Brigade Training System for adult Brigade members. By the end of his appointment, in 1991, he had also overseen the redevelopment and implementation of the [new] triennial National Brigade Patient Care Competitions. After his Brigade retirement in 1996 as Deputy National Commissioner, he continued his work by contributing to the development of the Brigade's Youth Leaders' Manual, Camp Leadership Manual, and many other Brigade initiatives.

Throughout his years with the Brigade he remained dedicated to the development, expansion, and ideals of the Cadet and Crusader programme. In his professional life, he was equally as dedicated to young people. As a teacher with the York Region Board of Education in Ontario, he was respected by both his colleagues and students for the many innovative and unique educational techniques he pioneered.

In recognition of his extraordinary efforts and many achievements, he was promoted, in 1995, to the rank of Knight of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem.

It is because of his continued commitment to ensuring that today's youth have every opportunity to participate fully and meaningfully as citizens with Canadian society, that this Memorial Fund was established in his name.

Memorial Fund Award Criteria:

Applicants to the “James A. Alberty Memorial Fund” must:

- [a] be currently active in the Brigade,
- [b] have been awarded their Grand Prior's Badge,
- [c] be under the age of twenty-one [as of 31 July of the year of application],
- [d] be entering into, or currently undertaking, post secondary school education, and
- [e] express a desire to continue their work within the St. John Ambulance organisation [Order, Brigade, and/or Association].

All applications must be received on the approved form. While unsuccessful applicants are encouraged to reapply in future years, those who are successful are prohibited from applying for continuing aid. Diploma or degree Nursing [undergraduate or graduate R.N.] programmes are not eligible programmes under this Memorial Fund as they are more appropriately applied for under the Margaret MacLaren Memorial Fund.

Applications will only be accepted for study within Canada unless the programme chosen is not available at a Canadian educational institution or school. All awards will be in Canadian dollars.

Prior to the disbursement of an award, the applicant must provide proof of acceptance into a post secondary school education programme. For those applicants who are already enrolled in such a programme, transcripts of current academic standing in their chosen programme must be provided.

Post secondary school education is not limited to university or college programmes nor is it limited to health care/industry related programmes. Apprenticeship, certificate, diploma, or degree programmes in any profession, trade, or specialty are acceptable. Any chosen programme, however, must be able to provide measurable and meaningful societal, family, and personal outcomes for the applicant.

By common use definition, the term *post secondary* is generally understood to mean successful completion of secondary school. For the purposes of this Memorial Fund, however, a Secondary School Graduation Certificate/Diploma is not, necessarily, a prerequisite to application. As an example, an apprenticeship programme which requires less than secondary school graduate status would be considered; provided that the applicant met all other application criteria. This section is not intended to encourage applicants to leave secondary school early but, rather, to permit all Brigade youth members the opportunity of maximizing their educational potential.