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**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pictou County #NSStrong Bursary**

**Description**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pictou County is a charitable organization that believes in the value and values of mentoring. We provide a variety of mentoring programs for children and youth between the ages of 6-18 that can be life changing.

Big Brothers Big Sisters understand the importance of relationships and mentoring is the centre of our philosophy.

In April 2020 Nova Scotia experienced a tragedy where 22 people were killed in the deadliest shooting in Canadian history. During the time following the tragedy, Nova Scotia pulled together as it does and supported each other through the close relationships that Nova Scotians have, highlighting as much positivity as possible. The hashtag #NSStrong became a representation for the caring people of Nova Scotia. Big Brothers Big Sisters wanted to honor those lost by offering a community bursary in their memory.

**Amount of Bursary:** $500

**Number of Awards:** one

**Bursary Criteria**

1. The recipient is to be a deserving student who currently resides in Pictou County

2. The recipient will be attending an educational institution in the fall of the year the bursary is awarded, in a human service field of studies (human services, child and youth studies).

3. Applicants may be required to show evidence of acceptance in an educational institution and current income.

4. The applicant will demonstrate they have a financial need and satisfactory academic achievement.

5. The applicant will demonstrate they have been a mentor and have made a positive impact in their school community in a “non-fundraising” capacity.

**Selection Committee**

1. The Selection Committee will be made up of staff and volunteers of Big Brothers of Pictou County, including the Executive Director, the Program Manager, and one member from the board of directors or community.
2. Members of the Selection Committee cannot screen an applicant to whom they are related.

**Selection Procedure**

1. The attached Application Form will be used. (include a resume if you have one)
2. Applications by the eligible candidates will be forwarded to the Selection Committee.
3. Selection will take place once per year in May (Application deadline May 31st).
4. The Selection Committee will review and approve applications in June.
5. Distribution of funds will be paid directly to the recipient.
6. The applicant will provide a copy of an acceptance into eligible program.
7. The applicant will provide a copy of the transcript of marks.
8. Applicants must agree to a photo and media release.
9. Applications will be reviewed based on a sliding point value for each area:

* Volunteer/Community Work – 10 points
* Financial Need – 10 points
* References – 10 points
* High school Transcript – 10 point

**Contact:**

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\*Include copy of application, resume, copy of acceptance into eligible program, transcript, and 2 letters of reference

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**Scoring Sheet (Internal Use Only)**

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| **Personal Information** |  |
| Name |  |
| Address |  |
| Postal Code |  |
| Telephone |  |
| Birthdate |  |
| Mother’s Name |  |
| Occupation/Employer |  |
| Father’s Name |  |
| Occupation/Employer |  |
| Name and Ages of Siblings |  |

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| What school will you be attending that the funds will go towards? |
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| Does the applicant participate  in extra-curricular activities, volunteering, community work (please list) |  |
| Please tell us about your request. What are your plans with the funds. |  |
| Describe how you feel you are a mentor, to who and how? Talk about the experience and what you have contributed. |  |

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

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| What amount are you able to contribute to your education? |  | | |
| Total amount of last year’s income |  | | |
| Total amount of last year’s family income |  | | |
| Please list any other sources you  are receiving support for your education? |  | | |
| How would you rate your need (circle) | Extreme | Great | Moderate |
| Can you agree to a photo and media release? | Yes | No |  |

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| Please tell us in 100  words or less why we  should choose your  application. |  |
| Date: | Parent/Guardian Signature: |
| Date: | Applicant’s Signature: |

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| **OFFICE USE ONLY**  Approval Date:  Authorized By: | Amount Approved: |