



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, nursing field, bachelor of sociology/psychology etc.).**
3. Applicants will be required to show evidence of acceptance in an educational institution and may be required to show proof of 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.
3. Members of the Selection Committee will have the final decision on an educational program criteria.

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 (unless extended by Committee).
4. The Selection Committee will review and approve applications in May(unless extended by Committee).
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 submit a completed and signed application.
8. The applicant will provide a copy of the transcript of marks.
9. Applicant will **provide 2 references**
10. Applicants must agree to a photo and media release.
11. 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:

Executive Director
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pictou County
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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)

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

What school will you be attending that the funds will go towards?
What program will be entering?

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.	

<p>Describe how you feel you are a mentor, to who and how? Talk about the experience and what you have contributed.</p>	
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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	

<p>Please tell us in 100 words or less why we should choose your application.</p>	
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Date:	Parent/Guardian Signature:
Date:	Applicant's Signature:

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Approval Date:	Amount Approved:
Authorized By:	

PLEASE NOTE: Applications not complete or not including the requested documents will not be considered.

- Completed and signed application
- Transcript of marks
- 2 references
- Proof of acceptance into eligible program

ONLY applications from those attending programs in a human service or child study related field will be accepted (see above criteria).