

Date: June 3 , 2019
To: All Members of Local 867
From: Chad Swayze, W.A. Laird Scholarship Chair
Re: 2019 William A. Laird Memorial Scholarship

Please see attached to this letter the William A. Laird Scholarship Information and Application.

Note that the deadline for the application is **JULY 26, 2019.**

(Late entries will NOT be accepted).

If you require additional copies they can be printed from our website uffw.ca or by contacting myself at (204)299-5285 or cswayze@uffw.ca

William A. Laird Memorial Scholarship Information 2019

Bill Laird was a member of Local 867 for 37 years. Bill served on the Executive of Local 867, starting as a Trustee, and ultimately held the position of Vice President for 12 years. He served on various committees including pensions, bargaining, safety and compensation.

Provincially, Bill was President of the Manitoba Professional Fire Fighters Association from 1964 until his demise in 1992. He was Vice Chairman of the Building Standards Board and a commissioner of the Workers Compensation board. He successfully lobbied to have a presumptive Heart and Lung Regulation put in place. That regulation was struck down by the Appeal Court in January 1988. He represented all local unions in the Winnipeg area that resulted in the creation of the United Fire Fighters of Winnipeg in 1974. He was a fervent advocate of fire fighters rights in the Workers Compensation System.

Internationally, Bill was the Canadian I.A.F.F. Trustee from 1978 to 1992.

At the time of his demise, Bill held the rank of District Chief.

As a result of these and other achievements, it was decided by the membership at the Sept. 1994 General Meeting to provide for a perpetual scholarship fund in memory of William A. Laird.

General Information:

The William A. Laird Scholarship Fund is inviting applications for its scholarship awards. The awards this year are:

Three Scholarships - \$500.00 each

Applicants must indicate financial status, community involvement, and demonstrate academic achievement. **Applicants must be in their second or subsequent year of study or have completed NFPA Fire Fighter Level II at an accredited Canadian Fire College.**

Eligibility:

The competition is open to children of members in good standing of U.F.F.W., Local 867. Children are defined as: sons, daughters and legally adopted children of members of Local 867. Also eligible are children of disabled, retired or deceased members who were members in good standing at the time of their disability, retirement or demise.

Method of Selection:

A selection committee of individuals who are not members of Local 867 will review the applications and other information provided based on the following criteria: community involvement, academic achievement and aptitude promise. Individuals who have not been awarded previous Laird Scholarships will be given first priority, although all are encouraged to apply. The Selection Committee may choose to conduct interviews to determine the award winners. The Executive of Local 867 has no input in the selection of winners. The decision of the Selection Committee is final.

How to Apply:

Applications may be obtained from:

www.uffw.ca

Any Executive Board Member or

U.F.F.W., Local 867, I.A.F.F. 303-83 Garry Street, Winnipeg, MB. R3C 4J9

Phone 204-783-1733 Fax 204-772-2531

Each applicant must complete a questionnaire and provide a report showing courses taken, grades obtained and community involvement. All records and information shall remain confidential. Each applicant is required to submit a typed essay of not less than 1000 words on the subject listed on the application form.

Closing date:

Applications must be returned to the Union Office, be in the hands of an Executive Board Member or be postmarked on or before **July 26, 2019**

William A. Laird Memorial Scholarship Application 2019

Name _____ First Application (Yes or No) _____
First Name Initial Last Name

Address _____ City _____ Postal Code _____

Home phone (____) _____ Name of qualified parent _____
Area code

Status of Parent: (Circle one) Active Retired Disabled Deceased Personal I.A.F.F. # _____

How many in family _____ Name of Parents _____

List names and dates of birth of siblings:

Academic Institution presently attending _____ Year in school _____

Address _____ City _____ Postal Code _____

Post Secondary Institution you will be attending in 2019-2020 _____

Address _____ City _____ Postal Code _____

OR

Fire College at which you completed NFPA Fire Fighter Level II _____

Address _____ City _____ Postal Code _____

Please indicate how you anticipate covering your costs throughout the next school year or how you covered your costs to attend Fire College, i.e. part time work, family assistance and other scholarships or awards applied for or received.

ALONG WITH THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING ON SEPARATE PAGES:

1. **Please indicate how you are involved in your community. Bill Laird embodied Community Service, and therefore this section will merit considerable recognition.**
2. **A transcript of your marks.**
3. **A typed essay (not less than 1000 words) ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:**

In your own words, describe the lasting effects of the 1919 General Strike on the labour movement in the City of Winnipeg, specifically within the Winnipeg Fire Department.

Date of Application

Signature of Parent

Signature of Applicant

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

United Fire Fighters of Winnipeg, 303-83 Garry Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 4J9 or Fax 204-772-2531
Attention: W.A. Laird Scholarship Committee.

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