

GILROY/ACHESON/COOPER SCHOLARSHIP

INTRODUCTION

In 2002 the Board and staff of Winnipeg Child and Family Services was pleased to announce the creation of the Keith Cooper Scholarship Fund for children in and from care who wish to continue their education beyond Grade 12. The fund acknowledges the late Keith Cooper, former Chief Executive Officer of Winnipeg Child and Family Services and educator, and his commitment to children in Agency care as well as his interest in their further education.

The scholarship program draws upon funds from the Gilroy/Acheson account with the Winnipeg Foundation, which has been designated for use by children in care. The Keith Cooper Scholarship Fund was formerly a scholarship program for Winnipeg Child and Family Services. It is now available to all four Child and Family Services Authorities. A review panel composed of a member of each Authority and a representative of VOICES: Manitoba's Youth in Care Network will review the applications and, for the 2010-2011 year reward one or more scholarships totaling \$7,500.00. The scholarship recipients can reapply for the scholarship for an additional three years so that a student might complete a four year university, technical or vocational program.

To be eligible applicants must:

1. Be currently or formerly in the care of agencies/regional offices delivering child welfare services under the four Authorities or the welfare agencies which preceded them.
2. Have been in the care of the child welfare agency/region for more than one year.
3. Be thirty years of age or younger before the application deadline.
4. Be planning to attend a recognized University, College, Technical or Vocational School.
5. Be able to meet the institution's entry requirements.

The Panel will then award scholarship(s) based upon the applicant's:

1. Financial situation and needs including the availability of other financial resources.
2. Grades and academic achievement to date.
3. Available support system.

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INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete the attached application package. Your completed package should include:

- Pages 3 – 6 of this application
- This application including personal information (see Question 7)
- A copy of your latest school transcript
- Three letters of reference

Applicants should complete the entire application and return it to:

**Joanne Crate
Chair, Keith Cooper Scholarship
Selection Committee
206 - 819 Sargent Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3E 0B6**

All application packages must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 14th, 2010. Incomplete packages will not be accepted.

3. Education

Last grade completed/date: _____

Last School attended: _____

Year of Graduation (if applicable) _____

4. Educational Plans

Please answer either a) OR b):

a) Please list the post secondary institutions to which you intend to applied:

b) Please list the post secondary institutions to which you have applied:

What program/are are you planning to study: _____

Is this is a full or part-time program: _____

What is the length of the program: _____

When is the program start date? _____

Please explain why this area is of interest to you: _____

5. Financial:

Have you applied for or are you eligible for other financial assistance (bursaries, student loans, scholarships, band funding).

Yes No

If yes, which ones? _____

Will you be receiving financial assistance?

Yes No

Please describe the assistance and the amount to be received.

Please outline your expenses for the next year.

Tuition: _____
Books/Equipment: _____
Residence/Rent: _____
Food: _____
Transportation: _____
Miscellaneous: _____
Other: _____

Total Expenses: _____

6. Employment:

Do you have a job currently?

- No
- Yes, Part-Time
- Yes, Full-Time

Do you plan to work while going to school? Please describe. _____

What total contribution do you plan to make towards your expenses for the next school year?

7. Personal Information:

Please respond on a separate sheet and attach to the application form

- a) How did you get where you are today?
- b) Where do you want to go?
- c) How are you going to get there?
- d) Are there people in your life currently who have given you support and would be willing to offer you a friendly voice or ear to help you with your educational plans? Who are they and how would this support team work for and with you?