

Muriel Connors Award

Value of the Award for September 2024 will be a minimum of \$3,000

The Award winner will be contacted by June 10th, 2024

The application deadline is March 18, 2024

Background: Muriel Connors was an amazing lady and loved by all who knew her. She was a school teacher, principal, bookkeeper, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and a friend to anyone who met her.

Muriel grew up in Shediac Cape, New Brunswick and spent the remainder of her life on Brookdale Farm (Scoudouc Road, NB), with her loving husband (Joe) and their six children. Muriel was a strong supporter of curiosity, reading, education, cooking, and most importantly - spending time with people.

Muriel was a pillar in the community and involved in many activities. She served her church (*St. Martin's in the Woods Anglican Church*) by volunteering on many church committees, being a member of ACW and the *Ladies Guild*, and reading at the early service every Sunday morning. She had years of volunteering with *Girl Guides of Canada*, *Girls' Auxiliary*, *Hospice*, *School Breakfast Programs* and the *Canadian Cancer Society*, and she was a member of several community groups.

Muriel died in August of 2020. To honour their mother and grandmother, the family decided to create this annual award, with hopes of fostering young talent that may be overlooked by other scholarships. Muriel Connors' heart would go out to someone who maybe did not have the natural gifts or talents of the front-runners, but would work harder than anyone else just to keep-up.

The ***Muriel Connors Award*** does not have a minimum grade/GPA requirement and the application process is designed to encourage students with varying skills and interests, (such as art, academics, cooking, skills in trades or videography) to apply. **The family welcomes applications from any student who is interested.**

ELIGIBILITY:

- **Age:** Applicant must be between the ages of 15 and 30
- **Graduation from a New Brunswick high school** (Note: This does NOT exclude university students from applying, provided they graduated from a high school in NB at some time.)
- **Attendance at post-secondary school:** Award recipients must be willing to show proof of acceptance from, or attendance at an accredited public community college or university program in Canada.
- **Education Postponement:** If the winner chooses to postpone their education, the award may be reserved for up to one year.

Application Process (4 steps):

Step 1: Application Form

Complete the ***Muriel Connors Award Application*** form (attached)

Step 2: Personal Statement (written or video)

Muriel Connors was a very good listener. She would rather listen to others than talk about herself. She loved to hear everyone's stories and get to know them through those stories.

On Muriel's behalf, we would like to get to know a bit about you. In 300 words or less, or a 3-minute video, please tell us about the following:

- a little about yourself and your family,
- your intended career path, goals, and why you chose this journey,
- how you intend to fund your education and what steps you have taken so far.

Step 3: Essay OR Video

Please respond to **one (1)** of the following four (4) topics in either essay (500 words or less) or video format (maximum of 5 minutes):

1. Share a story about your favourite memory with your mother, grandmother or favourite person
2. Tell us about a kind or generous person in your life and explain how they have impacted you
3. Tell us about a personal life-changing moment, experience, lesson etc.
4. Tell us about your family: a) why they are important to you, and b) what family means to you

Step 4: Creative Interest

Please share **one (1)** of the following three (3) creative items with us:

1. Send us your favourite photo (a copy) – taken by you or someone else- and tell us why it is meaningful to you
2. Send us your favourite family recipe – and tell us why it's meaningful to you
3. Be unique and surprise us by creating your own submission. Share something that you've done/created (Here are some examples, but there are no boundaries: a video or lyrics of a song you wrote; a poem you wrote; a photo of a science fair project, artwork, a medal / banner from sports with an explanation of the steps you took to achieve it)

PROCEDURES:

1. Please ensure your application is complete. A completed application will have:
 - a completed ***Muriel Connors Award Application*** form
 - steps 2-4 completed (3 parts)
 - reference contact information (included at the bottom of the application form)
2. Please do not send any digital material with time sensitive download links.
3. We will not be returning anything that is submitted so please send copies and not originals.
4. Submit your application by **March 18, 2024**. Applications can be submitted by:

email to murielconnorsaward@gmail.com OR

mail or courier to:

The Muriel Connors Award
% Fredericton Community Foundation
117 York Street, Suite 102
Fredericton, NB E3B 3N6

Muriel Connors Award Application

Due March 18, 2024

Name:

City/Hometown:

Telephone Number:

E-mail Address:

Date of Birth:

High School (name, location, phone number):

University or College attending in September:

University/College Program:

Parents / Guardians: (Full names)

References: Please provide the name and contact information of 3 people, **not related to you**, who can confirm the information you have provided in this application. (They will only be contacted should you be one of the finalists for this award.)

Name	Phone number	Email address	Relationship (How do you know this person?)
1.			
2.			
3.			

CERTIFICATION (by Applicant)

I certify that all the statements made in this form are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and I believe they are made in good faith.

I understand that I will be contacted only if my application is selected as a finalist.

I also understand that my entire application becomes the property of the Scholarship Committee once I have submitted it.

Print name

Signature

Date