

Hugh P. O'Neil Student Arts Bursary Application

The Hugh P. O'Neil Bursary fund was established in 1995 by the Quinte Provincial Liberal Association to recognize the contributions of former MPP Hugh O'Neil during more than twenty years of political life, and in particular to honour his significant support of the arts both provincially and locally.

Eligibility: Each spring Hugh O'Neil, in conjunction with the Quinte Arts Council, awards two \$500 bursaries to students graduating from secondary schools in the Quinte Riding (as it existed in 1995). Students must be proceeding to further education in the arts, at a university, college, or school of dance in Canada, with the aim of pursuing a career in the arts. One bursary will be given to students graduating from one of the following Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board schools (Nicholson Catholic College, St. Theresa's or St. Paul's) and one bursary will be given to students graduating from one of the following Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board schools (Centennial, Moira, Quinte, Bayside or Trenton).

Criteria: Priority will be given to students who have demonstrated superior academic achievement, and an active involvement in the arts both within their secondary school and the wider community. In addition, the following areas will also be considered in making the award: artistic achievement and innovativeness, extracurricular activities (both volunteer and in the workplace), demonstrated level of commitment, determination or focus on the chosen field of interest, degree of support in teacher support letters.

Recipients will be notified before the end of June, and the presentation will be made at the school graduation ceremonies by Mr. O'Neil or a representative of his family.

It is a condition of acceptance of this bursary that the recipient will furnish a letter to the editor or a brief article on their first year of post-secondary school studies for the QAC's Umbrella arts newspaper. This article is to be submitted no later than June 15th of the year after receiving this bursary.

In order to be considered, the following materials MUST accompany each application:

- ___ Transcript of marks throughout secondary school
- ___ Two one-page letters of recommendation (one by an academic counsellor or teacher and one by the teacher or instructor of the arts discipline that the student is planning to pursue)
- ___ A one-page letter that provides other information that will give the committee a better picture of the student and why he/she loves the arts and wants to proceed towards the particular career that they have chosen.

DEADLINE for APPLICATION: BEFORE April 30th of each calendar year.

Print and complete this form. Send or deliver the application, including all of the above to:
Quinte Arts Council, 36 Bridge Street East, P.O. Box 22113, Belleville, ON, K8N 2Z5

Hugh P. O'Neil Student Arts Bursary Application Form

APPLICANT'S NAME _____

ADDRESS (including city and postal code) _____

TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL _____

SECONDARY SCHOOL _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY to be attended next year _____

DISCIPLINE/PROGRAM to be studied _____

Acceptance guaranteed? ___ Yes ___ No

Your ultimate career aim? _____

CHECKLIST of ITEMS to be SUBMITTED with APPLICATION:

___ Transcript of secondary school marks

___ Letter of Recommendation from teacher or academic counsellor.

___ Letter of Recommendation from instructor in arts discipline I am planning to pursue.

___ One page letter about me and why I want to pursue my chosen career in the arts

I hereby authorize my secondary school to release to the committee information that may be pertinent to this application, and I agree to provide the required article to the Umbrella newspaper if chosen as a winner.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____