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Costello Music and Storytelling Scholarship Fund Criteria

A Donor Advised Fund established to celebrate talented music and storytelling performers from Elgin County through scholarship awards..

Each year applications are invited from Elgin County residents and high schools, and the Costello Music and Storytelling Scholarships are awarded based on the following criteria:

- This annual scholarship will recognize the consummate performer(s) in music or storytelling in Elgin County.
- Applicants must be current residents of Elgin County.
- Applicants will be asked to submit short essays of 'why this is their chosen career' (it can be helpful if recordings, video essay/performance or YouTube links also accompany your application.). Application forms (attached) ask schools to supply marks and comments about the applicants; however decisions will not be made on academic achievement alone.
- ✓ Students must show proof of enrolment in a post-secondary program at an accredited institution, or a certificate program with a recognized educational association.
- ✓ Students who have graduated Grade 12 in the last year as well as Mature Students are eligible for Grants from this Scholarship Fund.
- ✓ Applicants will have demonstrated a passion for performance and skill in music or storytelling.
- ✓ Provide a letter of recommendation from community member, teacher or guidance counselor.
- ✓ The above criteria will define eligibility. This is a County wide scholarship, not limited to, or assured to any particular school.
- ✓ Cheques will be issued to qualified donees (charitable Foundation of appropriate College/training institution), which will then issue cheques to successful applicants after final confirmation of enrollment..

The deadline for applications is June 01 each year, and applications should be forwarded to the Elgin-St. Thomas Community Foundation office at Box 20150, St. Thomas, N5P 4H4. Early applications are appreciated as we aim to have applications reviewed and scholarships awarded in time for graduation ceremonies the third week of June. Representatives from the Costello Music and Storytelling Scholarship Fund will be available to attend your graduation ceremonies to present awards, and we appreciate early notification of your grad ceremony dates so presenters can keep those dates free.