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St. Thomas – Elgin Tourism Scholarship Fund

The St. Thomas Elgin Tourism Association has established the **St. Thomas - Elgin Tourism Association Scholarship Fund** to support post-secondary education in an area of study that would support travel and tourism.

Each year applications are invited from Elgin County residents, and the STETA Scholarships are awarded based on the following criteria:

1. Eligible applicants must be a resident of Elgin County, and be a Canadian Citizen or permanent resident (landed immigrant) at the time of application for scholarship/or entry to first year Tourism related program.
2. Complete Application Form and provide a 500 word essay stating why this is your chosen profession/career direction.
3. Students must show proof of enrolment in a post-secondary Tourism related program at an accredited institution.

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. Scholarship announcements are the third week of June.

Cheques will be issued to qualified donees (charitable Foundation of appropriate College/training institution), which will then issue cheques to successful applicants.

Successful applicants will be required to provide a short final report on completion of the school year for which this funding is applied.

HISTORY OF ELGIN ST. THOMAS TOURIST ASSOCIATION (1987-2008)

The St. Thomas – Elgin Tourist Association was incorporated in 1987 as a non-profit corporation, and from 1987 to 2002 the business of the tourism association was carried out by a volunteer Board of Directors which included representatives from throughout the County of Elgin and the City of St. Thomas. The association was funded 60 /40 by the County of Elgin and the City of St. Thomas. From 2002-2007 full time staff reported to the Board of Directors representing the eight municipalities in Elgin County – St. Thomas, Aylmer, Central Elgin, Bayham, Malahide, Southwold, Dutton-Dunwich, and West Elgin. The representation breakdown is as follows: St.

Thomas – 3 appointed by the City, County of Elgin – 3 appointed by the County, three each from the east, central, west and the City of St. Thomas elected by the membership.

The STETA operated under the following mission statement: **“St. Thomas – Elgin Tourist Association’s mission is to promote cultural, historical, recreational and agricultural tourism in St. Thomas and Elgin County. Our goal is to increase tourism awareness within our domestic market.”**

In 2007 the STETA began the process of moving toward a formal new Economic Development & Tourism Services department that would continue to promote both the County of Elgin and City of St. Thomas through a continued partnership of the 60 / 40 split of operations.

As its final act, at the dissolution of the not for profit association/STETA established the **St. Thomas - Elgin Tourism Association Scholarship Fund** to support second year post secondary education in an area of study that would support travel and tourism.