

PURPOSE

The Merritt Award was established in memory of the late Mr. Murray Merritt and the late Mrs. Marion Merritt, of Chatham, and their dedication to the students they taught and the young people through their involvement in community organizations.

AWARD

Two annual awards in the amount of \$300.00 each will be given commencing with the 2008-2009 graduating year (until depletion of the fund), to recognize, encourage and assist a student graduating from Chatham-Kent Secondary School or John McGregor Secondary School, who aspires to a career in education as a teacher at the elementary or secondary school level.

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. The recipient should aspire to become a member of the teaching profession, after the appropriate post-secondary training.
2. Candidates for this award will have contributed to the betterment of their school's environment, through both personal traits and their involvement in extra-curricular activities.
3. Candidates will have exhibited characteristics typical of a strong and sensitive teacher.
4. Candidates will have earned above average results in a minimum of six 4U (University) and/or 4M (University/College) destination courses, and will have demonstrated particular proficiency in English 4U. Applicants will be graduates of Chatham-Kent Secondary School or John McGregor Secondary School.

5. The award should be balanced between male and female recipients, in recognition of it being established in honour of a married couple.

6. Candidates must provide proof of the enrollment in a Canadian University to the Administrator – Chatham-Kent Public Education Student Assistance Foundation prior to receiving the award.

It is recognized that it may be impractical in practice for a recipient to meet all of the criteria defined herein; however, adherence to the spirit of these criteria by those responsible for selection will be acceptable.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- ❖ Applications must be submitted to the Principal of the public Secondary School from which the student will graduate by May 31st of the year of graduation from secondary school.
- ❖ The application shall be made on a form as attached. The form can be obtained from the respective Student Services Offices.
- ❖ The Administrator – Chatham-Kent Public Education Student Assistance Foundation will co-ordinate selection of the successful applicants.
- ❖ All applicants will be informed whether or not they have been successful.
- ❖ **Students must attach their most recent transcript of marks.**

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone No: _____

Secondary School
Graduated From: _____ Year: _____

Post-Secondary
School Attending: _____

Course of Study: _____

On a separate sheet, attached to this application, candidates will provide statements that address the following:

- (a) What educational goals will lead you to a career in teaching?
- (b) How have you contributed to the betterment of your school's environment (address personal traits and your involvement in extra-curricular activities)?
- (c) What characteristics will make you a strong and sensitive teacher?

Principal's Recommendation: (please include student's average)

Principal's Signature

Date

Personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the Education Act, and will be used to determine appropriate recipients. It may be forwarded to those responsible representatives of the award donors.

THE MERRITT

AWARD



Lambton Kent
District School Board

CHATHAM-KENT PUBLIC EDUCATION STUDENT ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION

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