

Spring 2010

Re: BC/Yukon Fire Fighters' *Helping Hand Bursary* 2010/2011

Dear Applicant:

Fire Fighters in British Columbia and Yukon have been supporting Muscular Dystrophy Canada since 1954. Over the years, they have shown incredible commitment to our communities, and unceasing dedication to supporting all Canadians affected by a neuromuscular disorder.

Two years ago, BC/Yukon Fire Fighters decided to use funds raised at the BC/Yukon Fire Fighter Conference, to fund a scholarship for youth living with disability. The purpose of the BC/Yukon Fire Fighters' *Helping Hand Bursary* is to provide financial assistance to a student in need, who wishes to pursue ongoing post secondary education or training.

The *Helping Hand Bursary* will be awarded to three successful candidates in the amount of \$2,000 each, on the basis of need and the recipient's willingness to continue the *Helping Hand Legacy* via a personal commitment to give back to the community.

To ensure that you are considered, please complete the application form and send it to:

BC/Yukon Fire Fighters' Bursary  
Muscular Dystrophy Canada  
7<sup>th</sup> Floor, 1401 West Broadway  
Vancouver, BC V6H 1H6  
Attention: Selection Committee

**The deadline for submissions is June 30, 2010.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Stephanie Guidobono at 604-732-8799 ext.111, toll free at 1-800-366-8166 or [stephanie.guidobono@muscle.ca](mailto:stephanie.guidobono@muscle.ca).

Sincerely,



Maggie Kissel  
Director of Services  
Western Canada

**Western Canada:**

## **BC/Yukon Fire Fighters' *Helping Hand* Bursary**

### **Purpose:**

Fire Fighters in British Columbia and Yukon have been supporting Muscular Dystrophy Canada since 1954. As a part of the commitment made by Fire Fighters, to people living with neuromuscular disorders, the BC/Yukon Fire Fighters will use funds raised at the annual BC/Yukon Fire Fighter Conference to fund a scholarship.

The purpose of the BC/Yukon Fire Fighters' *Helping Hand Bursary* is to provide financial assistance to a student in need, who wishes to pursue ongoing post secondary education or training.

### **Bursary Award Criteria:**

The Bursary is directed towards candidates who plan to enroll in, or are currently enrolled in a program of studies at an educational or training institution in BC or the Yukon. The Bursary will be awarded on the basis of need and the recipient's willingness to continue the *Helping Hand* legacy via a personal commitment to community.

### **Eligibility:**

Eligible candidates will be registered with Muscular Dystrophy Canada and reside in BC or Yukon. There is no requirement that the chosen course of studies be accredited. Prior recipients of the Bursary may reapply for an additional year of funding.

### **Use of the scholarship:**

The scholarship will be awarded to a student for payment of tuition, books and other pre-approved school expenses, necessary to ensure the student's success.

### **Award Decisions:**

Representatives from Muscular Dystrophy Canada and the BC/Yukon Fire Fighter Advisory Group will act as trustees for the Bursary, and will make all decisions with respect to its award. Decisions by the trustees will be considered final.

### **Accountability:**

As a condition of acceptance, the Bursary recipient will agree to submit proof of enrollment and commencement of studies within one year of the awarding of the Bursary. Failure to supply proof of enrollment may result in the recipient being asked to return bursary funding.

### **For More Information:**

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## 2010 BC/Yukon Fire Fighters' Helping Hand Bursary

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE:

STUDENT'S NAME:		Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/>
ADDRESS*: <small>This should be an address where you can be reached through the Summer of 2010*</small>		POSTAL CODE:
TEL#:	FAX#:	EMAIL:
SECONDARY SCHOOL ATTENDED:		DATE GRADUATED:
POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL ATTENDED:		YEAR(S) ATTENDED:
TYPE OF PROGRAM : Diploma <input type="checkbox"/> Degree <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b><i>What educational or training institution are you planning to attend in the 2010/2011 school year?</i></b>		
INSTITUTION:		YEAR :
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Diploma <input type="checkbox"/> Degree <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>		DURATION OF PROGRAM:
HAVE YOU RECEIVED ACCEPTANCE IN TO THE PROGRAM? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		DATE ACCEPTED: (IF YES)
What neuromuscular disorder have you been diagnosed with?		

PLEASE ATTACH THREE LETTERS OF REFERENCE  
(1 ACADEMIC, 1 PERSONAL, 1 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT):

REFEREE'S NAME:		
TEL #:	FAX#:	EMAIL:
REFEREE'S NAME:		
TEL #:	FAX#:	EMAIL:
REFEREE'S NAME:		
TEL#:	FAX#	EMAIL:

**Candidate Essay**

**The BC/Yukon Fire Fighters' Helping Hand Bursary has been created to provide financial assistance to students who wish to pursue ongoing education or training.**

**Please tell us something about yourself – your career goals, extracurricular activities, and community involvement. How has your neuromuscular disorder impacted these activities? Finally, please tell us how you will bring the Helping Hand Bursary full circle by describing your personal commitment to community.**

**The application package contains (✓):**

- COMPLETED STUDENT APPLICATION
- THREE LETTERS OF REFERENCES (these may be submitted under separate cover if desired)
- PLEASE CONFIRM THAT YOU ARE REGISTERED WITH MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY CANADA AND RESIDE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Student's Signature

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Date

**Completed application forms should be sent to the address below by June 30, 2010. Please note that incomplete applications will not be accepted.**

BC/Yukon Fire Fighters' Helping Hand Bursary  
Attn: Selection Committee  
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