



Allan Simpson Educational Fund Awards Independent Order of Odd Fellows



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Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Since assuming the position of Bursar for the Allan Simpson Educational Fund about nine months ago, I have discovered that many of our members have not heard of this wonderful fund, so I would like to take this opportunity to briefly explain it.

The Allan Simpson Educational Fund was established in May 2002 to assist with the cost of post secondary education for young people who were full orphans (both parents deceased). However, due to the decreasing number of applications being submitted by “full orphans”, The Grand Lodge of Ontario, at its Annual Session in 2024, further expanded the eligibility requirements to include applicants from “single parent” homes.

These Annual Awards are available to qualified applicants in their quest for a post secondary education and are renewable if the applicant maintains a passing grade in all courses as a full time student at a University or College. In addition, the applicant must be a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident and be 22 years of age or less at the time of application.

Applications are ranked as follows:

- Full Orphan applicants with Odd Fellow/Rebekah affiliation;
- Full Orphan applicants with no Odd Fellow/Rebekah affiliation;
- Single Parent home applicant with Odd Fellow/Rebekah affiliation;
- Single Parent home applicant with no Odd Fellow/Rebekah affiliation.

The number and amount of awards presented each year is subject to the interest earned by the Fund. In 2025, we were able to award six bursaries in the amount of \$5,000.00 each. The awards are disbursed in two installments, payable to the University/College, and credited to the student's account.

The first half is mailed after the student provides confirmation of registration as a full time student for the Fall Semester and the remainder is mailed when the student provides proof of registration for the Winter Semester and a transcript for the Fall Semester showing a passing grade in all courses. The Awards are renewable in subsequent years at the discretion of the Selection Committee.

Application forms are available from the Grand Lodge Office or the undersigned and must be submitted no later than March 1st of each year. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions that you may have.

Fraternally yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn A. Benson".

Sister Carolyn A. Benson, Bursar
Allan Simpson Educational Fund