

The Bernice Read Memorial Scholarship



Bernice Read (1926-2010) dedicated her life to caring for others through her nursing career and her active involvement in her community. Bernice became an RN in 1948 after graduating from Brandon General Hospital (Manitoba) and had a long and fulfilling career as a community health nurse. She felt very passionate about the nursing profession as well as the importance of volunteering. Bernice was recognized by the Victorian Order of Nurses, the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario and the Canadian Cancer Society for her volunteerism. In addition, Bernice was recognized for her dedicated work with St. John Ambulance having received the St. John Service Medal of the Order in 1988 and was admitted into the Order of St. John in 1985 and subsequently promoted to the grade of Officer in 1990. The Bernice Read Nursing Scholarship established in 2011, in memory of Bernice's caring nature, her compassion for those in need and her strong belief in the value of the community.

Eligibility and Criteria:

This scholarship, in the amount of \$1,200.00, will be awarded to the single most deserving St. John volunteer who is currently in their second or third year of full-time nursing studies at a recognized Canadian university and has decided to pursue a career in the Community Health field. Candidates must excel academically, having achieved and maintained a "B" average throughout the year.

Applications:

To apply for this scholarship, candidates must complete the St. John Ambulance Nursing Bursary application form as required and include a copy of their most recent transcripts. In addition, Candidates must provide a 500 word essay describing the reason for their decision to pursue a nursing career in Community Health. Application forms are available through the St. John Provincial Council office.

Deadline:

All applications must be forwarded to the Provincial Council office in the candidate's province of residence by **March 15, 2011** to be considered eligible.