

Dr. Neal Simon Memorial Scholarship

P.O. Box 1720 Station B
Happy Valley-Goose Bay
A0P-1E0

GUIDE FOR APPLICANTS



December 30, 1973 - September 23, 2006
In Memory of Dr. Neal Simon

Established 2007

Dr. Neal Philip Perry Simon 1973-2006

Neal was born in Labrador City on Sunday, December 30th, 1973. In 1998, he was employed by the Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Natural Resources at Happy Valley – Goose Bay in the position of Regional Ecologist for the Labrador portion of the Province. Between 1996 and 1998, Neal worked as a contract biologist for the College of the North Atlantic. He held a B.Sc. (Hons.) from Memorial University of Newfoundland with a major in Ecology and Evolution and a minor in Statistics and a M.Sc.F. in Forestry and Environmental Management from the University of New Brunswick. Neal completed his Ph.D. in the faculty of Forestry and Environmental Management at the University of New Brunswick in 2006 and was about to embark on his Post-Doctoral research at the Université du Québec à Montréal in the spring of 2007.

Neal's research interests included effects of forest management and changing forest structures on plants and animal, habitat selection, competitive interactions and evolutionary histories of songbirds. He authored over 20 peer-reviewed journal publications and several internal reports on these topics. Neal also worked with St. Mary's University and the Innu Nation in developing and instructing course modules for the Innu Environmental Guardian Program. Neal was a member of the Society of Conservation Biologists, the Wildlife Society, the Atlantic Region of the Canadian Climate Impacts and Adaptation Research Network, the Atlantic Cooperative Wildlife Ecology Research Network, the Labrador Woodland Caribou Recovery Team, the Labrador Wolverine Working Group and the Committee for the General Status of Wildlife in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Neal was survived by his fiancé Leanne Elson, Mom (Doreen) and Dad (Dave), sister (Nicole), grandparents Gordon and Carrie Templeman, Albert and Brenda Elson, Brian Elson (Katheryn) as well as numerous close relatives and friends.

His friends will best remember Neal as a shining, though comedic intellectual, with a love of life and a passion for the outdoors.

“Yesterday is but a dream, and tomorrow is only a vision, but today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope.” (Anonymous)

Purpose:

The Dr. Neal Simon Memorial Scholarship intends on providing financial assistance to an individual resident of Labrador that is pursuing a post secondary diploma or degree in the natural resources, ecological, biological or environmental fields.

Criteria for Selection:

Awarding of the scholarship will be based on (in no specific order of importance):

- Financial Need
- Community and/or school involvement
- Academic Ability
- Environmental conservation interests

Award:

The value of this scholarship will be \$1000.00 and will be awarded in two installments over the academic year.

The first installment, valued at \$500.00 will be awarded in October and the second installment in February.

The recipient will present proof of registration and attendance at their chosen institution.

Recipients of this scholarship may reapply in subsequent years.

Contributors:

The Dr. Neal Simon Memorial Scholarship Fund was initially established through the many donations of friends, family and colleagues of the late Neal Simon. Donations to the Scholarship fund have since been made by the Western Newfoundland Model Forest, the Iron Ore Company of Canada, the Happy Valley-Goose Bay Judo Club, the Institute for Environmental Monitoring and Research, and Neal's parents, Dave and Doreen Simon and his sister Nicole.

Procedure:

The completed scholarship package must include the following:

1. Student Application Form

This will provide the applicant with an opportunity to outline his/her academic goals, academic achievement to date, and involvement in school and community.

2. Student's Academic Transcript

A complete transcript of your high school academic record and post secondary training is required with the application.

3. Two Referee Statements

In this statement each referee should indicate the length of time and circumstances of knowing the applicant and explain why the individual is worthy of being considered for the Dr Neal Simon Memorial Scholarship.

4. Résumé or Curriculum Vitaé

Completed applications must be postmarked by **April 11, 2016** and can be mailed to:

Dr. Neal Simon Memorial Scholarship
P.O. Box 1720 Station B
Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NL
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Attention: Frank Williams

Any questions please call (709) 896-6306 or email
frank.williams@cna.nl.ca

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APPLICATION FORM

Surname: _____ **Given Name(s)** _____

Address: _____

Phone No. _____

Post Secondary Institutions and Programs to which you have applied:

Academic/Achievement Activities

List any awards/bursaries/scholarships you have already been offered:

To what do you attribute your accomplishments?

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Referee's Statement

In support of the application for _____

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aforementioned applicant:

Explain why you believe this individual is a worthy candidate for the Dr Neal Simon
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Signature

Date

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