

Carmela Murdocca Literacy Bursary

A. HISTORY



The Carmela Murdocca Literacy Bursary honours the memory of Carmela Murdocca. This bursary will be awarded to a graduate of a TCDSB secondary school in order to help defray the cost of post-secondary school education.

As a young immigrant woman from a rural background, with family duties and responsibilities, Mrs. Murdocca was never afforded the opportunity to further her education. This was a life circumstance she always regretted. She was a fiercely independent woman who had great influence on her family. She strongly encouraged her children and grandchildren to continue their studies as she believed that her lack of education had limited her opportunities in life. This bursary was established in her memory to assist a student in realizing his/her dream in further pursuing post secondary studies.

B. DESCRIPTION OF AWARD

This bursary, in the amount of \$1,000.00, will be awarded annually to a graduating student who requires financial assistance in order to pursue studies in the area of **English** at a post secondary institution.

C. CRITERIA

Selection of the recipient will be made by a committee composed of representatives from the TCDSB Literacy Team and members of the Murdocca Family and will be based on the following criteria:

- ❖ Demonstration of proficiency in the area of English
- ❖ Record of contribution to the school community in the area of English
- ❖ Description of financial need and/or personal challenges
- ❖ Acceptance into a post-secondary institution

D. APPLICATION PROCESS

For each application the following is required:

Application must be completed with all of the following criteria for consideration of this bursary:

- ❖ The completed and signed application form
- ❖ The personal covering letter
- ❖ a letter of recommendation from **two** of the following: The school principal or designate, employer, departmental head, chaplain, support staff, teacher
- ❖ Confirmation of acceptance into a post-secondary music program

E. SELECTION PROCESS

Selections will be made of a committee comprised of TCDSB Literacy Team and Murdocca Family member(s). Winners will be notified by mail. In order to be considered for this award, a complete application package must be forwarded by your school by **May 17, 2010** to:

Executive Director, The Angel Foundation for Learning
80 Sheppard Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario, M2N 6E8

F. CONTACT PERSON

Enquiries regarding this bursary may be made to Sara Camilleri, Executive Director at The Angel Foundation for Learning at 416-222-8282 ext. 2195/ sara.camilleri@tcdsb.org