



RALPH BRADLEY MEMORIAL BURSARY

In 1994 the idea of providing a Chapter bursary was put forward by Cam Milne, the DSAO Chapter 5 representative from Wiebe Engineering. The idea came about because the Chapter Treasurer, Ralph Bradley, reported that there were substantial funds to cover normal expenses in the Chapter account and that the surplus funds should be used for the betterment of the DSAO and of Chapter 5. The members at the meeting endorsed the idea of a bursary and decided to provide 2 bursaries each worth \$250.00.

Ralph Bradley drew up the guidelines and the application form and took on the duties of the Bursary Coordinator. He also sat on the Bursary Selection Committee along with Peter Bryan-Pulham and René Landry.

The minutes of the Chapter meeting held on May 23, 1996 at the Ontario Agricultural Museum in Milton state that the Secretary, in his report, *“summarized the award of the Scholarship Bursary of May 2, 1996 to Heather Ferguson and Suzanne Klein. The plaques were presented by the Mayor of Glanbrook at the Township offices.”*

In 1998, due to health problems, Ralph Bradley stepped down as Bursary Coordinator.

For the 1999/2000 scholastic year, there were only two applicants, both who were going into some type of environmental program. The minutes of the June 1999 meeting state: *“The Committee Members for the bursaries have two submitted applications, both being of the environmental nature. The Membership felt that the environment is closely related to agricultural activities and that our standards for the bursaries are broad enough to allow for students entering this field to qualify. Ralph Bradley made the motion to accept both applicants for receivership of our bursary for 1999 and this was seconded by Don Washburn. All were in favor.”* For the 2000/2001 year, the ELIGIBILITY paragraph in the Bursary Guidelines was changed to “There is no restriction on the program of studies, however, the studies must be in a field which is, in some manner, related to agriculture and/or water management.”

In 2004, for the 2004/2005 scholastic year, the bursary was renamed the **Ralph Bradley Memorial Bursary**, with the permission of Mrs. Judy Bradley.

At the DSAO annual general meeting in January 2008, the membership voted to increase the bursary amount available to each Chapter to \$350 each per year, effective in 2009. At the March 20, 2008 Chapter V meeting, the membership voted to combine the \$250 chapter bursary with the \$350 provincial amount and provide one bursary in the amount of \$600, effective for the 2009/2010 scholastic year.

Since 1995, Chapter 5, Niagara Region has provided bursaries for programs ranging from veterinarian studies, environmental studies and agricultural business administration to cool climate oenology and viticulture. Information about the bursary is sent to Boards of Education



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for distribution to the secondary schools within their jurisdiction, as well as to newspapers in the Region of Niagara, City of Hamilton, Halton Region and the Counties of Brant, Haldimand and Norfolk.



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RALPH BRADLEY MEMORIAL BURSARY GUIDELINES

For the post secondary scholastic year, Chapter 5, Niagara Region, of the Drainage Superintendents Association of Ontario (DSAO) award the **Ralph Bradley Memorial Bursary**, with a value of **six hundred dollars (\$600.00)**, for post secondary education to a successful candidate within the district of Chapter 5 of the DSAO; which consists of the area within the Regional Municipality of Niagara, Haldimand County, Norfolk County, Brant County, the City of Hamilton and Halton Region.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be intending to further their education in an agricultural or water management related field and must graduate with a minimum B average (70% or greater) from an accredited secondary school within the DSAO Chapter 5 district. The bursary will be payable to the recipient upon filing proof of enrollment in the second (2nd) semester of post secondary studies. The bursary may only be used at post secondary institutions (colleges and universities) within the Province of Ontario. There is no restriction on the program of studies; however, the studies must be in a field which is, in some manner, related to agriculture and/or water management.

HOW TO APPLY

Complete the attached application form, in full and legibly. In addition, the applicant must submit with the application form a brief summary describing their educational background as it may relate to agriculture and/or water management, educational goals and the reasons for same, as well as any other information which might be relevant to a decision to further their education in the particular field.

Applications are to be made in writing and submitted to:

Mr. René Landry
Bursary Coordinator
Drainage Superintendents Association Chapter 5 Niagara Region
7672 Rysdale Street
Niagara Falls, ON L2H 1G1
Email: jrlandry7912@gmail.com



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**RALPH BRADLEY MEMORIAL BURSARY
APPLICATION FORM**

NAME _____ **PHONE No.** _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

SECONDARY SCHOOL _____

CURRENT COURSES BEING TAKEN

CURRENT SCHOLASTIC AVERAGE : _____

OTHER FINANCIAL AWARDS BEING APPLIED FOR

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
SCHOOL _____

OTHER _____

REFERENCE: (Person involved in some type of agricultural or water management related enterprise)
NAME _____ **PHONE No.** _____
ADDRESS _____

ATTACH SUMMARY OF BACKGROUND, GOALS, ETC. AS SPECIFIED IN BURSARY GUIDELINES