

Opterus Rebel with a Cause Awards

Terms and Conditions 2020

Opterus is providing 2 scholarship awards for young women, between the ages of 16-28 and enrolled/will enrol at a Canadian post-secondary institution, who are pursuing a STEM or Arts educational path. The awards are inspired by Founder, Janet Hawkins' mother, Dr. Helen McKilligin, and sister, Valerie Ann Hawkins.

Dr. McKilligin led a remarkable and groundbreaking life. She graduated from the University of Aberdeen in 1958 with a specialty in pediatrics. She was a published author, writing a book with pioneering insights into the principles of neonatal nursing in 1970. She practiced in Newfoundland at the Grace Hospital and taught as an associate professor at the medical school at Memorial University in Newfoundland. She helped form the first Family Planning Association of Newfoundland that opened a birth control centre in St. John's, which was the first of its kind in the province. In 1980 she moved the family to Ontario and worked for the ministry of health creating groundbreaking programs in reproductive health. Before retiring she also completed her fine arts degree at the OCAD University. Helen Rose McKilligin was my mother. The Helen Rose STEM Award is dedicated to her memory.

Valerie lived with ovarian cancer for 5 years but passed away in February 2019. She was in New York during 9/11 doing what she loved as a member of the cast of Rag Time on Broadway. I believe her cancer made her one more victim of that day. She was an incredible actor and a brilliant director. She was a part of so many productions, Les Miserables - the North American tour, Romeo and Juliet in Stratford, Anne of Green Gables in PEI and one of my favorites, Star Mites, an off-Broadway production in NYC, just to name a few. She graduated from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario and received the Lorne Greene Award for outstanding achievement in the practical and performing aspects of theatre while at Queen's. She also loved to rock and roll and sang in a local band in Stratford Ontario. And man, did she sing. We lived in California when I was 4 and she was 6. We shared a bedroom and she sang me to sleep, always *Blue Spanish Eyes*. She did it almost every night because she knew it made me happy. When she passed my best friend said of her; "I've been thinking of that idea that consciousness is like radio waves and our bodies are just a tuner. I'm thinking the cosmos just had this incredible musical source returned to it and some lucky body will get the chance to tune into sometime in the future." I hope this award can go to someone who might be able to tune into her frequency. Valerie Ann Hawkins was my sister. The Valerie Ann Arts Award is dedicated to her memory.

The scholarship awards will be open for applications between April 1, 2020 and June 30, 2020 at 11:59PM EDT. Applicants are permitted to submit only one application and cannot apply for both awards. Applications for the 2020 year can be submitted via the online application (<https://opterus.scholarshipscanada.com/>). We will communicate the outcome to the successful applicant by August 15th.

Opterus Helen Rose STEM Award

1. The bestowing of the Award is conditional upon the successful completion and receipt of the requested documentation. If the requested information cannot be verified or is not in compliance with the terms and conditions, it will be disqualified. The award recipient will receive a payment of \$10,000 CAD on or before August 31, 2020. You may be asked to report periodically, to an Opterus representative, on your program progress.
2. To apply for this Award, you must be a woman between the ages of 16-28 and pursuing an education in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) at an accredited Canadian university or college. The student we are looking to fund is pursuing a field of study that will help them in the future to create or contribute to a new mindset for a better world.
3. Finalists must provide proof of enrolment at an accredited Canadian university or college for the 2020-2021 academic school year.
 - a. If the applicant is still in high school or not yet enrolled in post-secondary education, then the money will be held in trust until they are enrolled.
4. All applications must be submitted in English.
5. You must provide a complete application at opterus.scholarshipscanada.com, including:
 - a. An answer to the question (maximum 250 words):
Please give an example of a time you set a goal for yourself and didn't meet it and what the lessons learned were from the experience.
 - b. An answer to the question (maximum 250 words):
*Describe a time in your life where you achieved something by **NOT** following the rules. An example of when you did something differently than what was asked, and it ended up being more interesting, creative and impactful. Think about the title of this award "Rebel WITH a Cause" when answering this question. We're looking for women who view the world through a different lens and will impact the world in a positive way because of that 'rebellious' approach. We're looking to reward women who have really gone outside the box. This is the award they've been waiting for.*
 - c. You must provide an essay covering (maximum 1000 words):
 - i. Background, overall goals and/or objectives
 - ii. What is your program of study and why you have decided to study the program you have chosen? Why you feel it's fantastic? What kind of impact do you think completing this program will help you make to the world/community?
 - iii. Will this program help you to develop new perspectives and have future implications for specific communities?
 - iv. Hobbies or other interests

Opterus Valerie Ann Arts Award

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7. To apply for this Award, you must be a woman between the ages of 16-28 and pursuing an education in the Arts at an accredited Canadian university or college. The student we are looking to fund is pursuing a field of study that will help them in the future to create or contribute to a new mindset for a better world.
8. Finalists must provide proof of enrolment at an accredited Canadian university or college for the 2020-2021 academic school year.
 - a. If the applicant is still in high school or not yet enrolled in post-secondary education, then the money will be held in trust until they are enrolled.
9. All applications must be submitted in English.
10. You must provide a complete application at opterus.scholarshipcanada.com, including:
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