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## Gerald M. "Gerry" Birt Memorial Award

### DESCRIPTION

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Gerald M. (Gerry) Birt was born in on March 7, 1960. The sixth of seven sons to Garth and Elma Birt, he lived in Covehead, PEI until the age of 18 which is when he moved to Charlottetown. At this time, he started work with Canada Post Corporation, where he remained for 34 years. An avid photographer, Gerry was a member of the Island Visual Arts community and had pieces displayed at both Holland College School of Visual Art and the Confederation Centre of the Arts. One of his favorite subjects for shooting was the landscape of the Island. A proud Islander he spent many a summer day exploring the back roads on his motorcycle and nothing gave him greater enjoyment then showing the beauty of the Province to those from away. Outgoing in nature if he spotted a visitor to the Island, he inevitably asked them "where would you like to go today" and most likely than not became their tour guide. Gerry married Lynda Walker on October 11, 1986. Together they explored the Island on their motorcycles, spent their summers camping down east, and going to as many musical events as they could. Connecting, reaching out, and being there for others. That was Gerry. He passed away suddenly on November 4, 2013. This award was created to honour Gerry's memory by his wife of 27 years, Lynda Walker Birt.

### CRITERIA

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Granted to a student graduating from UPEI in a health-related program (e.g., Nursing, Science, Sociology, Psychology) who has a strong interest in working in the mental health field.

### APPLICATION PROCESS (Deadline: April 1)

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Please submit all required documentation with your application by posted deadline.

**Application materials may be submitted via mail, email, or fax:**

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### APPLICATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

UPEI Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

UPEI Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include the following in your application package:**

**Application Form** (Deadline – April 1)

**Application Personal Statement** (maximum one page typed)

Please explain in your personal statement how this scholarship will benefit you in attaining your educational and professional goals

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Incomplete application packages will not be considered. For official communication purposes, the Scholarships and Awards Committee will contact successful recipients through their UPEI Email Address. It is the student's responsibility to check their UPEI email account.

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