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Reverend Vincent Murnaghan Memorial Scholarship

DESCRIPTION

The Reverend Vincent Murnaghan Memorial Scholarship was established by the Cooper Institute in conjunction with the University of Prince Edward Island.

Father Murnaghan was a Professor of Commerce of St. Dunstan's University and also served as an administrator within the Commerce faculty. He resigned from SDU in 1969. Father Murnaghan died in November 2001. Shortly before he died he was honoured by UPEI as a Founder at the University's second Founder's Day celebration. In his response to the citation, he shared with the audience his dream for UPEI – that it would be the first university in Canada to offer free tuition.

Father Murnaghan was also a founding member of Cooper Institute. He firmly believed in the power of oppressed and marginalized people to create social change, which is one of the goals of Cooper Institute. He also believed that people who receive formal education should be expected to share their experiences and learnings with others who do not have this opportunity.

One of Father Murnaghan's special interests was Third World development. He had spent five years as a missionary in the Dominican Republic. He developed a compassion for the disadvantaged people there, and extended that compassion to people of other developing countries and to disadvantaged sectors in Canada. It is hoped that this scholarship will further Father Murnaghan's vision of justice and capacity-building by enabling a qualified refugee or foreign student to proceed with their studies.

CRITERIA

An annual award will be offered to a qualified refugee or foreign student displaying commitment to working for social justice and to improving the living conditions in the community and on the plant, and academic achievement or evidence of academic potential. Applicants will provide a personal statement with information as outlined; financial need will be considered once all other criteria are evaluated.

APPLICATION PROCESS (Deadline: February 1)

Applicants must submit a completed application package including an application form, and all supporting documentation as outlined below on application form.

Application materials should be submitted to scholarships@upei.ca or:

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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 – February 1)

Application Personal Statement (maximum two pages typed)

Please provide in your personal statement information of how you came to PEI, and the particular circumstances and difficulties associated with leaving your country.

Financial Need Form (found at <https://www.upei.ca/scholarships-and-awards/financial-need-form>)

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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