

## The Laurie Sommerville Scholarship Award

*The Laurie Sommerville Scholarship was established to recognize students who have the potential to successfully complete post-secondary studies but may not otherwise be able to do so because of adverse life experiences and are in need of some financial support and encouragement.*

<b>DONOR:</b>	Laurie Sommerville
<b>WHERE TENABLE:</b>	Calgary Board of Education
<b>FIELD OF STUDY:</b>	Unrestricted
<b>VALUE:</b>	Based on program cost to an average of \$2,000 per award
<b>NUMBER:</b>	Variable dependent on funds available and applicant(s) need
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	<p>Open to students registered in grade 11 or 12 in the Calgary Board of Education who are completing the requirements of a high school diploma, <b>demonstrate financial need</b> and wish to pursue post-secondary education. Applicants must have a minimum average of 65% (<b>NOTE: Academic achievement is not the determining factor for this award</b>). Indigenous (First Nations, Metis, Inuit) students and students pursuing trades or vocational programs are <b><u>strongly</u></b> encouraged to apply..</p> <p>Applicants are required to submit an original essay of approximately 500 words <b><u>sharing their story, how they have overcome or are dealing with adversity and how their experiences are leading them to their chosen career path and/or educational pursuit.</u></b></p> <p>One letter of reference is required that outlines how the student has demonstrated their potential to successfully complete their educational path. Letters may be provided by a member of the school staff (teacher, administrator, specialist, counsellor) or a community representative who has had direct contact with the applicant.</p>
<b>APPLY:</b>	Online application available at <a href="http://www.educationmatters.ca">www.educationmatters.ca</a> . Applicants should check with their guidance office for more information and are encouraged to discuss their application with the Scholarship Coordinator at their high school.
<b>SELECTION &amp; PAYMENT:</b>	<p>Recipients will be notified by December 31 or early January. The selection committee will consist of a representative from EducationMatters Student Award Selection Committee, and a staff member. A short-list of selected candidates may be provided to the donor for final selection.</p> <p>To claim the award, within eighteen (18) months of high school graduation, the recipient must be registered in an <b>eligible program of post-secondary study in Canada, an eligible skilled trades or apprenticeship program or an eligible institution providing certification that will enable the student to <u>earn a living wage.</u></b></p> <p>Payments are made to the post-secondary/educational institution.</p>
<b>DEADLINE:</b>	<b>December 1</b>