

# G. J. Cooper Scholarship Award



## Purpose of the Award:

The G.J. Cooper Scholarship Award is granted each year to support a member of the Ottawa Jewish Community or Ottawa student who is between the ages of 18 and 30, and has displayed leadership qualities, academic excellence and an interest in the Jewish Community. The award must be used for formal education or apprenticeship in the artistic, literary or social sciences.

## Nature of the Award:

The value of the G.J. Cooper Scholarship Award is the allocatable interest from the George Joseph Cooper Memorial Fund (approximately \$14,000 annually).

## Applications:

Applications for the G.J. Cooper Award shall be solicited in the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin in March of each year for submission in April. Applications should be submitted to the Scholarship Committee in writing, and must include the following documents:

- A cover letter that describes how the applicant/nominee's experiences demonstrate leadership and community involvement
- A curriculum vitae (including a resume of the applicant/nominee's contributions to community life)
- Proof of academic excellence (please use the equivalency chart referenced on the application form in the case that your academic institution grades by letters or percentage)
- Proof of enrolment by the applicant or nominee in an academic or apprenticeship program for the following school year (or a written acknowledgement by the Applicant or nominee that proof of enrollment will be forwarded upon receipt. Please include details on the academic or apprenticeship program).
- Two letters of reference that focuses on the elements required to qualify for the scholarship

## Scholarship Committee:

The Scholarship Committee shall be chaired by a selected member from the OJCF Board. The committee membership to assist the Committee Chair shall consist of the Chair of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation, (at least) two members-at-large (to be drawn from the Board of Directors of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation) and a senior staff of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation.

## Selection Process:

In the month of April, the members of the Scholarship Committee shall be provided with a copy of each of the applications/nominations submitted by the April deadline along with a rating score sheet. Each committee member shall review each application/nomination and complete the rating sheet for each applicant. The winning candidate to receive the scholarship grant is identified by the results of the overall rating scores. In the event of a tie, a special meeting or conference call with all committee members will be held to determine a final recipient.

## Award Presentation:

The presentation shall be made to the recipient at the Annual General Meeting of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation by the Chair of the Scholarship Committee. If the Chair is unavailable to perform the task, another individual will be arranged to make the presentation on his/her behalf.

In accepting the award, the recipient will be prepared to write an essay for the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation that will describe how the organization has impacted both their life and the community at large.

## George Joseph Cooper - A Generous Philanthropist

George Cooper passed away on October 1st of 2004 at the age of 83. He was born and raised in Ottawa, never married and was a long standing member of Beth Shalom. George had a great passion for painting and movies and devoted a lifetime of service to Canada's Public Service Sector. He was, by all accounts, a generous man.

A testament to his generosity is that George had set up a personal insurance policy in which the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation was named the beneficiary agency. George also left a bequest in his Will liquidating approximately three hundred thousand (\$300K) dollars from his estate to the OJCF.

With these funds, the OJCF established the "George Joseph Cooper Memorial Fund". From this memorial fund it was George's wish to have the OJCF create the "George Joseph Cooper Scholarship Award" program so he may further education in the artistic, literary and social sciences - interests which were dear to George.

Individuals who meet the criteria for the scholarship are encouraged to apply and re-apply for the award.