



The Luke Mac Donald Memorial Bursaries

Luke was a lifelong resident of Mulgrave, NS, who started his academic career in his home town, acquiring his primary to eight grades from "Mulgrave Memorial School"; Luke continued his academic journey at SAERC until his untimely passing in November 2010. He was enrolled in the 02 program and planned to attend community college and pursue a career in welding.

While at SAERC, Luke continued his passion for meeting new people and making new friends. Known for his infectious smile and large appetite, Luke could be found in the middle of group of friends telling jokes or planning the upcoming weekend adventures on his beloved snowmobile or dirt bike. The "gentle giant" as some of his friends referred to him was a shining example how new students should interact with both the student population as well as the teaching staff. Although Luke did not play on any of the scholastic athletic teams prior to his passing, his love for sports especially hockey was always evident.

Away from school, Luke's greatest love was in a pair of waders on a salmon or trout stream. His passion for fly fishing and its natural surroundings was evident every time he was out in the field or talking about it. The twinkle in his eye or the excitement in his voice when explaining how he had just landed or loss the big one was in itself a joy to see & hear for those who had the chance. He cherished every minute he spent with his father together fly fishing, or creating the next go to fly at home in their fly tying room. His ability to convey & teach his friends how to fly cast was very evident, after only a few lessons with Luke, most of them ended up taking up the sport. When not fishing in the summer month's, Luke volunteered and worked assisting his father & "The Mulgrave & Area Lakes Enhancement Association" in restoring some of the local trout and salmon streams that they frequented. Thru exercises such as these, Luke's leadership qualities & skills were blossoming and becoming more and more evident with every passing day.

It is our hope that Luke will be remembered fondly by all those who had the chance to know him, and that his short time at SAERC will have a lasting impact. The brightest stars sometimes burn out the quickest, so through these bursaries it is our hope that Luke's star will somehow remain lit for his love for life and his friends, both past, present and future.

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APPLICATION PROCESS

Submission of resume with cover letter outlining future educational plans & goals.

SELECTION PROCESS

Robert & Angela MacDonald (Luke's parents) & Carleen Matheson Guidance Counsellor And/or the selection Review Committee of Bursaries for SAERC.

SUBMISSION

SAERC Guidance Office Attention: Luke MacDonald Memorial Bursaries

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Friday, June 2, 2017