

The Jennifer Butts Memorial Bursaries



Jennifer was a resident of Port Hawkesbury and graduated from SAERC in 2009. In April 2004 at the age of 13, she was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Jennifer endured many rounds of chemotherapy, radiation and two bone marrow transplants.

Jennifer's education was very important to her. It helped to normalize a life that was far from typical for any teenager. Her dream of graduating became a reality in 2009. Her determination and hard work in the face of adversity earned her top honours in her graduating class and the distinction of class Valedictorian.

Jennifer was involved in a variety of sports before becoming ill. She continued to participate and give her very best whenever possible. Jennifer was also very active in her community, volunteering for the Cancer Society Relay for Life, The Children's Wish Foundation, Bikers Against Diabetes, and the Cancer Society's Camp Goodtime as a counsellor.

Jennifer was studying sciences at Dalhousie University with aspirations to become a doctor. While attending university many months were spent in hospital. Quitting was not in her vocabulary; therefore, she continued to study and completed her first year exams while she was a patient.

Jennifer did win her battle against cancer, but succumbed as a result of the side effects of the treatment she was receiving in preparation for a lung transplant.

An excerpt from Jennifer's Valedictorian speech

"As we begin the next phase of our lives, whether it be going to university, college, or entering the work force we will carry the lessons learned in high school, as well as the memories we made while together for a lifetime. If I could leave my fellow graduates with one message, it would be to.... 'Live your life, enjoy life, and make a difference in doing whatever you do, because the future is promised to no one'."

Criteria : University Bursary 1000.00

- Students who are pursuing a post secondary university degree in the field of science with special consideration given to applicants entering the health care field.
- Demonstrated leadership in school and community and participated in sports while maintaining a very good academic standing.
- Has demonstrated compassion to fellow students.

Completed applications must include a cover letter highlighting their future plans, resume and transcript.

Criteria: Post Secondary 500.00

- Student who is entering a university or college program who's life has been affected by cancer.
- Student has taken the initiative and participated in activities and events dedicated to raising awareness and finding a cure for cancer.

Completed applications must include a resume and a submission of an essay on the topic, Cancer and My Family.

Application deadline for both bursaries is Friday, June 2, 2017

Please pass completed applications into the Guidance Office.