



The 'Sonny Tougas' National Bursary Program Post-Secondary Scholarship

Maurice 'Sonny' Tougas was an All Breed Judge, a CKC life member, whose life embodied honesty, integrity and sportsmanship. Along with his wife Bobbie, he managed Heatherlea Canine Education, whose mandate encouraged canine good citizenship through activities.

The 'Sonny Tougas' National Bursary Program (STNBP) recognizes that many members of the dog fancy have contributed greatly to the sport of purebred dogs through participation in events such as conformation shows, obedience trials as well as other performance events sanctioned by The Canadian Kennel Club. To honor the memory of 'Sonny' Tougas, this program is designed to aid a deserving student in support of his / her educational objectives in the form of a post-secondary scholarship.

The scholarship will be open to children of members of the dog fancy, who are either themselves ordinary members in good standing of the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC), or have one parent or legal guardian who is an ordinary member in good standing of the CKC. The applicant would normally be aged from 17 to 24 years as of February 1 of the scholastic year and reside in Canada.

Applicants should apply to the address below by May 1 of the scholastic year. There is no special application form. However applicants must apply in writing and provide a letter stating how purebred dogs and the dog fancy have helped or influenced them in the development of sportsmanship and maturity. The letter of application must also contain a clear and full statement of educational objectives, together with a transcript detailing the academic achievements of the applicant in the last two years of full time or equivalent study. The applicant will normally have a high academic standing (i.e.) B+ average. As much as academic achievement is very important, other factors will be taken into consideration.

The STNBP association will convene a scholarship committee that will include Ms. Bobbie Tougas, widow of Sonny Tougas. The scholarship committee will consist of four other individuals, including a member of the Northwinds Dog Club and a representative from Canadian Dog Digest, and two others who are active members of the dog fancy. The decision of the scholarship committee shall be final. The scholarship will be provided to the successful applicant upon receipt of registration in an acceptable post-secondary institution by the club.

Those who wish to contribute to the STNBF can soon go to our website, www.cdndogdigest.com and make charitable donations to the fund. Receipts will be distributed for those who wish to receive them.

For more information on either applying or donating, contact Larry Kereluke at lkereluk@mts.net