

NUFA SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

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Committee Membership

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Purpose of the Committee and Meeting Dates

The Scholarship Committee is tasked with promoting NUFA sponsored Learning Opportunity Awards (LOAs) and Textbook Bursaries for Nipissing students, reviewing applications and, as appropriate, approving applications that are complete and meet the stated criteria. We met 5 times during the 2013-2014 academic year: October 22/13, December 2/13, January 17/14, February 26/14 and April 16/14. Textbook bursary applications were due and adjudicated in mid-October and mid-April 15. LOA applications were due and adjudicated in mid-October, mid-December, mid-February and mid-April.

Textbook Bursaries

The Textbook Bursary initiative was established to assist students in covering some of the costs of purchasing textbooks. It became clear that many students and faculty were unaware of the existence of these bursaries, as we had few applications during the fall term. After a concerted effort by the members of the committee, the bursaries were advertised on posters distributed around the building, on monitors in the building, via an email sent to all faculty members and in the electronic "NU News." This resulted in a greater number of applications in the winter term. The same strategies will be used in advertising the textbook bursaries in the 2014-2015 academic year.

The decision was made to award \$50.00 to each application that met the criteria to ensure that there would be enough money to fund each potential application. Thirty-one applications were approved for \$50 each and 1 application was approved for \$42.26, as that was the total amount of the receipts submitted.

Opening Balance:	\$5,000.00
Monies Distributed:	\$1,592.26
Balance Carried Forward to 2014-2015:	\$3,407.74

The committee recommends that advertising commence early in September to make students aware of the textbook bursaries as they are making textbook purchases. The committee may also wish to discuss and adjust the amount awarded to each application.

Learning Opportunity Awards (LOAs)

The Learning Opportunity Awards were established to assist undergraduate and graduate students participate in either attending or presenting at academic conferences or other learning opportunities outside the classroom, in Ontario or outside of Ontario.

During the 2013-2014 academic year, 33 LOA applications were approved. Ten applications for students to attend an academic conference or other learning opportunity were supported and 23 applications for students presenting at an academic conference were supported.

Opening Balance:	\$19,545.00
Monies Distributed:	\$13,180.21

There was some discussion among committee members about the definition of a “learning opportunity,” and the committee may wish to discuss this in the fall.

The committee extends our sincere thanks to Angela Fera for her many insights, invaluable assistance, work ethic and good humour.

Respectfully submitted,



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on behalf of Adam Adler, Co-Chair, Darren Campbell and Nancy Maynes

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