

NUFA Scholarship Committee Annual Report
2010-2011
April 30, 2011

Members: Natalya Brown (Co-Chair), John Nadeau (Co-Chair), Rhiannon Don and Jeff Nicol

Meetings: The committee met 5 times (September 10; October 4; November 22; February 16; March 2). A final meeting is scheduled for May 10.

Topics Discussed:

1. Regular business
2. Administrative changes: The administration of the Learning Opportunities Awards (LOA) was moved from the Awards Office to the NUFA office.
3. Design of Group Sponsorships/LOA: The committee recommended to the NUFA executive that a portion of the LOA funds be designated for the support of student group learning opportunities. A draft application was designed and is being vetted.
4. Prioritizing LOA applications: In light of the variety of learning opportunities, the increase in the number of applications and the possibility of future financial constraints as awareness of the awards grows, the committee discussed what criteria should be used to rank LOA applications.
5. The continuation of the Textbook Bursary in future academic years: The textbook bursary was created as a "recession buster". The bursary was oversubscribed in both semesters and the committee would like to see it continue in the next academic year even as the economy rebounds.

Budget:

	Amount	Dispersed	Remaining
Learning Opportunity Awards*	\$19,699.00	\$12,925.26	\$6,773.74
Recession Buster Textbook Bursary	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0
Academic Achievement Awards	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0
Emergency Bursary Fund	\$5,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$500.00
Total	\$35,699.00	\$28,425.26	\$7,273.74

Note: \$200 was allocated for the promotion of the textbook bursary.

Distribution of Funds:

- Learning Opportunities Awards (starting amount \$19,699.00):
 - 87 applications were received, 84 were awarded for a total of \$12,925.26.
 - \$6,773.74 remains at year endⁱ.
- Recession Buster Textbook Bursary (starting amount \$5000):
 - 195 applications were received, 50 were awarded for a total of \$5000
- Academic Achievement Awards: 6 awards at \$1000 each
- Emergency Bursary Fund: 9 awards at \$500 each

ⁱ Does not include awards that have been deferred until receipts have been received. In addition, we expect to receive applications over the summer.