



WILLIAM T. SANDERS

LODD MEMORIAL EDUCATION FUND

INTRODUCTION

The forty-fourth Convention of the Provincial Federation of Ontario Professional Fire Fighters was held in Brockville, Ontario in June of 1966.

At this gathering the William T. Sanders Committee presented a report which recommended the setting up of the “William T. Sanders Memorial Education Fund.”

The purpose of this fund was twofold: To establish a bursary for children of members of the Association who have died in the line of duty and to forever honour the name of William T. Sanders. Brother Sanders was on the Executive Board of the Toronto Local 113 back in 1948 and became the President of that local in 1955 and retired from the presidency in 1958. During all of that time his energies were devoted to enhancing the working conditions of his local and all professional firefighters in the Province of Ontario.

He was instrumental in setting up the Education Seminar program in 1958 and also for recruiting Dr. Eric G. Taylor to serve as discussion leader and teacher. Brother Sanders took on the role of co-coordinator for the seminar program. The concept of holding education seminars continues to this present time. It was said of William T. Sanders that he had a superior command of the English language and a former President of the Toronto local (Orval Bolton) said he was “the most dedicated representative that it was ever my fortune to work with.”

Brother Sanders was a force in the Toronto local negotiations in 1956 and a subsequent unanimous arbitration board that was handed down in 1957 that awarded the Toronto firefighters a 42-hour work week from a 56-hour work week.

This award resulted in the hiring of approximately 260 new firefighters, laid out the number of personnel to be assigned to each piece of apparatus and necessitated a large number of promotions. This was a “landmark” decision affecting all professional firefighters in the Province of Ontario. Incidentally, the chairman of the arbitration board was Dr. Eric G. Taylor.

William T. Sanders received a leave of absence to go overseas with the Canadian Army in 1940. He returned to duty with the Toronto Fire Department in 1945.

Brother Sanders died on January 2, 1965 just 25 days short of his 52nd birthday. It has been said of William “Bill” Sanders that he gave too much of his energies for firefighters and this undoubtedly hastened his death.

In the year 1978 at the dinner for Dr. Eric G. Taylor “a vacant chair” was placed at the head table to remember William T. Sanders. Two of his sons were sent special tickets for this occasion.

Brother Sanders had this to say in part about the seminar program:

“In embarking upon an academic quest for an understanding of our problems as Fire Fighters, in the form of a seminar we hope to build a sound, basic structure which should prove beneficial and helpful to the officers and membership in executing their duties. The basic purpose of the seminar is to elevate the competence and the acceptance of the Fire Fighter in Ontario.”

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS



William T. Sanders Educational Bursaries

****Only available to the child of a member who has died in the line of duty****

The OPFFA will grant up to four \$500 bursaries per year.

A \$500 bursary may be granted for any one student per year, with preference being given to first year students. Applicants may apply annually while enrolled in a post-secondary institution.

Students attending a Post-Secondary Educational Institute must apply using this Application Form by the deadline: August 1st.

The Bursary will be paid directly to the School or University as a mandatory provision.

Please see attached application form.

WILLIAM T. SANDERS BURSARY APPLICATION FORM



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OPFFA Member Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Local Name and Number: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

Applicant/Student Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____

Secondary Education

School Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

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Post-Secondary Institution

School Name: _____

Address: _____

Program Enrolled In: _____

Copy of High School (Grade 12) transcript attached: Yes No

Copy of 1st Year Post Secondary transcript attached: Yes No

(if in 2nd year of post-secondary study, or 2nd if in 3rd, etc.)

Proof of Enrollment in a Post-Secondary Institution should be attached!

DO NOT mail your application. Please email your completed application and accompanying documents to Administration at the OPFFA office at admin@ontariofirefighters.org

You will receive confirmation of your submitted application.

Deadline:

All applications must be received by the end of business (4:30pm) on August 1st.