

## **SIR PERCY LAKE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**South Mid Vancouver Island Zone  
The Royal Canadian Legion**

**The story of the Sir Percy Lake Memorial Scholarship is unique in the history of the Royal Canadian Legion. It is a story that applicants and Legions members should know.**

**Born in Tenby, Wales, in 1855, Lieutenant-General Sir Percy Lake built a distinguished military career through service which took him to many parts of the British Empire, including an appointment as Chief of General Staff for the Canadian Militia.**

**After WWI, when Earl Haig toured the Empire organizing Veterans into the British Empire Service League, Sir Percy Lake became the first President of the Canadian Legion within the League and eventually was elected the Grand President. Sir Percy made his home in Victoria where, until his death in 1941, he had been a member of the Pro Patria Branch #31, now known as Trafalgar/Pro Patria, Branch #292.**

**The Pro Patria Branch #31, felt that a memorial should be dedicated to Sir Percy. A suggestion from a member for a memorial scholarship was recommended to the Provincial and Dominion Commands. The recommendation was not accepted by either so the then Victoria and District Branches decided to go ahead with it by themselves.**

**The first scholarship was presented by Lady Lake in 1943, and one has been awarded every year since. This first scholarship was the forerunner of scholarships which are now a part of the Legion Program throughout Canada. It had a value of \$150.00;  
the current value stands at \$2,000.00**

**Funds are raised and provided by eligible Branches in the South Mid Vancouver Island Zone.**

## **Sir Percy Lake Criteria**

To be eligible, a Senior Secondary Student must be accepted in their first year to the University of Victoria, starting in the year the scholarship is presented. The student must be a resident of the area encompassed by South Mid Vancouver Island Zone of The Royal Canadian Legion.

The South Mid Vancouver Island Zone Branches that are eligible are located in Greater Victoria, the Saanich Peninsula, Western Communities, Sooke and the Southern Gulf Islands.

The basis of selection is academic excellence and community service. Applicants are point rated using the University of Victoria's entrance requirements as a guideline.

Military and/or Legion association is not required; the scholarship is open to all students.

Applications must be made on the Sir Percy Lake Scholarship application form, which is available at all Secondary Schools and Branches of The Royal Canadian Legion in the South Mid Vancouver Island Zone. Applications must be returned to the Branch responsible for the school where the student is currently attending.

The amount of the Scholarship is \$2,000.00 and is sponsored by all Legion Branches in the South Mid Vancouver Island Zone.

Deadline for receipt to Branches in the South Mid Vancouver Island Zone is July 15th and *only first place entries at each Branch go to Zone level by July 30th.*

Applications are screened by Branches and the final selection is made by the South Mid Vancouver Island Zone.

## **The Royal Canadian Legion South Vancouver Island Zone Sir Percy Lake Scholarship**

**The Sir Percy Lake Scholarship** is open to all students entering into a first year program at The University of Victoria, starting in the year the scholarship is received. Each year all Legion branches in the South Island Zone cooperate in raising and awarding \$2,000 to a Grade 12 graduate residing in the South Vancouver Island Zone (which includes Pender Island).

- The main criterion is academic achievement; a secondary criterion is community service
- Military and/or Legion association is not a criterion
- Applications must be made using the Sir Percy Lake Application form (attached) which, together with transcripts of marks, must be received by Legion Branch 239, no later than 4:00 pm. on July 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Please note the information about Sir Percy Lake, located on the rear of the application form
- Only first place entries received at each Legion Branch by July 15<sup>th</sup> will be submitted to the Zone level for consideration

**SOUTH MID VANCOUVER ISLAND ZONE, THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION  
SIR PERCY LAKE SCHOLARSHIP**

Open to students resident in South Mid Vancouver Island Zone, entering first year at the University of Victoria.  
Student deadline: July 15 to R.C.L. Branches in SMVIZ. Branch deadline: July 30 to Zone.  
The Zone decision will be made in the first week of August.

**Name:**

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Home address including Postal Code**

**Tel:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Social Insurance #** \_\_\_\_\_ **School attended this year** \_\_\_\_\_

**Degree Program or Course to be entered:**

**Military affiliation:** *The onus is on the student to provide proof.*  
(Military affiliation is used only in the event of equal Academic and extra curricular scoring between applicants)

Self (  )      Parent (  )      Grandparent (  )

Details:

**Mandatory Attachments:**

- Academic marks for grades 11 & 12.
- List Extra Curricular Activities. For Example: Community service, sports, cadets, clubs etc
- Statement of career objectives

**Signature of Applicant:**

**Signature of Parent:**

**According to the privacy act we require the Parents/Guardians signature  
where indicated above for release of students publication of their picture**

Branch Name and Number

Telephone:

Name of Branch Bursary and Scholarship Chair:

Rating:

Zone Officer

Rating: