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John Abbass Sr. Memorial Scholarship

Deadline: March 31

\$3,000 Opportunity



Supporting families in business.

John Abbass Sr. 1922 – 2007

HISTORY

The John Abbass Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in the memory of John Abbass Sr. by Family Business Atlantic. This annual \$3,000 Scholarship is awarded to children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews of Family Business Atlantic members, or family business owners in Nova Scotia and helps promote post-secondary business education pursuits. Applications are reviewed by the Scholarship Committee, with the award disbursed to the winning candidate's post secondary educational institution.

John Abbass was a shining example of entrepreneurial spirit. He was a long-time member of Family Business Atlantic and built a legacy for his family and their business in Cape Breton, and beyond. John was an iconic figure within the Nova Scotia business and political community and was a strong proponent of the value of family enterprises. Among his many accomplishments, John founded Abbass Studios in 1946 and was a contract photographer for the Cape Breton Post. He was involved in the Progressive Conservative party, serving as provincial party president from 1985 to 1988. In 2006, the provincial party named him honorary president. John Abbass is synonymous with photography, and as a champion for Cape Breton. The prominent Sydney, Nova Scotia businessman became a household name as owner of Abbass Studios, a business that is carried on today by members of his family. John is described by his family as "A man who believed foremost in his wife and all his kids, and then his community."

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must meet the following minimum eligibility requirements to be considered by the Selection Committee for the John Abbass Sr. Memorial Scholarship. Candidates can be nominated or can apply directly for this scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Candidates must be a resident of Nova Scotia (may be attending a post-secondary institution outside of Nova Scotia).
- Candidates must be in the process of taking their first post-secondary educational pursuit.
- Candidates degree should have a business focus or be related to their family business.
- Candidates must have achieved a grade point average of 80%.
- Candidates will preferably have a family business background, interest in becoming involved in their family business or pursuing their own business interests.
- Candidates must be applying for the first time – only one submission per applicant permitted.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Completed John Abbass Sr. Memorial Scholarship application
- Resume
- High School Transcript
- One reference letter
- Completed essay questions: ***all applications must be typed***

SELECTION CRITERIA

- A solid academic record - minimum 80%.
- Family business work experience, or exposure to, and understanding of family business.
- Leadership and service to community and involvement in extra-curricular activities.
- Written responses from applicants that address their understanding of family business issues and their benefits and contributions to Nova Scotia's economy.
- ***All applicants will be notified of the Selection Committee's decision. Interviews may be required of scholarship finalists.***
- ***Scholarship support will be issued directly to the applicant's post-secondary institution.***

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE

Application deadline: March 31, 5:00 pm (AST)

Email PDF Application to:

info@familybusinessatlantic.ca

Mail printed application to:

Family Business Atlantic
65 Celtic Drive
Dartmouth, NS
B2Y 3G5

Scholarship application form.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of individual completing the application:

Birth date:

Address:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Phone:

Email:

ACADEMIC HISTORY

High School Attended:

Address:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Phone:

Graduating Year:

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

Transcript attached with application

RESUME

Resume attached with application

REFERENCE LETTER

One **work/academic-related** reference letter attached with application

POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION(S) SUMMARY

Accepted or enrolled in the following post-secondary institution(s):

1. Name of Institution:

Year of study:

Area of Study:

Address:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Phone:

Student ID #:

2. Name of Institution:

Year of study:

Area of Study:

Address:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Phone:

Student ID #:

EXPERIENCE & UNDERSTANDING OF FAMILY BUSINESS

All applicants will be scored on their responses to the following questions. Please type your answers below.

1. What is your experience with family business and businesses in general?

(Limit 250 words)

2. How do these experiences relate to your academic pursuits?

(Limit 250 words)

3. Please describe your volunteer and community experiences.

(Limit 250 words)

**4. What do you feel are the key issues and challenges of working in a family business?
(Limit 250 words)**

**5. Why do you think you merit this scholarship?
(Limit 250 words)**

**6. Is your family business a member of Family Business Atlantic?
Yes No**

INFORMATION RELEASE

DECLARATION

I hereby certify that the above information is true, and that any false information will automatically disqualify me from eligibility for the John Abbass Sr. Memorial Scholarship. I also agree to allow Family Business Atlantic to publish my photo, name and application comments in news releases, annual reports or other material used for promotional purposes only. *Both written and e-signatures accepted.*

Applicant's signature:

Date: