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WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

JOHN ABBASS SR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

■ ■ **DEADLINE: MARCH 31**

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. In 2024, the Abbass family introduced a second scholarship for \$1,500 to provide financial assistance to students in need. 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 & SELECTION CRITERIA

- Must be a resident of Nova Scotia (may be attending a post-secondary institution outside of NS).
- Be taking their first post-secondary educational pursuit.
- Studies should center on business principles, practices, and strategies, or be directly aligned with supporting key functions of a family enterprise. This could include areas such as management, finance, marketing, operations, entrepreneurship, succession planning, or governance
- Achieved a high school grade point average of 80%.
- Candidate's financial need for the \$1,500 scholarship will be considered if details are provided in this application, i.e. question six.
- Preferably have a family business background, interest in becoming involved in their family business, or pursuing their own business interests.
- Candidates who have previously received this scholarship are not eligible to reapply. •All applicants will be notified of the Selection Committee's decision. Finalists may be asked to participate in an interview. •Scholarship support will be issued directly to the applicant's post-secondary institution.

APPLICATION PACKAGE REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed John Abbass Sr. Memorial Scholarship application
2. Resume
3. High School Transcript
4. One reference letter
5. Completed essay questions: all applications must be typed

PLEASE PDF ALL FIVE DOCUMENTS INTO ONE FILE IN THIS ORDER

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE

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

Email PDF Application to: info@familybusinessatlantic.ca

If necessary, mail printed application and required attachments to:

Family Business Atlantic

65 Celtic Drive

Dartmouth, NS B2Y 3G5

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of individual completing the application: _____

Birth date: _____

City: _____

Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

ACADEMIC HISTORY

High School Attended: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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: _____

Area of Study: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

Student ID #: _____

2. Name of Institution: _____

Area of Study: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

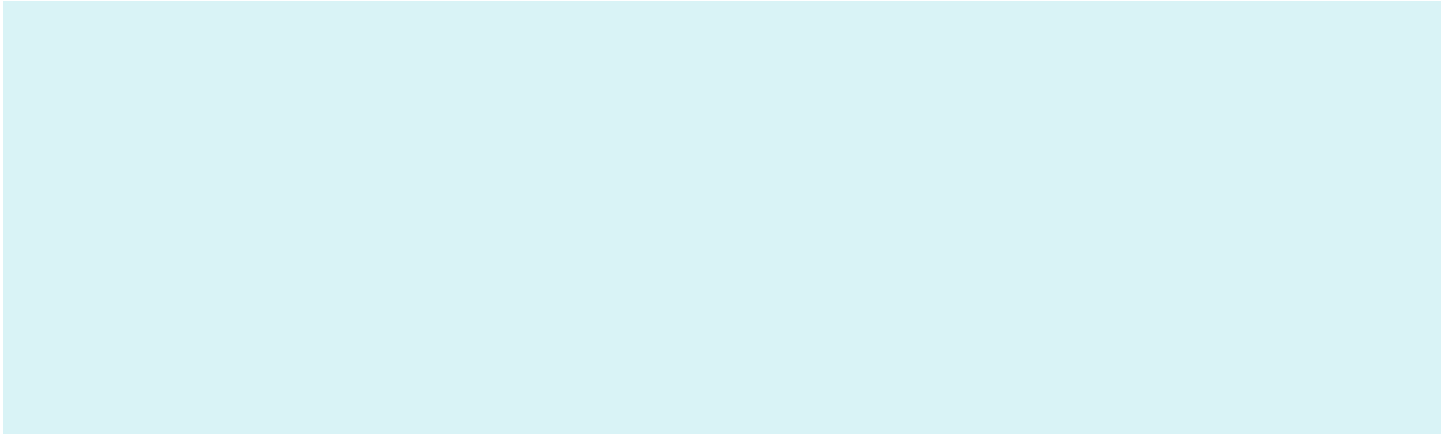
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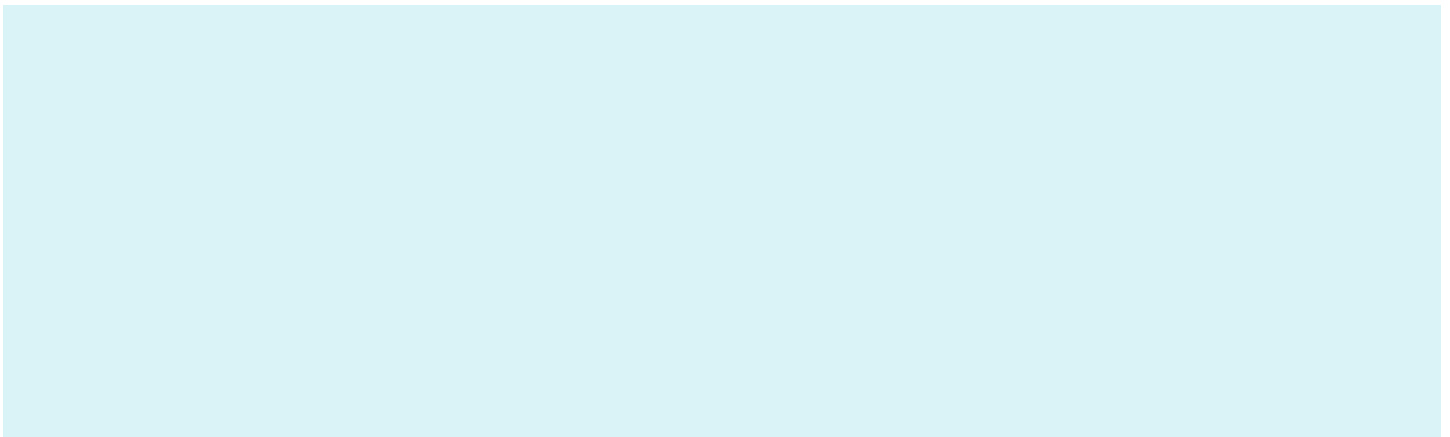
EXPERIENCE & UNDERSTANDING OF FAMILY BUSINESS

ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE SCORED ON THEIR RESPONSES TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. PLEASE TYPE YOUR ANSWERS BELOW.

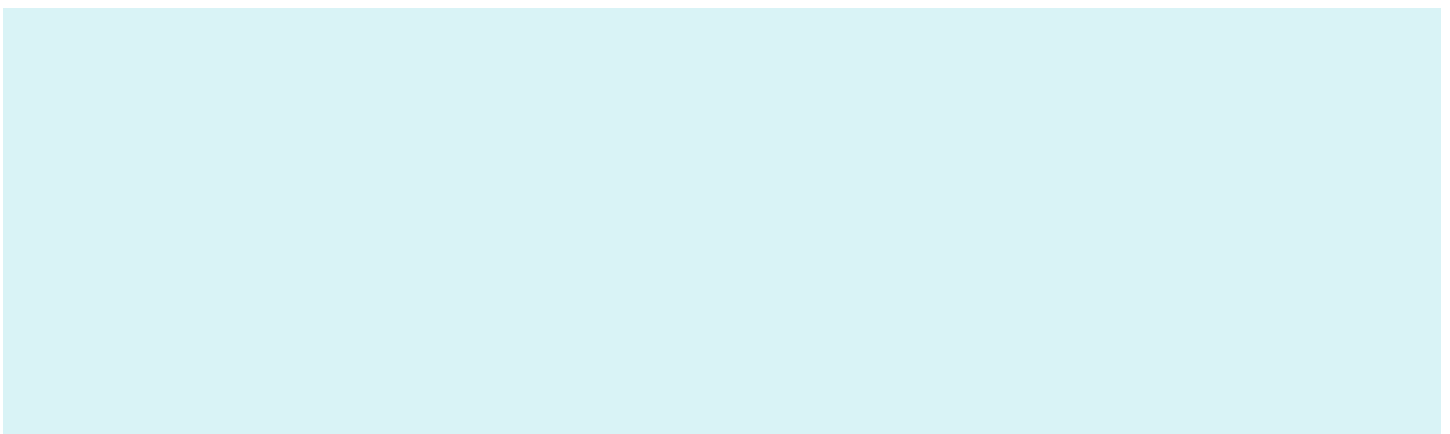
1. What is your experience with family business and businesses in general? (Limit 250 words)



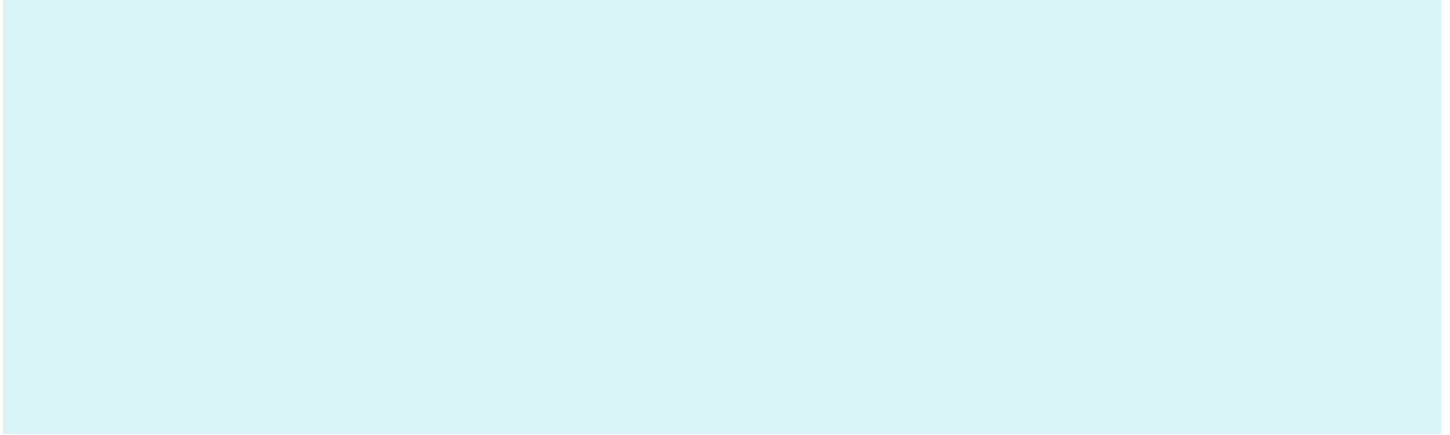
2. How do these experiences relate to your academic pursuits? (Limit 250 words)



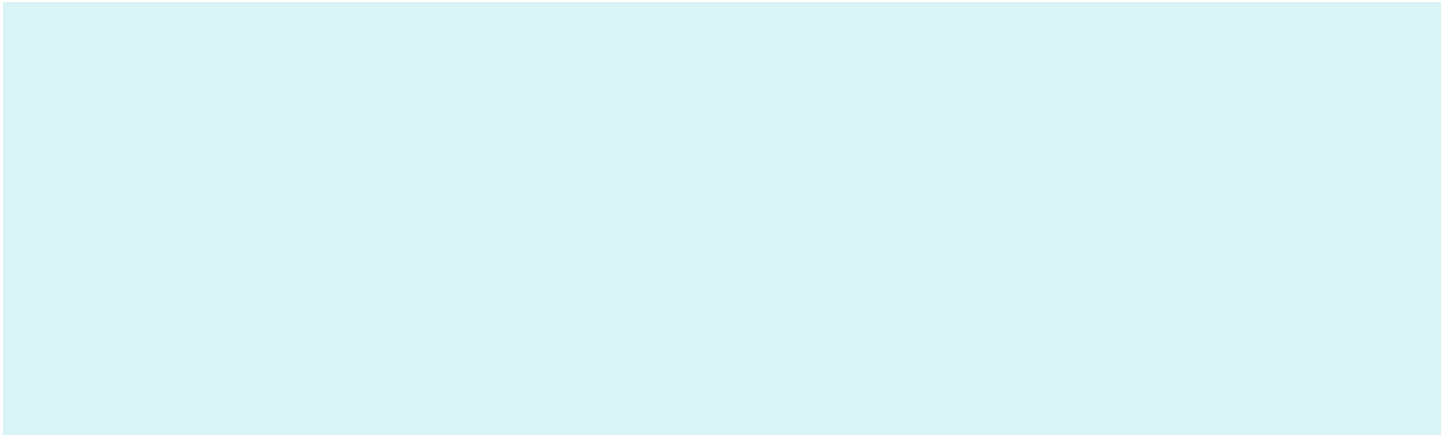
3. Please describe your volunteer and community experiences.(Limit 250 words)



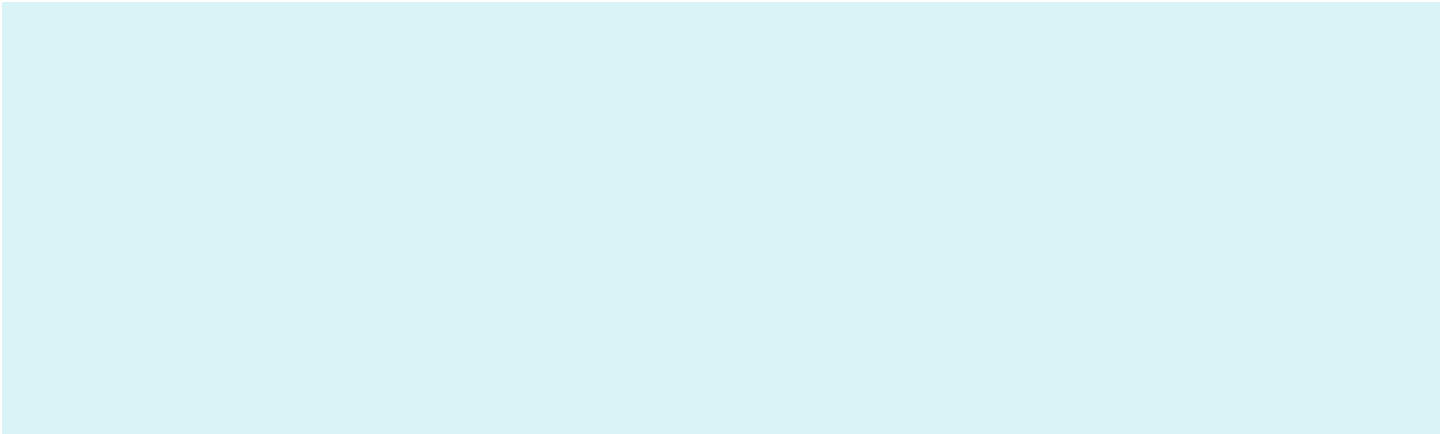
4. What do you feel are the key issues and challenges of working in a family business? (Limit 250 words)



5. Why do you think you merit this scholarship? (Limit 500 words).



6. Please provide any additional information you feel is important for the Selection Committee to know (this could include any financial considerations). (Limit 500 words).



7. 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: _____