

AFE Scholarship Criteria

Over the past 15 years, **Attitudes for Education** has given out \$607,500 in scholarships to 268 graduating students from Northumberland County to support their post-secondary educational pursuits.

In the year 2018, the foundation is **turning over the decision making process to the Commencement Committees** in each of the five Northumberland County High Schools. But we would ask that you honour the original goals and philosophies that inspired this scholarship.

Being different than other scholarship opportunities, the emphasis of this scholarship is on the development of the individual. Attitudes for Education does not define applicants based on their marks. The purpose is to award youth who demonstrate the right attitude.

Collectively, the work of Attitudes for Education represents: honesty, innovation, dedication and excellence. Our philosophy is that graduating high school students should be given scholarship consideration based on their attitudes towards their life, goals and objectives; and not their academic achievements.

We would like to suggest that you consider having teachers, counsellors, administration and other support staff bring forward the names of students who they consider to have the “right attitude” to be successful in obtaining both their post-secondary and life goals. We have always hoped to reward the type of students who are unlikely to be eligible for other major academic scholarships.

We would ask that you target students who have had to work hard to achieve their successes or perhaps even students who have had to turn their circumstances around to be able to graduate and apply to post-secondary schools. Consider students whose attitudes have allowed them to succeed, perhaps in spite of personal issues, family or social obstacles or learning barriers, perhaps those “against all odds” type of students. You may wish to consider students who have evolved through high school to reach above and beyond what might have initially been expected of them.

In addition, we would ask that you consider not only university bound students, but students who are applying to college (including one year pre-apprenticeship programs) or to certified trade schools.

In considering the type of students defined by the criteria above, it is likely that they would not consider themselves “scholarship worthy”, so we are encouraging your staff to bring those names forward to the Commencement Committee, as opposed to asking students to apply.

Please refer to our website at www.attitudesforeducation.com for further information about the foundation and the origins of the AFE Scholarship.