

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

Pet Therapy Society of Northern Alberta
VIRGINIA CUMMINGS BURSARY
APPLICATION FORM
Deadline: June 30

Send to:
Selection Committee, Virginia Cummings Bursary
Pet Therapy Society of Northern Alberta
415, 8170 - 50th Street
Edmonton AB T6B 1E6

READ THIS SECTION CAREFULLY

A bursary, not exceeding FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00), will be awarded annually to an applicant entering any recognized Canadian university or college for studies in an appropriate discipline.

Application must be received by the Virginia Cummings Bursary Selection Committee no later than JUNE 30th and must be supported by evidence of enrollment during the current year.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name:

Mr/Miss/Ms/Mrs. _____
Surname First Name Initial

Permanent address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: () _____ Email address: _____

Date of Birth: _____
month day year

Parent/Guardian (if under eighteen): _____

Validation Signature: _____

Address: _____
Telephone: _____

Are you a resident of Canada (citizen, landed immigrant)? _____ yes _____ no

Are you a member of the Pet Therapy Society of Northern Alberta? _____

If not, do you know anyone who is a member of the Pet Therapy Society of Northern Alberta? _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

HIGH SCHOOL (FOR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS ONLY)

Name of High School: _____

Year High School Completed: _____

POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION (FOR ALL APPLICANTS)

Name of institution where you have successfully completed at least one year of a program: _____

Name of the Program: _____ Length of Program (yrs): _____

Year of expected program completion: _____

[If you are transferring, provide the following information]

Name of the Institution where you are enrolling: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Beginning year: _____ Year of expected program completion: _____

Proof of enrollment **MUST** be submitted.

Please attach the following to this application:

1. **A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE COURSE**
Include a copy of the course outline or a brochure, if possible.
2. **A SUMMARY OF YOUR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND VOLUNTEER WORK**
3. **A SUMMARY OF YOUR PERSONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS**
4. **INDICATE THE REASONS FOR YOUR INTEREST IN PURSUING THESE STUDIES AND HOW HUMAN-ANIMAL BOND HAS MADE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR LIFE. DESCRIBE HOW THIS COURSE WILL HELP YOU ENCOURAGE THERAPEUTIC INTERACTION BETWEEN COMPANION ANIMALS AND PEOPLE.**
5. **ACADEMIC MARKS: Please enclose:**
 - a. An official transcript or authenticated copy of your high school marks **(FIRST YEAR STUDENTS ONLY)**
 - b. An official transcript or authenticated copy of the marks attained in the previous year of attendance at the post-secondary institution.
6. **Please tell us how you heard about this bursary.**

REFERENCES

TWO letters of reference must be included with the application and mailed directly to the Selection Committee of the Pet Therapy Society of Northern Alberta by the application deadline of June 30. The chosen references should not be directly related to you but should be knowledgeable of your accomplishments, capabilities and character. Please remember to provide the complete addresses and phone numbers of your selected references should we not receive their letters by the adjudication date and need to contact them.

APPLICANT'S DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all the information on this application is complete and true in every respect. I hereby consent and authorize the disclosure to the Virginia Cummings Bursary Committee any information from any private or public organization, which would assist in determining my eligibility for such bursary. I also grant the Pet Therapy Society of Northern Alberta permission to release my name, photo likeness and relevant information for use in any announcement, promotion or reporting of any bursary I might receive.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

VIRGINIA CUMMINGS BURSARY

The **Virginia Cummings Bursary** will be awarded to an undergraduate or graduate student who is enrolled in courses which encourage therapeutic and mutually beneficial interaction between companion animals and people. The **Virginia Cummings Bursary** also recognizes community involvement and volunteer work in addition to academic achievement. Future goals, personal accomplishment and supporting names of reference will also be significant in the overall determination of the bursary recipient.

CRITERIA

1. The Bursary Selection Committee will consider all valid applications and determine the recipient of the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). The Committee's decision is final.
2. Applications are welcome from residents of Canada.
3. The bursary is limited to those applicants who have completed the first, second or third year of an undergraduate program or are enrolled as a graduate student in a program which supports animal-assisted therapy and/or encourages therapeutic and mutually beneficial interaction between people and companion animals.
4. Applicants who have previously received a Virginia Cummings Bursary may not apply for a subsequent bursary.
5. Official transcripts or authenticated copies from high-school and post-secondary institutions must accompany the applications.
6. Each applicant must supply two letters of reference. Appropriate contact information with the names, addresses and phone numbers of each reference must be included. The selection committee reserves the right to contact references.
7. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
8. Applicants who want their supporting documents or materials returned must indicate this in writing and include a self-addressed envelope with the application.

The applications must be mailed to the Bursary Selection Committee of the Pet Therapy Society of Northern Alberta and must be received no later than June 30th of the current year.

Bursary applicants will be notified of the committee decision by JULY 15th.

Applications may be obtained by writing to:

The Bursary Committee
Pet Therapy Society of Northern Alberta
#415, 8170 - 50 St NW
Edmonton, AB T6B 1E6

or by downloading from the
PeTS website at:
www.pettherapysociety.com

LETTER OF REFERENCE

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone Number: Home: () _____ Work: () _____

APPLICANT'S NAME: _____

1. How long have you know the applicant and in what capacity?

2. Describe the applicant's character.

3. Describe the applicant's qualities as they relate to relationship with animals, community involvement, volunteerism, and other achievements.

4. Describe any other factors that should be considered by the Selection Committee.

Signature: _____

REFERENCE MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 30th.

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 Edmonton AB T6B 1E6**