



Dr. Laszlo & Maria Kuharik Memorial Scholarship 2019

Niagara Health Foundation is pleased to announce the availability of the Dr. Laszlo & Maria Kuharik Memorial Scholarship. A special endowment fund has been established to provide this scholarship annually to a student pursuing a Doctor of Medicine degree from an accredited Canadian university.

One scholarship for as much as \$6,000 is available for the 2019 – 2020 academic year to pay for up to one-half of the annual tuition for a student entering or already enrolled in a Doctor of Medicine Degree program. The scholarship is renewable for up to three years with proof of acceptance and academic excellence to proceed to the next year of studies.

Applications must be received by 4 p.m. on Monday, May 31st, 2019 in the office of:

Niagara Health Foundation – St. Catharines Site
Attn: Dr. Laszlo & Maria Kuharik Memorial Scholarship
1200 Fourth Ave. St. Catharines, ON L2S 0A9
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About Dr. Laszlo Kuharik

Dr. Laszlo Kuharik was born in Hungary on Jan. 3, 1913. He graduated from the University of Budapest with a degree in Doctor of Medicine and practised as a surgeon in Hungary until 1944. He met and married his wife, Maria, in a United Nations Refugee camp in Italy in 1944. They emigrated to Canada in 1951 and within the year he was admitted to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada as a physician. They moved to Welland in 1952 where Dr. Kuharik practised medicine with Mrs. Kuharik's assistance until his retirement in 1987. His contemporaries noted that he was renowned and respected in the community and the profession for the excellence and compassion of his care. As a couple, they were inseparable until Dr. Kuharik's death in 1995. Maria Kuharik passed away in 2009.

Eligibility

Applicants must be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant, and ordinarily reside for at least seven (7) years within the geographic boundaries of one or more of the Region of Niagara, Haldimand County or the City of Hamilton.

Applicants must be accepted into or already enrolled in a Doctor of Medicine Degree program.

Applicants will be considered on their:

- Academic achievement
- Moral and ethical character
- Involvement in activities of benefit to the community
- Financial need.

Preference will be given to persons evincing a desire to practise medicine in the City of Welland.

Application Requirements

- Applicant's name, full address (permanent and where studying), telephone and email
- List of universities to which applications have been submitted – proof of acceptance or copy of transcript for most current academic year will be required to receive scholarship
- Typed statement (one to two pages of about 250 words per page, double spaced) describing:
 - Personal, family and home background
 - Education and career goals
 - Reason for applying for this scholarship
 - Challenges faced in pursuing education and career goals, and how these challenges will be overcome.
- Separate sheet listing extracurricular activities, honours, employment and volunteer/community service (include years of involvement).
- Two character reference letters including telephone numbers and addresses, i.e. professor, volunteer or employer supervisor
- Applicant's name and telephone number must appear on every page
- Please include a signed statement that all information supplied is true as stated.

Privacy Statement:

I hereby authorize Niagara Health Foundation to collect and verify the required information including, but not limited to, the items listed in the application requirements.

I understand the information I provide will be collected for the sole purpose of judging my eligibility for the Dr. Laszlo Kuharik Memorial Scholarship.

All information provided by me, or my references, on my behalf will be shared only with the Selection Committee consisting of Niagara Health Foundation directors and staff, Niagara Health staff and physicians, and a designate for the Kuharik family for the purpose of awarding the scholarship.

The information following the selection process will be kept in confidence by Niagara Health Foundation for the duration of one year for unsuccessful candidates, and until completion of the scholarship for the successful candidate.

Name

Date

Signature