

# THE AL LARSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

## Entrance Scholarship for Students Entering a College or Technical School Program

### The High Cost of Higher Education

Your child is about to finish high school and wants to continue their education. Can you afford it? Can your family? Tuition continues to rise across Canada and it's getting harder for more Albertans to move onto post-secondary studies.

Children or grandchildren of an active Alberta REALTOR® are eligible to apply for the Al Larson Memorial Scholarship, worth \$2,500, for a student having achieved first-time acceptance into a community college or technical school program and entering their post-secondary program in September 2017 or January 2018.

Please Note: A REALTOR® is a real estate practitioner who belongs to the local real estate board. Children and grandchildren of industry members who do not belong to a real estate board are not eligible for this award.

### The History

Al Larson dedicated 41 continuous years to the real estate industry, both as a REALTOR® and as an administrator. He was a past president of the Alberta Real Estate Association (AREA) and an honorary life member of both AREA and the Canadian Real Estate Association (CREA). The Edmonton, Calgary and West Central Alberta real estate boards also granted Al honorary life memberships.

In 1976 he was appointed executive vice president of AREA, a position he held until his retirement in 1990. Al Larson passed away suddenly while at a CREA conference in October 1991.

Al never looked for public recognition. His generous contribution of time and energy to the industry was always "behind the scenes". Highly respected by REALTORS® and executive officers across Canada, his statesmanship and outstanding leadership benefited organized real estate at all levels. Outside of real estate, Al was a true family man and contributor to his community.

### The Criteria

Applications will be graded on both academic and extra-curricular achievement. Al Larson's commitment to both his industry and community has inspired the benchmarks for this scholarship through the Alberta Real Estate Association. It is our belief that the successful candidate is involved in a wide range of activities that extends further than academics.

Applicants are expected to have achieved not only above average scholastic performance but to have involved themselves at a high level in other non-scholastic endeavours. These could include but are not limited to:

- Athletics
- Fine arts
- School / community service
- Charitable works

Academic achievement will be assessed based upon a certified copy of the applicant's final transcript which can be mailed to them by the Government of Alberta. Achievement will be graded based on the applicant's success in courses related to their college or technical school program. **Applicants entering a career that is not academically-oriented will receive an added point on the grading scale.**

Extra-curricular involvement will be assessed based upon the following criteria:

- Participation on student council or committees
- Participation in school/community clubs
- Participation in sports, theatre, band, etc.
- Volunteerism
- Student's reputation as an all-around good citizen
- Playing a leadership role within school/community

**Applicants are encouraged to expand on their accomplishments via a written description of their citizenship, letters of reference, a resume or any combination of the above.**

Best of luck to you!

AREA Scholarship Committee

## AL LARSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION For Students Entering a College/Technical School Program

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Applicant Name (Please Print)

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Address

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City

Postal Code

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Phone Number

Email

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Name of Parent/Grandparent who is a member of the Alberta Real Estate Association and a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ real estate board.

Please verify that this person is a member of the real estate board before proceeding with this application.

a) Applicant's current educational institution:

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b) Plans for further education. Please indicate which schools have confirmed acceptance and, if possible, also state the faculty.

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- c) Please attach a copy of your high school transcripts. If they are not available at the time of this application, please indicate when they will be forwarded to AREA.

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- d) Please explain why you should receive this scholarship. List all school and community activities participated in during high school and any leadership positions you currently hold or have held in the past. Specify activities by school year and include your achievements in areas such as academics, sports, the arts, etc. Please attach reference letters and recommendations pertinent to this application.

*(If additional space is required, attach a separate sheet.)*

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I hereby certify that the information I have provided in this application and in the enclosed documents is complete and true in all aspects. I am aware that if any of the information I have provided is determined by the Alberta Real Estate Association to be inaccurate or misleading in any way, the grant of any award to me may be revoked and cancelled by the Alberta Real Estate Association in its sole discretion. I understand that this scholarship, if awarded to me, will be paid only upon proof of acceptance at a post-secondary institution. I understand and hereby consent to The Alberta Real Estate Association collecting, retaining and using the information provided in this application form for the purposes of considering me for a scholarship award and announcing to its Members and the general public that I am a scholarship award winner should I be selected.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date



## Application Deadline is October 15

Please send this completed application and any attachments to:

Al Larson Memorial Scholarship (College/Technical School)  
Alberta Real Estate Association  
Suite 300, 4954 Richard Road SW, Calgary, AB T3E 6L1  
Phone: 403.228.6845 or 1.800.661.0231 Fax: 403.228.4360  
Email: [communications@areahub.ca](mailto:communications@areahub.ca)

**AREA must receive applications no later than October 31.** Recipients are chosen by the Scholarship Committee of the Alberta Real Estate Association. Adjudication will take place in November with the successful applicants being notified in December. The decision made by the Committee is final. Only complete applications will be accepted.

For more information, contact your local board or AREA at 403.228.6845 in Calgary, toll free 1.800.661.0231, or at [communications@areahub.ca](mailto:communications@areahub.ca).