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DOMINION — A student in Dominion has received a \$80,000 scholarship to start studies at Dalhousie University.

Victoria Somerton said she couldn't believe it when she received word that she had been selected as a 2015 Schulich Leader Scholarship recipient, an award valued at \$80,000.

"Coming from a small town my reaction to becoming a Schulich Leader was complete disbelief," she said.

"Receiving a Schulich Leader Scholarship is an unbelievable honour and it goes to show that dedication to academics and community can be noticed no matter where you are from."

Somerton, a 2015 graduate of Glace Bay High School, will attend Dalhousie University in the fall to study engineering.

Somerton said the scholarship allows her to pursue her post-secondary education at the university of her choice, Dalhousie is the university she has always wanted to attend.

"I'm excited to broaden my understanding of the subjects in which I am most interested and I'd like to be a motivator to others thinking of pursuing science, technology, engineering and math."

Somerton was nominated for the scholarship by her guidance counselor Denice Breen. She was one of

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Somerton described Breen as 'a mentor and a motivator' to her throughout high school.

"She broadened my understanding of the Schulich Leader program and sparked my realization that I was eligible for this award."

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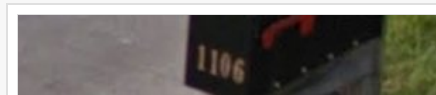
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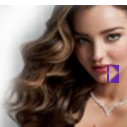
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