

FOUR NEWFOUNDLANDERS NAMED SCHULICH LEADERS

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Four bright university-bound Newfoundlanders have been named Schulich leaders, winning an all-expense-paid ticket to complete their undergraduate degree.~

Incoming science students Maria Park, Bailey Tarrant, Kenzie Grace and Julie Young have been awarded \$60,000 each as recipients of the 2016 Schulich Leader Scholarship.



Maria Park

When school starts this September, Park, a Corner Brook native who attended Corner Brook Regional High, will take up residence in Canada's capital as she attends the University of Ottawa.

Tarrant, who hails from Lawn and attended Holy Name of Mary Academy, has plans to study pre-veterinary medicine in Halifax at Dalhousie University.

Meanwhile, Trepassey's Grace, who attended Stella Maris Academy, and St. Albans' Young, who attended Bay D'Espoir Academy, are staying close to home as they both head to Memorial University.

"It is very important that we support exceptional students that demonstrate great leadership and embrace (science, technology, engineering or math) fields," said scholarship founder Seymour Schulich in a release.

"It is an investment not only in their future, but the future of our country. Their pursuits are sure to lead to key innovations in the years ahead."

Established by the businessman and philanthropist in 2011, the \$100-million scholarship fund supports exceptional high school graduates enrolling in a science, technology, engineering or math undergraduate program at participating universities in Canada and Israel.



Bailey Tarrant

The program awarded 50 scholarships in Canada this year, dishing out a total of \$2 million for 25 engineering scholarships, valued at \$80,000 each, as well as \$1.5 million for 25 science, technology or math scholarships, valued at \$60,000 each.

Schulich Foundation media spokesperson David Goodman says the money is so students can devote their full time and attention to their studies, as financial needs are covered over the course of their degree.

"In most cases, it's put in the student's account within the university so they can apply it towards tuition and the balance would go towards living costs," said Goodman.

"It's \$15,000 or \$20,000 annually for four years, so seeing as how most tuition rates at our participating universities are well below that, the balance is used for their living costs."



Kenzie Grace

Each year, faculty from every Canadian high school may submit one Schulich Leader nominee who demonstrates at least two required attributes, including academic excellence, leadership or financial need.

Participating universities then select scholarship recipients from the nominees who applied to their school.

Goodman says the University of Waterloo was the most desirable school for Schulich leader nominees, attracting nearly 400 applications.

Park, who was nominated by Corner Brook Regional High guidance counsellor Debbie Lindahl, beat out 168 of Canada's top high school graduates to receive her scholarship at the University of Ottawa.

Tarrant, who was nominated by Holy Name of Mary Academy vice-principal Donald Perry, was up against a total of 112 applicants competing for the scholarship at Dalhousie.

Grace, who was nominated by Stella Maris Academy principal Kevin Ryan, and Young, who was nominated by Bay D'Espoir Academy guidance counselor Tammy Garden, were two of 70 Schulich leader nominees applying to win the scholarship at Memorial.



Julie Young

Schulich Foundation will begin accepting nominations for the 2017 program next month.

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