

## **The Ronald Earl Lorch Memorial Scholarship**

Ron Lorch was born in Elmira in 1932 and was the youngest in a family of five children. Like his older siblings, he attended Elmira District Secondary School and played goal on the school's hockey team. Ron graduated Grade 13 with Honours at the age of 19 and began work with Mutual Life of Canada, commuting to Kitchener on a daily basis. Two years later, he relocated to Toronto to work as a bookkeeper before joining Millar, DesLauriers & Shoemaker as an accountant. Soon after, he began studying for his CA designation via correspondence courses offered by Queen's University and successfully completed the program in 1960.

Ron went on to become a partner with that firm and remained with them for 25 years. During that time, he kept his Elmira ties returning home on many weekends. In 1984, Ron returned home for good to set up his own accounting practice which he kept open until his retirement in 1989.

Ron gave generously of his time to the Elmira community. He was as an active member of the Lions and Rod and Gun Clubs and volunteered his accounting expertise to local sports teams (Sugar Kings and Siskins), the Maple Syrup Festival and local seniors housing associations. He also served as treasurer for St. James Lutheran Church for 27 years.

Ron passed away on May 7, 2017 at the age of 84. This scholarship was established by his nieces and nephews to honour his memory and his life-long contribution to his home community of Elmira.

### **Award Criteria:**

Awarded to a graduating student from Elmira District Secondary School going on to full-time post-secondary studies in a program leading to an accounting designation. In addition to academic excellence, the award winner will have modelled good citizenship within the E.D.S.S. and wider Elmira community.

### **Award Application Process:**

Application forms are available from the Guidance Department. The deadline for submitting an application is May 15th.

The award winner will be selected by the E.D.S.S Scholarship Committee in June. The award will be presented at the Commencement exercises the following fall.

### **Responsibilities of the student chosen to receive the award:**

The award winner must present proof of attendance in his or her chosen degree/diploma program prior to Commencement.



**In what ways have you volunteered your time with organizations or groups in Elmira, the Waterloo Region or beyond?**

| Name of Group or Organization | For how long have you volunteered with this group? | Briefly describe the nature of your volunteer activity with this group? |
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**Of the volunteer roles you have served, which one has been the most rewarding to you and why? (Maximum 150 words).**

Please print a copy of your completed form. Then sign and date the form.

Applicant's Signature:

Date:

**Applicant Checklist**

Application Form (signed and dated)

E.D.S.S. Transcript (request from Guidance Secretary)