

The Queen's York Rangers Regimental Council Academic Financial Support Committee – Terms of Reference (Sep 2023)

ROLE AND PURPOSE

The **Academic Financial Support Committee** (the “Committee”) is an *ad hoc* committee of The Queen's York Rangers Regimental Council (the “Council”). Its primary role is:

- Annually determine the recipients of the various academic awards and bursaries funded by Council. See Annex A for a list of academic awards and bursaries

Additionally the Committee may:

- Make recommendations to and support the **Fundraising Committee** in obtaining financial donations to fund the academic financial support capital account
- Make recommendations to and support the **Finance Committee** in managing and investing the academic financial support capital account to support the annual distribution of financial support
- Make recommendations to and support the **Regimental Family Committee** in establishing new academic awards and bursaries and communicating them to the extended Regimental Family

AUTHORITY

The Committee has the authority to determine and announce the recipients of academic financial support.

The Committee may make recommendations to Council and other Council committees regarding the sourcing and management of academic financial support funds and will request budget allocations from Council as determined by the Committee.

As part of the annual Council budget planning process the Committee will request a total amount of financial support which may be amended by Council before the budget is approved. The Committee will allocate the approved amount as appropriate, with a recommended priority of:

- Brigadier-General George Bell Academic Award – \$1000
- Ranger Affiliated Cadets Academic Award – three x \$500
- Regimental Family Academic Award – one x \$500
- Bursaries for Serving Rangers – based on demand and as Council finances permit, typically one or more awards with a maximum of \$2000 per recipient

If there are insufficient or no suitable candidates for an award or bursary after all applications are received each fall the Committee may decide to not distribute any or all of the budgeted amount of financial support, i.e. the Committee should not distribute academic support funds just because they have been budgeted.

MEMBERSHIP

The Committee shall be composed of:

- Chair of Council
- Chairs of the Council Fundraising, Finance and Regimental Family Committees
- The Commanding Officer or designate
- The Honorary Colonel and the Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel

MEETINGS

The Committee shall meet at a minimum annually in late fall to consider applications for financial support and to determine the recipients of the academic awards and bursaries listed in Annex A. Applications for academic financial support shall be completed in accordance with Annex B.

The Committee may meet more frequently as required to support and/or make recommendations to Council or individual Council Committees.

The fall meeting shall be called by the Chair of Council. Additional meetings may be called by a minimum of two members of the Committee. All meetings should be called with a minimum of one week notice unless circumstances dictate otherwise. Meetings may be in person or electronic.

At each meeting of the Committee the members will elect a chair for that meeting, who shall also be responsible for preparing and distributing minutes of that meeting.

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Annex A

ACADEMIC FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Many universities provide academic financial support in three distinct categories. The following is abridged from York University (<https://sfs.yorku.ca/scholarships-awards-bursaries>) as of 2021:

Scholarships are merit based and recognize exceptional talent/promise or academic excellence.

Bursaries are primarily based on financial need. Students must be in good academic standing in addition to demonstrating financial need to be considered for a bursary.

Academic awards combine academic criteria and non-academic criteria (community service, leadership, etc.). Financial need may be considered in some circumstances.

Council and the **Academic Financial Support Committee** do not have sufficient expertise to manage the awarding of scholarships so financial support is limited to Bursaries and Academic Awards.

PROCESS

Applications must be submitted directly to the **Committee** in the manner and timing specified annually by the Committee, which will typically be communicated in September via Ranger social media as well as to Regimental and Regimental Family leadership directly for distribution down the respective chains of command. The application along with any required supporting documentation is to be submitted according to Annex B.

The **Committee** will meet to consider all applications and may conduct enquiries to confirm details as necessary, such as the current effectiveness of the member within their organization, etc. The **Committee** will then determine the winner of individual Academic Awards as well as the recipients and the respective amount of Bursaries.

Appendix 1

Annex A

BRIGADIER-GENERAL GEORGE BELL ACADEMIC AWARD

The **Brigadier-General George Bell Academic Award** is awarded annually to a currently serving member in good standing of The Queen's York Rangers (1st American Regiment) (RCAC) who is enrolled full time (students attending less than full time may be considered in special circumstances) in a two or three year diploma, four year undergraduate degree or graduate degree program at a Canadian post-secondary institution.

The recipient of the award will be decided by The Queen's York Rangers **Academic Financial Support Committee** based on:

- Military performance as an actively participating member of The Queen's York Rangers, based on a ranking of all applicants by the Commanding Officer;
- Academic criteria, with a minimum B average or 3.0 on a scale of 4.0 or 6.0 on a scale of 9.0 in the most recently completed term or academic year.
- Other criteria such as additional community leadership or service and financial need; and
- An essay of 200 to 300 words on a relevant military topic.

The **amount of the award shall be \$1000** and shall be awarded annually to one recipient as determined by the Committee.

Background

This award was established in 2021 to honour Brigadier-General George Gray Bell, OC MBE CD.

Brigadier-General George Gray Bell was a decorated Second World War veteran who served with The Queen's York Rangers (1st American Regiment) (RCAC) before serving in Europe during World War II. He was born in Toronto on May 24, 1920 and enlisted in the Canadian Army in 1940. In 1943, he graduated from the Royal Military College and served in the Netherlands and Germany in the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps. BGen Bell remained in the army after the war serving around the world in various capacities.

He earned his PhD in International Relations from McGill University in 1972. In 1973, he became Assistant Deputy Minister to the Minister of the Treasury, Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs in the Government of Ontario. In 1976, he was appointed Executive Vice-President and Professor of Strategic Studies at York University.

While at York University he also founded and became the first President of the Canadian Institute of Strategic Studies (CISS). From 1984 until its dissolution in 1987, he was a founding director of the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security (CIIPS). He was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1988.

BGen Bell (ret'd) was a member of The Queen's York Rangers Regimental Council from the early 1970s until his death and served as Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of The Queen's York Rangers from 1974 to 1985. He was the Colonel of the Regiment of the Royal Canadian Dragoons from 1984 to 1990. BGen Bell was the Colonel Commandant of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps from 1990 to 1993 and served as president of the RCAC Association from 1997 to 1999.

He died in Toronto, Ontario on October 15, 2000.

Mrs. Jean Bell endowed this award with a donation to The Queen's York Rangers Regimental Council in 2021. Mrs. Bell (nee French) was born on November 19, 1935 and was raised in Toronto, where she went to Havergal College and St. Clement's School. Later she attended Northwestern University in the United States. Jean married her first husband in 1957 and had two daughters, Carolyn and Barbara. In her spare time she engaged in such sports as tennis, golf, and curling. In the mid-1970s she worked at a dental office, and then in 1981 she began working as the Alumnae Coordinator at St. Clements, until her marriage to George Bell on November 11, 1988.

For many years, Jean and George wintered in Sarasota, Florida, between visits to various military sites. They resided in Scarborough until George's death in 2000. After her husband's death, Jean continued to play golf and bridge at Thornhill Country Club, as well as enjoying trips to Europe and visits with her family.

Jean was very pleased to support The Queen's York Rangers by endowing this academic award as well as supporting the purchase of 80 sets of patrol dress uniforms. She looked forward to seeing everyone in their new blues but unfortunately she passed away on March 28, 2021.

Appendix 2

Annex A

RANGER AFFILIATED CADET CORPS/SQUADRON ACADEMIC AWARD

There shall be one award for each of the three cadet organizations affiliated with The Queen's York Rangers (1st American Regiment) (RCAC):

- 337 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps
- 2799 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps
- 140 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron

The awards shall be given to a currently enrolled cadet in the respective corps/squadron OR a former cadet if they were actively enrolled with their respective corps/squadron during the current calendar year but are no longer active as a cadet, e.g. a former cadet who begins post-secondary studies and is unable to continue serving with their corps/squadron will be considered in the calendar year in which they aged out.

The applicant must be enrolled full time (applicants attending less than full time may be considered in special circumstances) in a two or three year diploma or four year undergraduate degree at a Canadian post-secondary institution.

The recipient of the award will be decided by The Queen's York Rangers **Academic Financial Support Committee** based on:

- Involvement and performance within their respective cadet corps based on a ranking of all applicants from that corps by the corps Commanding Officer;
- Academic criteria, with a minimum B average
- Other criteria such as additional community leadership or service and financial need; and
- An essay of 200 to 300 words on a relevant military or cadet related topic.

There shall be **three awards, with \$500 awarded to one recipient from each of the three affiliated cadet corps.**

Appendix 3

Annex A

REGIMENTAL FAMILY ACADEMIC AWARD

One award is available to the collective members of

- The Ranger regimental band;
- Re-enactment units affiliated with the Rangers; and
- Cadet Instructor Cadre officers and Civilian Instructors from the Ranger affiliated cadet corps/squadron.

The applicant must be enrolled full time (applicants attending less than full time may be considered in special circumstances) in a two or three year diploma or four year undergraduate degree at a Canadian post-secondary institution.

The recipient of the award will be decided by The Queen's York Rangers **Academic Financial Support Committee** based on:

- Involvement within their respective organization based on a ranking of all applicants from their respective organization by the leader(s) of that organization;
- Academic criteria
- Other criteria such as additional community leadership or service and financial need; and
- An essay of 200 to 300 words on a relevant military or related topic.

There shall be **one award of \$500** annually.

BURSARIES FOR SERVING RANGERS

Each year Council will allocate a total pool of funds to be awarded as bursaries. One or more bursaries will be awarded annually to currently serving members in good standing of The Queen's York Rangers (1st American Regiment) (RCAC) who are enrolled full time (students attending less than full time may be considered in special circumstances) in a two or three year diploma, four year undergraduate degree or graduate degree program at a Canadian post-secondary institution.

The recipient(s) of a bursary will be decided by The Queen's York Rangers **Academic Financial Support Committee** based on:

- Military performance as an actively participating member of The Queen's York Rangers, based on a ranking of all bursary applicants by the Commanding Officer; and
- Community leadership or service
- Financial need

The Committee will determine the bursary amount for any individual serving Ranger based on:

- The relative merits of each Bursary application;
- The total number of Bursary applications received; and
- The maximum pool of funds available

Different amounts may be awarded to different applicants based on individual circumstances.

Note: Serving Rangers who are applying for the **BGen Bell Academic Award** may also apply in the same application for a bursary by so stating in their application.

The recipient of the **BGen Bell Academic Award** is also entitled to receive a bursary.

ACADEMIC FINANCIAL SUPPORT APPLICATION

Process

There is no requirement to complete a specific form; simply send an email with the **Information Required** (see below) to **info@qyrang.ca** no later than **October 15** or such other date as may be announced annually by the Committee, which will be advised each September via Ranger social media and the chain of command.

Applications must contain all the required information and attachments (see below). If the application is incomplete a representative from Regimental Council may ask for additional information, but applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a complete application to reduce unnecessary delays.

Once all applications have been reviewed, Regimental Council will contact the appropriate Commanding Officer or band/re-enactment group leader, to confirm the applicant's status. In the case of multiple applicants from one organization the respective Commanding Officer or leader will be asked to provide an internal ranking of all applicants, which may be used to determine the eventual award recipient(s).

Information Required

- Organization, i.e. Regiment, cadet corps/squadron, band, re-enactment group
- Name, Rank and Position/Role within your respective organization
Note: For former cadets who have aged out, list your last position/role
- Contact telephone number and email
- Other relevant community leadership or service
- Name of current post-secondary institution
- Program details or description of studies and current year of studies (1st, 2nd, etc.)
- Year you expect to graduate
- Attach most recent transcript (If in first year submit Grade 12) – PDF, JPG, etc.
- Attach essay (200 to 300 words) on a relevant military or other related topic
Note: essay is NOT required for serving Rangers requesting a bursary only

For serving members of the Regiment:

Indicate if you are applying for a bursary, the **BGen Bell Academic Award**, or both

If you are a serving Ranger applying for a bursary please include your school budget: **Income** from all sources, including savings and family support, for the academic year **Expenses** (tuition, books, room & board, transportation, etc.)

Budget shortfall and how you will cover the shortfall if you do not receive a bursary.

Note: This financial information is not intended to be invasive but should support a legitimate financial need.