



## **The King's Own Calgary Regiment (RCAC) Trooper Tommy Baker Snortin' Norton Award 2023**

### **The Award**

In 2020, the year which marked the 75th anniversary of The King's Own Calgary Regiment completing service in the Second World War, Trooper (ret'd) Tommy Baker established an award to be presented annually to a student who is a serving member either of The King's Own Calgary Regiment, of the 2512 King's Own RCACC, or of the 1910 Pte Pattison, VC RCACC, and who will be commencing or continuing their education at the post-secondary level. The award is named after despatch rider Trooper Tommy Baker and his "snortin' Norton" motorcycle.

Tommy joined the Regiment in February of 1941, and following Armoured Fighting Vehicle (AFV) training in Camp Borden, arrived in the United Kingdom on July 1<sup>st</sup> of that year. On 19 August 1942, Tommy took part in the Dieppe Raid, but he was one of the lucky ones who made it back to England that day. The following summer, in July 1943, Tommy landed with the Regiment in Italy, and there assumed the role of despatch rider. During the battle of Motta Montecorvino, on 01 October 1943, two days before his 20<sup>th</sup> birthday, Tommy was riding his Norton motorcycle, and leading the regimental physician, Doc Alexander, to the location of injured regimental personnel, when he was blown off his vehicle by a German 88. Tommy was severely wounded and would spend the next six months convalescing in hospital, as well as being retrained, before returning to the Regiment - just in time for the fourth Battle of Monte Cassino, in May of 1944. Tommy continued to serve with the Regiment throughout Canada's Italian campaign, and then into Northwest Europe, until the end of the war. Tommy passed away on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021, in Red Deer, Alberta.

The award is valued at \$2,000, and is to be applied towards the cost of tuition at any accredited post-secondary institution in Alberta. The award will be presented to the student who best exemplifies the valiant and intrepid character of Tommy Baker, and his qualities of brave and informed decision making, ownership of outcomes, inspirational leadership, and being a provider of results. The successful candidate will be a hard-charging team player who is accountable, lifts the spirits of his or her colleagues with his or her own positive attitude and good humour, and who leads by inspiring loyalty, rather than by imposing authority.

### **Who is Eligible?**

- a) The applicant must be a serving member of The King's Own Calgary Regiment, or a Cadet Instructor Cadre Officer or a cadet in either the 2512 King's Own RCACC, or the 1910 Pte Pattison, VC RCACC;
- b) The applicant must be a graduating high school student who will be enrolling, or a student who is already enrolled, in an accredited post-secondary institution in Alberta, in a full-time program that will lead to a degree, diploma or certificate. Full time is considered to be a minimum of three (3) credit earning courses per semester, and a minimum of two (2) semesters per year;

- c) The applicant must have attained a minimum of 65%, or a 2.6 grade point average, measured over all courses listed on the transcript for their most recently completed academic year; and
- d) If a student withdraws from their academic year of studies, they are no longer eligible for the award and any monies issued must be returned in full to The King's Own Calgary Regiment (50 CEF / 14 CTR) Association.

## **Application Deadline**

The deadline to apply is 31 March 2023.

## **Applications**

The following documentation is required to be submitted:

- a) Applicant's most recent student transcript or Detailed Academic Report;
- b) Military Letter of Reference as detailed in the Selection Committee Evaluation Criteria (below);
- c) Letter(s) of Reference WRT Community Involvement as detailed in the Selection Committee Evaluation Criteria (below);
- d) Applicant's essay as detailed in the Selection Committee Evaluation Criteria (below); and
- e) Proof of acceptance into an accredited post-secondary institution in Alberta, or proof of existing enrollment in same. Note that in the case of a graduating high school student, presentation of the award may be delayed until the successful applicant has received and provided proof of acceptance into the institution.

Submissions, including the attached application form and all supporting documentation, shall be tendered via e-mail to The King's Own Calgary Regiment (50 CEF / 14 CTR) Association at [kocalgrassociation@gmail.com](mailto:kocalgrassociation@gmail.com),

## **Selection Committee Evaluation Criteria**

The following will be used as guidelines for the competitive selection of a deserving applicant. Note that in the case of two applicants with equally compelling applications, preference will be given to a high school graduate over a student who is already enrolled in a post-secondary institution.

- a) Academic Achievement (55%):  
The applicant's most recent student transcript showing academic performance, which as stated above must indicate a minimum 65% or 2.6 grade point average. A "Detailed Academic Report" from the Alberta Education myPass website that can be downloaded at no cost is acceptable;

b) Military Letter of Reference (20%):

A letter of reference from a military supervisor confirming the applicant's status with the Regiment or Cadet Corps, and describing the applicant's demonstrated qualities as detailed in the award description. The letter is to include remarks regarding the applicant's participation in Regiment/Corps training and exercises, as well as their enthusiasm for military service;

c) Letter(s) of Reference WRT Community Involvement (15%):

Letter(s) of reference providing details with respect to the applicant's community involvement, and describing the applicant's demonstrated qualities as detailed in the award description. The letter(s) should include the writer's position, e-mail address, and telephone number; and

d) Applicant's Essay (10%):

An essay of up to 500 words (one page, single spaced) summarizing the applicant's regimental and community involvement relating to the applicant's demonstrated qualities as detailed in the award description, and how they plan to use those qualities in their future careers, as well as why they believe they would be a good choice to receive the award.

## **Confirmation of Receipt**

If you wish to be notified that your application has been received, please check off the appropriate box on the application. If you have checked off the box, but do not receive a confirmation, you must contact [kocalgrassociation@gmail.com](mailto:kocalgrassociation@gmail.com) at least one week prior to the deadline date. No exceptions will be made for misdirected applications.

## **Announcement and Notification of Award**

The recipient of the award will be notified prior to St. George's weekend, 2023. If the winner of the award has not yet provided proof of acceptance into a post-secondary institution in Alberta, the award may be withheld until such proof has been provided.

All correspondence relating to the awarding of this bursary will be directed only to the applicant at the e-mail address from which the application originated.



## Trooper Tommy Baker Snortin' Norton Award Applicant Information

ACADEMIC YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

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FULL NAME AND RANK

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BIRTHDATE

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MAILING ADDRESS

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CITY/PROVINCE

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POSTAL CODE

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HOME PHONE NUMBER

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CELL PHONE NUMBER

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APPLICANT'S EMAIL

Please confirm receipt of application by e-mail

APPLICANT'S STATUS:

SERVING WITH THE KING'S OWN CALGARY REGIMENT

CIC OFFICER OR CADET. PLEASE INDICATE WITH WHICH CORPS

WHAT YEAR AND COURSE/FACULTY ARE YOU NOW ENTERING, AND WHERE?

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YEAR

\_\_\_\_\_  
COURSE AND FACULTY

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF INSTITUTION

IF YOUR COURSE VARIES FROM THE STANDARD 8 MONTH (2 SEMESTER) LENGTH PLEASE INDICATE COURSE START AND END DATES:

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WHAT SEMESTERS ARE YOU APPLYING FOR:

FALL

WINTER

OTHER (dates indicated above)

I have included the following documentation, which is required to be submitted. I understand that incomplete submissions will not be considered, and that the Association has no obligation to grant the Award if, in the sole opinion of the Selection Committee, it is not warranted.

- a) Applicant's most recent student transcript or Detailed Academic Report;
- b) Military Letter of Reference as detailed in the Selection Committee Evaluation Criteria;
- c) Letter(s) of Recommendation WRT Community Involvement as detailed in the Selection Committee Evaluation Criteria;
- d) Applicant's essay as detailed in the Selection Committee Evaluation Criteria; and
- e) Proof of acceptance into an accredited post-secondary institution in Alberta, or proof of existing enrollment in same. As previously noted, if a graduating high school student has not yet received his or her proof of acceptance, presentation of the award may be delayed until this proof has been provided.

**ALL CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE AWARDING OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP AND THE SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT WILL BE DIRECTED TO THE APPLICANT. BY SIGNING THIS PAGE, THE APPLICANT GIVES EXPRESS CONSENT TO BE CONTACTED VIA EMAIL BY THE KING'S OWN CALGARY REGIMENT (50 CEF / 14 CTR) ASSOCIATION.**

I DECLARE that the above information is accurately stated. I am aware that eligibility will be confirmed with The King's Own Calgary Regiment or my Cadet Corps, and that receipt of the award will require proof of my enrollment in an accredited post-secondary institution.

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SIGNATURE OF STUDENT

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DATE