



MacPhee Centre for Creative Learning



The Don Pether Emera Future Leader Award

Eligibility Requirements

The Don Pether Future Leader Award is awarded to students who:

- Are enrolled in Grade 12
- Enrolled in post-secondary education at a College or University, or equivalent.
- Are a past or current MacPhee Program Participant.
- Have an interest in innovation and creative learning through technology
- Are experiencing financial or accessibility barriers to accessing post-secondary education
- Contributions to their community, as demonstrated by long-term commitment and leadership as volunteers, students, artist and/or athletes



Selection Criteria

- A short essay (500 words min.), or a piece of art in the medium of your choice (painting, drawing, song, script, etc.) that outlines your financial situation and the importance of the bursary for you.
- A letter of acceptance from the post-secondary institution you will be attending.

Application Checklist

- Scholarship Applicant **Information Sheet***
- Official High School **Transcripts**
- Official **letter of acceptance** from post-secondary institute
- A **short essay** (500 words min.), or a **piece of art** in the medium of your choice (painting, drawing, song, script, etc.) that outlines your financial situation and the importance of the bursary for you.
- Portfolio** of any creative nature in any medium

*You can find this on our website (printable and digital), in the application package or in person at the MacPhee centre.

Submitting Your Application

Applications must be submitted by email or in person by **Thursday May 15, 2025**. Please note once your application is submitted, you can no longer make edits.

Applications can be emailed to: info@macpheedcentre.ca

Applications can be dropped off in person at:

MacPhee Centre for Creative Learning
50 Queen Street
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
B2Y 1G1

Have questions?

Please contact the MacPhee Centre for Creative Learning by email at info@macpheedcentre.ca or by phone at 902-469-2851.



About the Award

The MacPhee Centre established this bursary fund to celebrate the future leaders that have participated in Centre's programming. The award honours Don Pether's commitment and contributions to his community. This year, the MacPhee Centre will select 5+ applicants to each receive a \$1000.00 bursary for their post-secondary studies.

About the MacPhee Centre

At the MacPhee Centre for Creative Learning, we empower youth through art in a welcoming, inclusive environment supported by our community. We envision a world where empathy and diversity thrive and challenges are opportunities for growth. Through art, we inspire leadership, collaboration, and innovation, fostering a spirit of creativity. Our mission is to provide a safe, youth-driven space for exploration and self-expression. Together, we're shaping a future where kindness and cooperation reign and every dream is supported. Our mission is to build a world where every young person can realize their full potential through the transformative power of art.

www.macpheedcentre.ca

Don Pether

Former Chair of the Board and CEO,
ArcelorMittal Dofasco Inc.

Don Pether was a Director on the Emera Board from 2008 to 2020.

He is the former Chair of the Board and CEO of Arcelor Mittal Dofasco, a Canadian steel producer located in Hamilton, Ontario, where he spent a 36-year career moving from technical to sales to operating roles, transforming the company to a customer-centric global leader in steel production. He has served on a number of corporate boards and is currently active as a director on Schlegel Health Care Inc. in addition to Samuel, Son & Co., Ltd.

Recognizing the importance of giving back to the community which has given him so much, he currently serves as a Director on the National Gallery of Canada Foundation and on the Council of Governors for the Art Gallery of Hamilton.



In addition, he has held a number of other leadership roles on not-for-profit boards including Chair of McMaster University, Chair of the Hamilton Health Sciences Foundation and Chair of the McMaster Innovation Park.

He received the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002 and the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012 in recognition of his contributions to the community.

Don holds a Bachelor of Science in Metallurgical Engineering from the University of Alberta and an Honorary Doctor of Laws from McMaster University.