



Financial Award Helps Student Stay the Course

Cameron Milner struggled with anxiety in school and was worried he would have the same problems at NSCC. “Now I don’t have any worries, and instead I enjoy it and look forward to going every day. Returning to school hasn’t only let me meet new people, but I was also able to get a part-time job. The job has allowed me to gain new experience along with being able to help out around the campus.”

NSCC Truro Student Cameron Milner is one of Literacy Nova Scotia’s 2016-17 Bursary Award Recipients. His instructors say he is a quiet learner who is very reliable. “As my student in two classes last year, he did not have a single absence. I have encouraged Cameron to pursue courses in university because of the ability he has demonstrated.”

Cameron plans to become a paramedic. “Another thing I would like to do after I gain experience is to join the military as a medical technician. Joining the military has always been something I’ve wanted to do, but my first goal right now is to graduate with high marks.”

Access to literacy and essential skills programs gives adults the capability to address poverty by improving their self-confidence and increasing their skill levels so they can find better employment.

Literacy can reduce the inequalities caused by poverty and give tools for social unity. Parents are learning models for their children. The International Adult Literacy Survey points out that children of parents with higher levels of education and literacy are more likely to read and do better in school. A child whose parent(s) did not graduate from high school is twice as likely to live in poverty as a child whose parent(s) did graduate (*National Centre for Children in Poverty, 1992*).

Money raised at the NSPGI Golf Tournament for Literacy is used by Literacy Nova Scotia to fund scholarships and bursaries to learners who are in adult learning programs, or have completed a program and are continuing on to post-secondary education.

“We urge the public to help adult learners in Nova Scotia by making a donation to LNS and supporting our fundraising efforts,” says LNS Executive Director Jayne Hunter. Donations can be made any time via CanadaHelps.

Literacy Nova Scotia is a provincial non-profit organization that has been supporting the literacy community since 1992. LNS works to ensure that all Nova Scotians have equal access to quality literacy, essential skills, and lifelong learning opportunities. It does this by sharing information, doing research and by supporting learners, practitioners and organizations.