

BEAVERBROOK SCHOLARS AWARD CONSTITUTION

APPROVED AT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 17, 2001  
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1.0 Title

The Constitution document shall be entitled:

**Constitution of the  
Beaverbrook Scholars Award Program**

2.0 Purpose

The purpose of this Constitution is to perpetuate the objectives of the Founding Document, attached as Appendix A, and to allow for orderly changes to those objectives.

3.0 Governance

The affairs of the Beaverbrook Scholars Award Program shall be carried out in accordance with provisions of this Constitution and as they may be amended at an Annual General Meeting by a 2/3 majority vote of the scholars present.

Resolutions to amend this Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary for inclusion in the Notice of the AGM.

4.0 Beaverbrook Scholar (Scholars)

For the purposes of the Constitution, a Beaverbrook scholar is any scholar who has been awarded an undergraduate, graduate, law, overseas Beaverbrook scholarship or Beaverbrook Scholars Award.

5.0 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

An Annual General Meeting shall be held at a time and place selected by an Executive Committee elected at the previous AGM in accordance with this Constitution. All Beaverbrook scholars present shall have the right to vote at the Annual General Meeting.

6.0 Nominating Committee

A Nominating Committee shall be selected at each AGM to bring forward nominations for positions on the Executive Committee for the consideration at the next AGM. The Nominating Committee shall be chaired by the Past-Chair of the present Executive Committee plus two members elected by a simple majority at the AGM.

If the immediate Past Chair is not available, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Past Chair of a previous Executive Committee November 17, 2001

The Committee shall present its report to the AGM each year. The report shall include nominations for all available positions on the Executive Committee. In preparing its report, the Committee is expected to consult with scholars and attempt to nominate representatives with a range of ages, backgrounds and experiences and to give effect to the changing membership envisaged in the Founding Document.

The report of the Committee does not preclude additional nominations from scholars at the AGM.

## 7.0 Executive Committee

### 7.1 Membership

The Executive Committee shall consist of scholars to be elected at the AGM by simple majority and the Committee membership shall include the following:

- .1 Chair
- .2 Past-Chair
- .3 Vice-Chair
- .4 Secretary
- .5 At least eight additional members including at least one current Beaverbrook Scholars Award holder.

. The Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary shall normally serve in those positions for terms of two years.

A quorum shall consist of the Chair and any other four members of the Executive Committee.

### 7.2 Responsibilities

The Committee shall:

- .1 Encourage continued financial support for the Beaverbrook Scholars Awards in cooperation with Beaverbrook scholars and appropriate University officials.
- .2 Organize social events to encourage rapport and fellowship among scholars.
- .3 Select Beaverbrook Scholars Award recipients each year with the assistance of other scholars and appropriate University official

- .4 Oversee Award Program finances and the progress of current award holders in cooperation with appropriate University officials.
- .5 Provide an annual report on all activities to all scholars.
- .6 Select a date, place and time for the Annual Dinner.
- .7 Select a date, place and time for the AGM.
- .8 Send written notice to scholars a minimum of three weeks prior to any event.
- .9 Maintain a Directory of all Beaverbrook Scholars.
- .10 Undertake other activities which may be necessary or desirable to support and/or enhance the interests of the Beaverbrook Scholars Award Program.

### 7.3 Authority

The Committee shall have the authority to take the actions necessary to carry out the Responsibilities of item 7.2 above.

### 8.0 Resolutions

Resolutions to be brought before the AGM shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary for inclusion in the Notice of the AGM. Resolutions can be raised at the AGM without prior notice with the consent of two-thirds of the scholars present. Except as noted in item 3.0, all resolutions shall be decided by a simple majority of scholars present at an AGM. The Chair shall vote only in the event of a tie.

**BEAVERBROOK SCHOLARS AWARD**

**FOUNDING DOCUMENT**

**INITIAL SOLICITATION LETTER  
DATED JULY 7, 1980**

## Beaverbrook Scholars Award

The undersigned request the assistance of all Beaverbrook Scholars in establishing an award, as described below. We are also asking the Associated Alumni to assist in the administration of the program.

### Objectives

1. To provide on going recognition of the great contribution of Lord Beaverbrook and his support of Beaverbrook Scholars.
2. To assist in providing educational opportunity for the best students in New Brunswick in keeping with the aim of the original Beaverbrook Scholars Program.
3. To provide an opportunity for former Beaverbrook Scholars to contribute to excellence in education by supporting the best New Brunswick students.

### Name

The award shall be known as the Beaverbrook Scholars Award.

### Nature

The award is to be of sufficient value and prestige to act as an appropriate memorial to Lord Beaverbrook's support of Beaverbrook Scholars. More specifically, the award should be equivalent in value to the original Beaverbrook Scholarships, that is, about 3500 (1980) dollars per year.

### Number

There shall be one award made each year to an entering student. The award shall be renewable, at the discretion of the University, to allow support for a total of four years.

### Method

1. The Committee shall attempt in the first solicitation to raise sufficient funds either in donations or pledges over a three year period to finance the program for five years.
2. The Committee shall be a permanent committee with a rotating membership established for the purpose of encouraging continued financial support from Beaverbrook Scholars.
3. The Committee seeks support from the Associated Alumni in:
  - a. Making the Beaverbrook Scholars Award Committee a committee of the Alumni in order to ensure administrative continuity.

- b. Providing assistance in maintaining records of addresses and in mailing.
- c. Receiving and maintaining records of financial contributions and making such contributions available for awards.
- d. Underwriting the program for a minimum of 10 years provided that the initial financial objective is achieved by the committee.

Awarding Agency

The awards and subsequent renewals will be made by the University Scholarship Committee.

(N.B. - The Alumni, at its May meeting, gave enthusiastic approval of our proposal and promised to help in every way possible).

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# Beaverbrook Scholars

- Since 1920 -



P.O. Box 4400  
Fredericton

July 7, 1980

TO ALL BEAVERBROOK SCHOLARS - 1920 to 1980

It is difficult to think of any single individual who has had more impact on the well being of the University of New Brunswick than Lord Beaverbrook. The attachment of the name Beaverbrook to the gymnasium, residence, rink, and art gallery, tell of a small part of his generosity, which is perpetuated through the Beaverbrook Foundation.

But to many of us, his greatest contribution was his Scholarship Program, without which we would have found a university education an impossible dream. Certainly none of us who received an entrance scholarship, at the financial level maintained by Lord Beaverbrook during his life time, will forget the emotional impact of opening our notification letters. Since 1920 over 500 students have received one or more of the various Beaverbrook Awards. Yet, except on rare occasions, we have done little as a group to either express our gratitude or commemorate our benefactor.

Many of you may be unaware that while the Beaverbrook Foundation still provides generous support to the University, it does not fund the Scholarships directly. As a result, they have steadily declined in value. It can no longer be assumed that the best students in New Brunswick can afford to attend UNB as Beaverbrook Scholars.

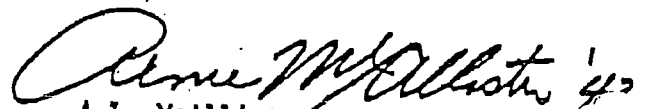
A small group of us, all former Beaverbrook Scholars, are proposing that we help rectify both the above situations by establishing a prestige award to be known as the Beaverbrook Scholars Award to be given annually to an entering student. In this way we may express, in small measure, appreciation for our own good fortune and also ensure that at least one of our best high school students has the opportunity we had.

We have asked the Associated Alumni for assistance. The proposal which we have presented to them, and now enclose for your approval, should be more or less self explanatory.

This letter is to solicit first your opinion and then your support as a Beaverbrook Scholar. Do you think that the 500 of us can offer the level of support envisaged in the attached proposal? Do you think the attached proposal represents a suitable recognition of the generosity embodied in his scholarship program?

We would appreciate your reaction to our plans and are asking for any suggestion for changes you think would be useful.

Also please examine the enclosed directory of Scholars. Some of you are there twice! We need your help in bringing it up to date.

  
A.L. McAllister  
for the Award Committee

Enclosures