

THE Accent

Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees

Union issues call for nominations for Member of the Year!

The PEI Union of Public Sector Employees is calling for nominations for the Member of the Year award! This award recognizes outstanding PEI UPSE members who have contributed to the union through activism and consistent participation in union meetings and committees. The award also recognizes those members who are passionate about the labour movement in Prince Edward Island.

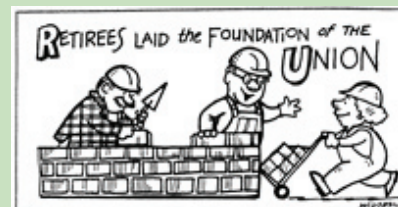
Member of the Year!

Nomination forms are available at the union office at 4 Enman Crescent in Charlottetown or visit the PEI UPSE website at www.peiupse.ca to print a copy. Nominees must be members in good standing and must be nominated by a member in good standing. Nomination forms must include a written statement supporting the nominee, i.e., outlining the members accomplishments / activism / education and participation within the union. All nominations must be received at the union office by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 12, 2012.

PEI UPSE's member of the year will be announced at the union's upcoming Annual Convention!

Attention Members:

PEI UPSE is preparing to celebrate the work of its retirees at the upcoming Annual Convention. If you know any PEI UPSE members who have recently retired it would be greatly appreciated if you could forward their name, job title, and department / place of work to the union office. Please contact Tammy Laybolt at 892-5335 or toll free at 1-800-897-8773.



The Accent is an internal publication of the Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees. Comments, questions, concerns and suggestions should be sent to: Mark Barrett, PEI UPSE Communications and Campaigns Officer, at mbarrett@peiupse.ca.

Note to members distributing The Accent:

Because the material contained in this publication is often of a time-sensitive nature, please post or distribute it as soon as possible.

PEI UPSE is proud to represent over 5000 members in the public and private sectors.

Applications now being accepted for PEI UPSE Bursaries

Union members (including spouses or dependants) who are in full-time attendance at an accredited College or University are invited to submit an application for one of the ten bursaries that PEI UPSE awards annually. Nine of the bursaries are \$500 and one, the Laurie Jenkins Memorial, is valued at \$1000.

PEI UPSE is proud to offer this support as part of its ongoing efforts to promote the importance of life-long learning and education. The bursaries and the scholarship shall be awarded to students who are members of PEI UPSE, or who are related to a member (members must be in good standing). In order to qualify, recipients must be enrolled full-time at a post-secondary institution. Bursaries are available for both in-province (including UPEI and Holland College) and out-of-province studies. Both the bursaries and the scholarship are for the second semester (after Christmas) and are awarded on the basis of approved criteria.



To be eligible, students must be employed by one of PEI UPSE's bargaining units, be paying dues and have a signed membership card, or be a student who is related to a PEI UPSE member or a retired PEI UPSE member. The PEI UPSE Public Relations and Recreation/Convention Committee will base its decision regarding the nine bursaries on three factors. They are – in order of importance: 1) financial need (2) academic ability (3) PEI UPSE involvement (as it relates to the applicant or to the PEI UPSE member of whom the applicant is a dependant). A fourth factor - community involvement - will determine the top award winner for the Laurie Jenkins Memorial Scholarship. Applications are reviewed using a "blind test" procedure whereby committee members are not provided with any identifying information about an applicant.

The Public Relations Committee selects the successful recipients of the bursaries and/or the scholarship from the applications received. The awards are usually presented over the Christmas break. The practice in awarding the bursaries and the scholarship has been to evenly distribute them between males and females where possible.

1. All applications must be received by November 23, 2012 at 4:30 P.M.
2. Eligible applicants must be enrolled as full-time students at a post-secondary institution during the Winter-Spring 2013 semester.
3. Provide a detailed description of the information requested on the application form.
4. Include an official transcript of your last set of marks (mature students returning after a prolonged absence are exempt). Students at Holland College or other institutions which do not use the traditional marking system must include Grade 12 marks and an evaluation from a college official.

PLEASE NOTE: Failure to complete these steps in full may force the committee to rule your application ineligible. If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Mary MacLean, Education and Meetings Coordinator at the PEI Union of Public Sector Employees, 4 Enman Crescent, Charlottetown, C1E 1E6 or telephone 892-5335 or toll-free @ 1-800-897-8773.

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