

## **William (Willie) Freeburn Memorial Automotive Glass Trade Scholarship**

William (Willie) Freeburn was a kind man with a large heart and a big smile. He spent a large part of his work life in the Auto Glass Industry. He had a gift of establishing long-lasting relationships and was a valuable asset to the community, settling down with ownership and operating successfully as Payless Glass in Langley for 23 years before retirement.



“Willie” passed away on May 5, 2017, and to honour his legacy the ARA and Payless Glass created this scholarship. It will be awarded to an eligible student who wishes to pursue post-secondary education related to the Auto Glass Industry.

The Automotive Retailers Foundation Inc. awards the William (Willie) Freeburn Memorial Automotive Glass Trade Scholarship, to an eligible student who wishes to pursue post-secondary education leading to a career in the Auto Glass Industry. There are two awards available each year. A winner from one year is eligible to apply for another year’s award. This is intended to align with the 2-year provincial Automotive Glass Technician training program.

### **Scholarship description:**

The scholarship provides \$500 toward tools or post-secondary education tuition leading to a career in the Automotive Glass Industry and is awarded annually. To qualify, the recipient must show proof of admission to an automotive training program recognized by the provincial Automotive Glass Technician training program per Industry Training Authority (ITA) standards.

### **Eligibility:**

To be eligible, applicants must be enrolled in a post-secondary school on or before January 2019. We are looking for those who have demonstrated a flair for, and a genuine interest in pursuing a career in the automotive glass trades.

Applicants are asked to provide the following:

- A letter from the applicant stating his/her long-term automotive goals. The applicant’s letter should briefly outline why they believe they should be considered for this scholarship. It may include a summary of past school and work experience.
- A letter from the applicant’s primary automotive instructor or current automotive employer stating why the instructor feels the scholarship applicant is worthy of receiving the scholarship. This may include the applicant’s academic achievements, natural ability, hard work, professionalism, teamwork, attention to detail, initiative, etc.

- A copy of the scholarship applicant's most recent academic record. Overall academic achievements, as well as achievements specifically related to the automotive sector, should be included.
- A brief outline of the scholarship applicant's demonstrated leadership and civic abilities. These abilities do not necessarily have to be automotive related, but should be evident in the applicant's interactions in their school or community environments. Examples of leadership and civic interests include, but are not limited to: acting as class president, working as a volunteer for a charitable or community group, and participating as a member of a service club.
- An outline of financial considerations (as they relate to the student's pursuit of their automotive studies). The scholarship applicant's degree of need should be clearly demonstrated. Other scholarships or awards won by the applicant should be noted, as well as the applicant's ability to continue his/her studies based on financial considerations.

## How to Apply

**Applicants: *Download and complete the application form at [www.ara.bc.ca/foundation/](http://www.ara.bc.ca/foundation/)***

## Awarded Scholarships

The ARFI awards two William (Willie) Freeburn Memorial Automotive Glass Trade scholarships annually to qualified students enrolled in an automotive program in the province of British Columbia.

The recipient of a William (Willie) Freeburn Memorial Automotive Glass Trade Scholarship may be invited to appear in a video acknowledging the award. Awarded recipients may be requested for a brief interview that may be recorded and published.

## Notification

All applicants will be notified of the Selection Committee's decisions. Awards are applicable to the academic year commencing in September of the year of application and awarding.

## Administration

The administration of the scholarship program is carried out by the ARFI, under the direction of the ARFI Board Chair.

## Submission Requirements / Willie Freeburn Memorial Automotive Glass Technician Scholarship Checklist

### Scholarship Award Amount: \$500 | Application deadline: June 30

To be eligible, applicants must be enrolled in a post-secondary school on or before January 2019. We are looking for those who have demonstrated a flair for, and a genuine interest in pursuing a career in the automotive glass trades.

#### 1. You must submit with this application:

- A letter from the applicant stating his/her long-term automotive goals. The applicant's letter should briefly outline why they believe they should be considered for this scholarship. It may include a summary of past school and work experience. (250 words minimum, maximum 1 page)
- A letter from the applicant's primary automotive instructor or current automotive employer stating why the instructor feels the scholarship applicant is worthy of receiving the scholarship. This may include the applicant's academic achievements, natural ability, hard work, professionalism, teamwork, attention to detail, initiative, etc.
- A copy of the scholarship applicant's most recent academic record. Overall academic achievements, as well as achievements specifically related to the automotive sector, should be included.
- A brief outline of the scholarship applicant's demonstrated leadership and civic abilities. These abilities do not necessarily have to be automotive related, but should be evident in the applicant's interactions in their school or community environments. Examples of leadership and civic interests include, but are not limited to: acting as class president, working as a volunteer for a charitable or community group, and participating as a member of a service club
- An outline of financial considerations (as they relate to the student's pursuit of their automotive studies). The scholarship applicant's degree of need should be clearly demonstrated. Other scholarships or awards won by the applicant should be noted, as well as the applicant's ability to continue his/her studies based on financial considerations.

**Note:** The recipient(s) will be requested to provide a recent photograph for use in promotional material.