

The Scholarship Committee

On the retirement of Alex Patterson from politics, a group of his friends organized a scholarship fund to honor Mr. Patterson. At his request it was to be available to students proceeding to post secondary studies in political science or social studies.

The first bursary was awarded in 1986. The funds are administered by the Abbotsford Foundation, however the annual recipient is still chosen by the Alex Patterson Scholarship Committee.

The scholarship is available to students graduating from the Secondary Schools located in the geographical area represented by Alex Patterson, including Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Agassiz, Harrison, Hope and the Fraser Canyon.

Dr. Alex B. Patterson

Alexander Bell Patterson was born in Raymore, Saskatchewan April 21, 1911. He was the son of an Irish father and Scottish mother who emigrated to Canada in 1901. Raised on the family farm, young Alex learned the ethics of honest work and integrity before moving to Portage la Prairie to work in a grocery store. Later, he attended the Salvation Army Leadership Training School in Toronto. In 1938, Alex married Charlotte Nice, a Salvation Army officer from Neepawa, Manitoba. They raised a family of four children.

From 1935 until 1953, the Pattersons pastored churches in Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. In 1953, while pastoring the Church of the Nazarene in Abbotsford, Alex was elected as a Social Credit member to the House of Commons, representing the people of the Fraser Valley. In 1980, Canadian Nazarene College conferred on Patterson the Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

During the twenty-three years of service as a Member of Parliament, Dr. Patterson represented first the Social Credit Party, and later, the Progressive Conservative party on many House of Commons' committees, including External Affairs. This took him to a number of countries and to the United Nations, in New York. He represented the diverse needs of his constituents, including the agricultural interests of the Fraser Valley.

Alex Patterson died April 6, 1993, having devoted his life to serving people in the Church and Community. He left a legacy of accomplishments which live on in the lives of his family and the members of this community.

Dr. Alex B. Patterson Memorial Scholarship

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ENTERING POLITICAL SCIENCE
AND/OR SOCIAL STUDIES**

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
FORM**
(Disbursed by Abbotsford Foundation)

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

School you are presently attending: _____

Grade or Year Completed: _____

Name of the Institution you will be attending in September: _____

Course: _____

No. of years to complete course: _____

Describe any other awards received under this or other programs, including date, amount and achievement or circumstances for which the award was granted. If none, please so indicate: _____

What type of award you are now applying for? Entrance Scholarship: _____

Describe: --- 1 Extra-curricular activities and interest: _____

2 State any positions of leadership or responsibility which you have held: _____

3 Last any full-time or part-time jobs you have held and whether presently working: _____

A letter from you outlining your objectives and ambitions will assist the selection committee in judging the merits of your application. Consideration will be given to leadership, responsibility and good citizenship thus the importance of listing your activities and achievements. In other words state why in your opinion you should be considered for an Scholarship.

- Attach report card or academic record
- Attach letter of support and recommendation
- Attach acceptance from university or college of student's enrollment
- Attach your own letter.

Applicant's Signature _____