

MADD Red Deer & District “Mary Williams Award”

MADD Canada/MADD Red Deer & District are national charitable organizations committed to stopping impaired driving and supporting victims of this violent crime.

One (1) award of \$500.00 will be awarded to the applicant within MADD Red Deer & district boundaries, who meets the criteria below:

PLEASE READ THE CRITERIA CAREFULLY BEFORE APPLYING

Criteria: In order to qualify for the MADD Red Deer & District Mary Williams Award, the applicant must be graduating from a high school in the current calendar year, and be planning to attend an accredited post-secondary institution, for the upcoming academic year. The applicant must reside within MADD Red Deer & District boundaries, and have been severely injured themselves, or have had a parent (or legal guardian) or sibling, killed, or severely injured, because of an impaired driving crash. Injuries must be catastrophic, or severe, and have had a significant impact on the applicant’s life. Proof of injury and relation to impaired driving will be required.

You may also apply for this award if you have been an active advocate against impaired driving. Students may have established a SADD (Students Against Drunk /Impaired Driving) chapter in their school, and/or belonged to the chapter for 2 years or more. We will also look at students who are a good role model, and leader, in that they are not afraid to stand up and take action when an impaired driving situation presents itself.

Persons applying for this part of the award must have written confirmation from a counsellor, and from administration, or other credible source.

The Mary Williams Story

Mary Williams and her husband Raymond were living in Ontario on July 3, 1986 when an impaired driver took the life of their 16 year old son, Andy. It was especially devastating when the driver, 3 times over the limit, only received a thirty- month sentence, which was reduced to 18 months.

Shortly after moving to Red Deer in 1990, Mary took a video she had received from the Toronto Police force, called “Missing you”, to the Red Deer RCMP detachment, asking if it could be used in their classroom presentations regarding impaired driving. Her son Andy was featured in the video. At that time she joined the RCMP Victim Services team, and within two years Mary started MADD Red Deer & District, at the request of MADD Canada. It was the first MADD chapter west of Ontario, and it has been active ever since. Mary is a compassionate voice for victims and survivors of impaired driving, and an advocate with vision and commitment to the cause of putting an end to this horrendous and preventable crime.

Your application must be received at the following address no later than May 31

Send to: MADD Red Deer & District, Mary Williams Award

Box 1115, Red Deer, Alberta T4N 6S5 Phone: 403-986-9904

E-mail: maddrd@telusplanet.net Website: maddchapters.ca/reddeer/

Phone: 1-800-665-6233 ext. 224

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS CHECK LIST

- Complete sections 1 through 4 of the application.
- Provide supporting documentation clearly indicating that the crash was a result of impaired driving. (*Samples of documentation: coroner's report, police report, newspaper clippings, letter from police, crown, lawyer, or other community leader or first responder who is familiar with the events of the crash, etc.*)
- If you are applying because you or a parent, legal guardian or sibling suffered a severe or catastrophic injury because of an impaired driving crash that has impacted your family's life, please provide evidence of the injury. (*Samples of documentation: medical records, letter from a doctor, letter from insurance company or lawyer, letter from an employer/school, or letter from a non-family caregiver.*)
- If your last name is different from the immediate family member who was killed or injured, please provide proof of the relationship. (*Proof can be in the form of a birth certificate, news article naming you as the child/sibling of the deceased, or a letter from a community professional who is familiar with your family. The community professional can be a police officer, clergy, accountant, doctor or lawyer and the letter should be written on their letterhead.*)
- Provide a statement (maximum 2 pages) of the impact this event has had on you and your family.
- Enclose letter of acceptance to the post-secondary institution you are attending in the 2024-2025 school year.
- Sign and date your application.

MADD Red Deer & District Award applications are reviewed by a selection committee. The selection committee rates the applications based on the impact of the death or injury on the applicant and their family, or on the depth of advocacy against impaired driving.

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PART 1 – IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Last Name: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

Have you ever been charged with impaired driving or been sanctioned under a Provincial Highway Traffic Act?

Yes No **If the answer is YES, you may NOT apply

Mailing Address/ Street:

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code _____

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____ E-mail: _____

PART 2 – FAMILY IMPACT

Name of immediate family member (mother, father, legal guardian, or sibling) killed or injured in an impaired driving crash or check "Self" below:

Date of Death/Injury (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

How is this person related to you? Mother Father Legal Guardian Brother Sister Self

If your last name is different from the immediate family member who was killed or injured, please provide proof of the relationship. *(Proof can be in the form of a birth certificate, news article naming you as the child/sibling of the deceased, or a letter from a community professional who is familiar with your family. The community professional can be a police officer, clergy, accountant, doctor or lawyer and the letter should be written on their letterhead.)*

ALL APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT THAT THE CRASH WAS A RESULT OF IMPAIRED DRIVING. *Samples of documentation: coroner's report, police report, newspaper clippings, letter from police, lawyer, crown or other community leader or first responder who is familiar with the events of the crash, etc.*

IF YOU OR YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER ARE INJURED AS A RESULT OF THE CRASH, PLEASE PROVIDE PROOF OF INJURY. *Samples of documentation: medical records, letter from a doctor, letter from insurance company or lawyer, letter from an employer/school, or letter from a non-family caregiver.*

PLEASE ENCLOSE A STATEMENT (maximum 2 pages) DESCRIBING THE IMPACT THIS EVENT HAS HAD ON YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. *Please include information about the emotional, physical and financial impact upon your family.*

PART 3 – EDUCATION INFORMATION

Name of current school : _____

School Mailing Address / Street: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

School Contact Person Name: _____ Phone: () _____

School contact person listed must be a teacher, guidance counselor, or principal.

School Phone # _____ E-mail: _____

Full-time Program(s) Applied For:

PART 4 – AUTHORIZATION

I authorize the release to the selection committee any information held or to be held by secondary schools, university and post-secondary officials and others, including but not limited to personal evaluations and transcripts. I understand that this material can be kept confidential from me. I waive any right of access that I might have by law. I understand that if I am selected for this Award, this material may be used by MADD Red Deer & District, and MADD Canada for the purposes of publicity.

Signature _____

Date _____

INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE.

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