

AGRICULTURE UNION ROP SCHOLARSHIP BURSARY

This bursary has been established in recognition of the former Record of Performance Inspectors (Dairy Program) who were members of the now defunct locals 13 and 25, and whose jobs were lost to the private sector through government privatization.

Dependents of Agriculture Union members, or members themselves, may apply for this \$1,000 annual bursary which must be applied to an agriculture course from a recognized institution.

Completed applications must be received in the Agriculture Union National Office by June 30 of each year.

History of the ROP Program

In 1890, Dr. S. M. Babcock developed a test to measure the amount of butterfat in milk. A milk recording program commenced across Canada in 1908. By 1950, all cows in a herd were required to be tested.

The Canadian Record of Performance for Dairy Program was identified as a national supervised milk recording program that collected individual animal production data and certified animal records for breeding purposes.

Our former ROP Inspectors were appointed by Agriculture Canada to supervise the milking and collection of data, to enforce the rules and to provide information on ROP to herd owners.

From 1905 to 1985, the Canadian Record of Performance for dairy cattle provided for the establishment of production credentials for each lactation period of each individual of several breeds of dairy cattle as a basis for the development of an intelligent and constructive breeding program.

The Federal ROP Dairy Program in Ontario was taken over by the Ontario Dairy Herd Improvement Corporation on June 25, 1985, and privatization of the ROP Program was completed across the country within several years.

Some of our members started working for their new employers, others were fortunate to remain employed by the Federal Government and, again, still others just quit or retired. In general, we were able to negotiate similar rates of pay and benefits for these members.

In recognition of these former Agriculture Union ROP members, the 1990 Agriculture Union Convention in Calgary decided to establish an annual bursary. Those who wish to be considered for this bursary are invited to complete the following application form.

Application Form

Agriculture Union ROP Scholarship Bursary

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Name of Agriculture Union Member: _____

Local: _____

PSAC ID#: _____

Name of Institution: _____

Course/Degree: _____

Please attach an essay of 500 words describing your career objectives.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Agriculture Union Member

Date submitted

Please forward your completed application to: Agriculture Union, Suite 1000, 233
Gilmour Street, Ottawa, ON K2P 0P2.