

Inspiring Excellence as a Catholic School Graduate
“Elisabeth Charlene Steel Reurink Children of the Light
Memorial Award Scholarship”

A system-wide scholarship has been established through the Monsignor Feeney Foundation by the classmates, friends, and family of Elisabeth Steel Reurink, who died tragically on a school skiing trip on March 5, 2009 at Blue Mountain.

This scholarship is intended to be student led, student directed, and student inclusive. It is open to all Grade 12 students in all LDCSB secondary schools who are going on to post-secondary education.

The winner will be required to attend the Monsignor Feeney Foundation award ceremonies on Wednesday, June 10th at St. George’s Parish Hall to receive their \$1,000 cheque and award.

1. Principals are requested to ask homeroom teachers of Grade 12 students to distribute the attached **nomination form** by Tuesday, May 5th, have the students complete it, and return it to the teacher no later than first period on Wednesday, May 6th.
2. Students may self nominate.
3. The Principal and School Chaplain will select one or two candidates from among the nominations who best meet the award scholarship criteria (listed on nomination form) and notify the students of their decision.
4. The name of the candidate(s) selected, and contact information, will be forwarded by the Principal to the selection committee c/o Linda Steel via email at l.steel@ldcsb.on.ca by Tuesday, May 12th.
5. Candidates will be interviewed by the selection committee on Saturday, May 23rd at 859 Notre Dame Drive, London, Ontario. Candidates will be contacted directly by the selection committee to establish interview times.
6. Candidates will come prepared with: a 500 word essay expressing their personal thoughts on the importance of excellence, kindness, Catholic Education and the Catholic Graduate Expectations within their lives; a **copy** of their 2008/2009 first term report card; and two (2) letters of recommendation – one from a teacher, and one from a member of their community (i.e. coach, priest, employer, choir leader, etc.)
7. All information will be kept confidential and all information provided by the candidates and selection committee notes will be destroyed upon completion of the 2009 scholarship process.
8. The successful candidate will be notified via telephone by 8:00 p.m., Monday, June 1st. The school of the award winner will be notified via email to the Principal, on Tuesday, June 2nd.
9. All other candidates will receive a letter via Canada Post recognizing their efforts and thanking them for their participation.
10. This year’s Selection Committee will be comprised of: students of the memorial award scholarship organizing committee, Mary Anne Foster – Executive Director of the Monsignor Feeney Foundation, Mary-Lou Van Berkel – Parent community representative, and a member of the Steel Reurink Family.

Grade 12 Student **Nomination Form** for:

**Inspiring Excellence as a Catholic School Graduate:
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This is a system-wide award scholarship, to be given out to *one* graduating student who is pursuing post-secondary education, at the Monsignor Feeney Foundation awards ceremony on Wednesday, June 10th at St George’s Parish Hall.

The amount of the scholarship is: \$1000

Purpose of Award Scholarship:

- To inspire excellence in all areas of the Catholic Graduate Expectations
- To recognize a student who has embraced and strived for excellence in all areas of the Catholic Graduate Expectations
- To include and engage student leaders, and inspire in them the desire, and to provide the support for them to promote, the pursuit of excellence as identified by the Catholic Graduate Expectations in their fellow students

Please select one graduating student from your Grade 12 classmates whom you feel best meets the following criteria:

- A student who aspires to excellence as expressed by the Catholic Graduate Expectations
- A student who has demonstrated a love of learning and a commitment to develop their God-given potential and make a meaningful contribution to society
- A student who follows the teachings of Christ in their school life through kindness, leadership, inclusive behaviour, helping others, and humility
- A student who has set goals to attain excellence, achieves excellence, originality, and integrity in one’s own work and supports these qualities in the work of others
- A student who has a supportive connection to the school community by participation in extra-curricular school activities and community volunteer work
- A student who possesses a love of the arts through reading, dance, fine art, drama, computer arts, or music

The name of the student you nominate that best meets the above criteria is (students may also self nominate):

Please print the name of your nominee clearly

Please return this form to your home room teacher **by the end of first period on Wednesday, May 6, 2009**