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## THE CRANE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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### IN HONOR

Rev. T.E. & Violet Crane were much-loved pastors, church planters, and Bible teachers throughout western Canada and parts of the USA. Among the many ministries of their lives, they were the co-founders of the Edmonton Gospel Temple and the Temple Bible College in Edmonton, Alberta. They pastored the church and served the Bible College from the early 1950's until the 1980's. Due to their inspirational teaching, mentoring, and godly support for ministry candidates, their College produced many of the pastors, evangelists, missionaries, and teachers who served the Fellowship of Christian Assemblies in Canada and parts of the world from those early days until the turn of the century. The self-sacrificing passion and love of this couple stands as a model and testimony of true discipleship and leadership to this day. It is in their honor that the FCA – in partnership with the Leadership Training Scholarship Fund – has established the Crane Memorial Scholarship for the benefit of deserving students who are called of God to prepare for Christian ministry.

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this scholarship is to support and encourage the development of emerging leaders who will commit to serve this generation with the Gospel of Jesus. The second purpose is to provide a realistic opportunity for local churches to invest in developing leaders within their own and/or other communities. The mentoring and training of Biblical leaders for present and future generations is critical to the mission of Christ. The Crane Memorial Scholarship provides an opportunity for churches and individuals to make tangible contributions towards the process of discovery, development, and deployment of potential leaders from their own communities.

### CANDIDATES

This scholarship is available to first year students applying for admission to Clearwater College<sup>1\*</sup> for the purpose of preparing for Christian ministry. The first year student candidate must be identified and validated by his/her home church as a dedicated follower of Christ who exhibits a call of God to Christian ministry. The student who is awarded this scholarship will commit to the completion of a Ministry or Biblical Studies degree at Clearwater College; and upon graduation,

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\* Clearwater College – The scholarship is limited in application to this the only free-standing College in Canada which serves the specific needs, mission, history, vision, and values of the FCA.

will serve a ministry internship with his/her home church. This internship shall be designed as a one or two year process. Should the home church be unable to provide the internship, the student, the College, and the home church pastor will arrange the internship with another FCA church which shares the vision for developing leaders. Should significant scholarship funds remain in any given year following these awards, second or third year student applicants may be considered for the award.

## **VETTING THE CANDIDATE**

A worthy candidate may apply for the scholarship, or may be identified by the Pastor and/or Elders of his/her local church. The candidate will be a person from the congregation who exhibits dedicated discipleship and a call of God for Christian service. This is a person who is already serving with his/her community in some honorable fashion. While the Bible College has its own application process, this scholarship requires the local church to do the majority of the vetting of the student. Once a potential candidate is identified, the pastor and/or the church leadership will engage in an interview process with the person. The interview will follow an outline such as is suggested later in this paper. When the pastor and leaders have confirmed a call of God upon the life of the candidate, a dedication and determination on the part of the student for Biblical preparation, the completion of an interview, and a willingness to complete the training for ministry, the candidate will then complete the application form for the scholarship and for the College.

## **SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT**

The scholarship award is worth \$5000 per one college year.

## **HOW THIS IS FUNDED**

The Crane Memorial Scholarship is funded through a partnership between FCA Canada, interested individuals, and local churches. Individual churches are invited to contribute annual donations to this fund – as they already do to the other two scholarship funds (see the website at [www.fcaministers.com](http://www.fcaministers.com)). This scholarship shall be added to the two existing scholarships on this website. The national body of the FCA will donate \$2500 per scholarship (up to a maximum number per year). The local church of the candidate is encouraged to participate in a matching donation of \$2500 which will result in the \$5000 award. Should the church be unable to raise the \$2500, we encourage the local church to support the candidate as they are able, up to a maximum of \$2500. This scholarship requires the local church to show its commitment to the student by financially investing in the student's training at some level. The candidate must be able to fund the remaining amount of the College fees to complete year one.

The local church shall commit to regular contact with the student throughout the training process. This award is dependent upon the commitment of both the student and the local church.

## THE INTERVIEW

Following are suggested questions for the church interview with the candidate. Parts A - C may include name and contact info, and the usual personal questions regarding faith, family, finances, and Christian service experiences.

### **Part D**

1. Describe the major passion of your life.
2. Do you have a sense of the purpose of God for your life?
3. Do you have a sense of how you wish to invest your life?
4. In your opinion, what is the greatest need of your community/society today?
5. What inspires you the most in life?
6. What challenges you the most?
7. Describe your employment experience to this date.
8. If you could make anything you wanted to happen, what would it be?
9. Will you commit to completing the degree at Clearwater College?
10. What are your expectations of your college experience?
11. What are your expectations of your home church during the next four years?
12. How prepared will you be in your spiritual, financial, and physical health for this experience?
13. Will you communicate regularly with your home church?
14. You are invited to complete the spiritual gift survey.

### **Your home church commitment**

1. Will fund 50% (or other) of your scholarship for the first year.
2. Will continually pray for you and communicate regularly
3. Will celebrate your achievements and pray for your learning through disappointments
4. Will welcome you home on holidays or periodic family visits
5. Invite you to call us at any time - for any reason.
6. Your primary contact person will be \_\_\_\_\_

Student Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Interviewers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **PROCEDURE TO AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS**

1. Candidates for this scholarship shall be vetted and nominated by the local church as outlined in The Crane Memorial Scholarship Fund description.
2. Upon approval of the local church, the candidate shall forward the appropriate forms to the Leadership Training Scholarship Fund (LTSF). The forms include: a) The application form, b) The reference form, and c) The proposed contract of the local church with the candidate.
3. The LTSF will review the completed application and references and render final decision for awarding scholarships based on number of scholarships available, number of qualified applicants, and reviewing each candidate's application and references

## **PROCEDURE TO MANAGE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**

1. All funds\* for the scholarship shall be directed to the Leadership Training Scholarship Fund in care of Valeria Dueck at
  - \* All funds include donations from the FCA, churches, businesses, and private individuals.
2. Fundraising options for qualified candidates may be available through consultation with the scholarship committee.