

The Feoffees Of The Common Lands Of Rotherham

The Harold Bridges Memorial Scholarship

Harold Bridges was a very distinguished Old Boy of Rotherham Grammar School. He was awarded a scholarship to attend the Grammar School and from there, in 1934, he won a scholarship to Armstrong College, Durham; a constituent College of the University of Durham. At Durham he studied Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics and won the Stroud Laboratory Prize for Physics. Harold then had a long and successful career with Shell and rose to become CEO/President of Shell Canada, part of the Shell global empire. After this position in Canada Harold became the CEO/President of Shell USA; a position he then held until his retirement. Harold's widow, the late Mrs Shirley Bridges was a generous benefactor of Thomas Rotherham College in the 1990's as a result of which a scholarship was set up in his honour.

This scholarship is managed and awarded by the Feoffees of The Common Lands of Rotherham and is valued at £1000. It is given to a second year sixth form student about to enter the first year of their degree course at university and who intends to follow a course in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics or Engineering (but not Computing or Computer Engineering.) or a joint degree comprising a combination of these subjects

Applicants are invited from students who meet the following criteria:

- i) *Holds an offer for a university course in one of above subjects or combination thereof, with the expectation of achieving 3 'A' levels at grades AAB.*
- ii) *Has an overall average attendance of at least 90% at their college/school sixth form. (unless there are exceptional circumstances such as prolonged illness which needs to be confirmed by the Headteacher.)*
- iii) *Has demonstrated the required effort and application on the A level subject courses they have followed during their sixth form 'A' level studies. (This must be confirmed by the sixth form which they attend.)*

To be considered for this award applicants are required to submit a letter of application, of no more than 500 words, in which they should clearly set out:

- their reasons for wanting to pursue their chosen course, to include academic interest and potential career aspirations.
- how they believe the scholarship will help them in the pursuit of their studies

All applications received will initially be assessed by the sixth form at which they are taking their 'A' levels and this institution will then submit their two preferred candidates to the Secretary to the Feoffees of The Common Lands of Rotherham, to include staff/headteacher comments of support.

Referred applications will be assessed by a panel of Feoffees. In assessing applications, the panel will consider:

- the student's commitment to their chosen course as demonstrated in the letter of application
- attendance and evidence of the applicant's effort during their sixth form career

In the event of two or more candidates being rated equally deserving then personal economic circumstances – such as receipt or otherwise of bursary funds – will be considered.

The award of the Harold Bridges Memorial Scholarship will be subject to the successful applicant achieving a minimum AAB at 'A' level and taking up their place to study a relevant course at university. The successful applicant will be announced after the publication of the 'A' Level results in August and the award will normally be presented before the start of the first year of the degree course. In addition, a formal certificate of award of the scholarship will be made at the successful recipients sixth form presentation evening of that year. The successful student will be expected to permit a photograph of themselves receiving their scholarship award to be published in the press and also placed on to the Feoffees web site. The successful student will be asked to submit a report to the Feoffees at the end of their first year of university study indicating how the scholarship has helped them.

Individual letters of application should be submitted to the respective Principal/Head Teacher of the students place of education one week before the end of the Summer term immediately prior to the student leaving. The two recommended applications, together with all supporting documentation, from each institution must be submitted to the Secretary to The Feoffees before the end of July of the year of application.