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## The Gertrude Crosbie Memorial Scholarship Application Form

Name:

Address:

Phone #:

E-Mail:

Name of Institution and Program Enrolled:

Length of Program:

If currently enrolled (2nd year or later students), please give details:

*In 250 words or less, please tell us why your application should be accepted as the successful entrant this year:*

Please provide two letters of reference (one academic and one other) supporting your submission.  
Proof of acceptance from recognized program must be submitted with your application.

**The Cerebral Palsy Association is not responsible for any lost or misdirected applications. Applications received after the deadline (June 15th) will not be considered. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 709 753 9922 or [cerebralpalsy@nf.aibn.com](mailto:cerebralpalsy@nf.aibn.com)**

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Gertrude Murray Crosbie was born on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1925 and was the only child of Andrew and Janet (Miller) Murray. In 1947, she married Alexander (Bill) Crosbie and together they had five children. Their daughter, Andrea, was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy and Epilepsy in 1954. Gertrude was one of the parents responsible for starting the Cerebral Palsy Parents Association in 1961 and later went on to open the Virginia Waters School which eventually had over forty students. Gert (as she was affectionately known) held several positions within the Cerebral Palsy Association including Secretary, Vice-President & President. Her daughter Andrea continues the family involvement and currently sits as a Director - Special Projects Coordinator. In 1971 Gert was named Citizen of the Year along with Bill for all their volunteer work with the many organizations. In 1983, she became a member of the Order of Canada.

Gertrude Crosbie always believed that learning was a life long activity and that you were never too old to learn. Upon her death on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004, it was her wish that donations be made to the Cerebral Palsy Association of NL. The Association's Board of Directors decided that all monies donated would be used to establish a scholarship fund in memory of this wonderful and gracious lady. We could not think of a more appropriate way to honor her memory than to encourage people with Cerebral Palsy to pursue their education.



Each year the Association will award a \$1000.00 scholarship to an individual with Cerebral Palsy who has been accepted or currently enrolled into a post-secondary educational program or Adult Basic Education (ABE). The recipient of this scholarship will be a person who has persevered in their efforts to improve their independence and who has shown determination in attaining their goals.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their application to the Cerebral Palsy Association by the end of the second week in August for consideration. All decisions by the selection committee are final. We look forward to reviewing your application!

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