

RATIONALE

The executive of Brant District 40 believes that involvement with and contribution to our local community is a very important component of our activities. One way that we can accomplish that is to make annual charitable donations to local organizations that we deem to be worthy of support. These donations will be made subject to the following Guiding Principles and Procedures.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Organizations to be considered for Brant 40 local charitable donations must be involved in activities which are beneficial to the local community and place emphasis on seniors and/or students
- Special consideration may be given to organizations which Brant District 40 members are involved in or support.
- Profile of Brant District 40 should be enhanced through the donation
- Donations should be publicized to the membership and to the public through newsletters, media, website, and at luncheons
- Policy will be reviewed every three years

PROCEDURES

- Yearly amount for donations will be established in Brant District 40 budget
- The winter newsletter will include a notice inviting Brant District 40 members to make requests for charitable donations per the local policy as posted on the web-site. This notice will also indicate that such requests should be submitted to the local President by April 1.
- A sub-committee comprised of the president, a member-at-large and one more volunteer from the executive will meet to discuss the requests received as described above. This meeting will take place after April 1 and prior to the date of the Spring Annual Meeting and Luncheon. At this meeting, the sub-committee members will discuss requests that have been received and arrive at a consensus regarding the assigning of charitable donations for the year. If the level of requests received by the president leaves room, the sub-committee may make recommendations regarding assigning of donations to organizations that fit the criteria.
- The sub-committee will bring their recommendations regarding the assigning of Brant District 40 local charitable donations to the district executive meeting which is held immediately prior to the Spring Annual Meeting and Luncheon. The sub-committee will seek executive approval at that time for these recommendations. The details regarding the annual charitable donations will then be announced by the district president at the Spring Annual meeting.

Amendments to this policy can be made by Brant District 40 executive at any time if deemed necessary.

The executive of Brant District 40 feels that it is important to support the students of Brantford and Brant County as they pursue their educational and career goals. This support will be provided through scholarships as described below.

- \$300 to a student from each Brant County secondary school – Assumption College, Brantford Collegiate Institute, Grand Erie Learning Alternatives, North Park Collegiate, Paris District High School, Pauline Johnson Collegiate, St. John’s College and Tollgate Tech Vocational School. Such awards will be based on the following priorities:
 - 1) a graduating student pursuing a career in education
 - 2) a graduating student pursuing a career in social work
 - 3) a graduating student pursuing a career in health care
 - 4) a graduating student chosen at the discretion of the school awards committee who is pursuing a career other than those listed above

The total required to fund the above scholarships will be set aside in the Brant District 40 budget each year.

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Above policy approved at Executive Meeting of Sept. 27, 2019