



Application for the Peter Hatcher Family Bursary

One \$2,500 bursary available

The Peter Hatcher Family Bursary is offered in memory of Peter Hatcher. He was Georgian Bay Forever's champion, friend, and the most dedicated advocate for Georgian Bay that we will likely ever know. Peter will always be remembered for his passion and never-ending love for our water and his drive to protect its beauty for all. He was integral to our organization as a core volunteer, inspirational donor, and fundraiser. We will always be thankful for his guidance and leadership.

Georgian Bay Forever conserves, protects, and restores the aquatic ecosystem of Georgian Bay through scientific study, public education and action.

This bursary is open to graduate students, M.Sc. or Ph.D. candidates, or senior undergraduates undertaking a senior level thesis project, who are conducting investigations of direct interest to Georgian Bay and the objectives of our organization.

Applicants who are/or are partnering with academic researchers, those supervising students, or those who are seeking matching funds and will publish their results, will be given priority.

Engaging in scientific research is a time-consuming and expensive endeavour and as such, we recognize that \$2,500/year may not be sufficient for a stand-alone study or to launch an actionable program/activity. As such, this funding may be applied for to support an existing study/program or opportunity.

Criteria

While scholarships are awarded exclusively on merit, bursaries also consider financial need - this could be interpreted as personal need (support or tuition) or the ability of a bursary to add a component to an existing study, or to fund a new study (research equipment/travel/analytical fees) that would not otherwise be funded. Nevertheless, academic merit should still be a strong consideration.

Your application should highlight how you will achieve:

- Academic excellence – based on transcripts and letters of reference.
- Quality of Research – feasibility and quality of what is being proposed.
- Evidence of past research in or relevance to Georgian Bay.

- Leadership – how do you stand out from your peers through excellence in communication, volunteer or charity work or leadership in your hobbies and pastimes?
- Timing – you can complete your project/activity by December 31, 2026 and be prepared to share results with community, either in written format or through video reporting. Or, if your project is longer term, be prepared to report on the activities the funding supported.

Given that this bursary honours a family with a great love of Georgian Bay, a Georgian Bay history (resident or cottager) would be consider an asset in our outreach and communication with Georgian Bay residents so please describe all such connections.

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Applicant Name _____

Institution/Department _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

I have a personal connection to Georgian Bay through _____

I agree to complete my project to help to better protect the water and environment of Georgian Bay (Tobermory to Manitoulin Island).

I will assist Georgian Bay Forever in communicating about my project annually and once it has been completed both in writing and in public presentations (in-person events / remote only).

Project Area of Interest (separate applications are required for each area of interest)

1) To educate residents of the Georgian Bay area and the public on issues of environmental protection, conservation, safety and preservation of the water and natural features in the Georgian Bay area of Ontario by conducting conferences, workshops and seminars on these issues.

2) To conduct research, in conjunction with qualified educational institutions and others, into water and land quality matters to add to the public knowledge and appreciation of these matters.

Please attach:

Project Description (maximum two double-spaced pages) including:

- How your project will help to protect the Georgian Bay area, its environment, people, communities and culture.
- Describe the project metrics you will assess the project against.
- Describe how your project fits into the reconciliation objectives of Canada and any specific First Nations involvement/approvals.
- Describe how this bursary will help to achieve the stated objectives of the project.

**An up-to-date CV for project Principal Investigators and key project members.
Please provide references to or examples of previous project work.**

Please send your completed application to ed@gbf.org by April 15th, 2026 in PDF Format.