



**Village of Point Edward  
2020 Maynard and Rene Walker Family Scholarship**

The fourth recipient of the Maynard and Rene Walker Family Scholarship has been announced today at the Point Edward Municipal Office.

This year's recipient is Jaxon Lucas. Jaxon is a graduate of Sacred Heart Catholic School and St. Patrick's Catholic High School. Jaxon has extensive involvement in athletics both in school and in Point Edward Minor Athletics as well as scholastic activities such as Reach for the Top. He has volunteered with boys and girls Silverstick Tournaments since Grade 7 as helper and marshal at the Point Edward Memorial Arena. He has also served as statistician and assistant equipment manager for the Point Edward Pacers lacrosse team and volunteers as an on-ice helper with the minor hockey program in the Village. Jaxon has amassed over 550 hours of volunteer time in his different adventures, including scorekeeping for the Point Boys Two Pitch and Point Edward Ball Hockey leagues, all while maintaining excellent grades and a part time job at the Sarnia Golf and Curling Club. Jaxon was also involved with the Point Edward Gold Maple Syrup project that has raised more than \$10,000 for the Inn of the good Shepherd and St. Joseph's Hospice. Jaxon is planning on attending Wilfrid Laurier University in September to study Kinesiology and then continuing his education to become a chiropractor.

"I was very thrilled to learn that I was this year's recipient of the Maynard and Rene Walker Family Scholarship," said Jaxon, "My experiences growing up in the Village of Point Edward have been very positive and I have enjoyed having the opportunity to both learn from, and contribute to, what makes our community a wonderful place to be. I would like to thank Mary Ellen and the entire Walker family for this honour, and it is my goal to return here after completing my education in order to make further contributions to Point Edward and the surrounding area."

The Maynard and Rene Walker Family Scholarship was established in 2017 to honour Maynard and Rene. Maynard lived in Point Edward his entire life and served on the volunteer Fire Department for 35 years, serving as Chief from 1956 until 1979. Rene married Maynard and moved to Point Edward in 1949. Rene was very active in the Point Edward Presbyterian Church.

"I continue to be excited by the quality of candidates for the Walker Scholarship each year," Said Mary Ellen Walker, daughter of Maynard and Rene, "It continually gives me great hope when I see the commitment of our young people and their willingness to make our world a better place provides inspiration to me, as well as hope that we have a bright future. Good luck in your post-secondary education Jaxon."

All applications are reviewed to remove any possible bias and then reviewed by multiple judges. Applicants are rated on six criteria that have been deemed important, for example, contributions to the Village of Point Edward, high school grades, financial need and the student's financial contribution to their own education.

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