




2010 A.D. Latornell Conservation Symposium Grant

Each year at the A.D. Latornell Conservation Symposium, one of Ontario's *premier* annual environmental events, practitioners, policy makers, nongovernment organizations, academics and businesses come together to network and discuss the challenges and opportunities in Ontario's conservation field. This year's theme is **Biodiversity: Connecting People, Land and Water**.

Established in memory of A.D. Latornell, grants are intended to provide support for students and active members of the conservation community so that they may attend this annual event. Eligibility is determined on the basis of the criteria outlined below. The funds for these grants are provided through the profits of the Symposium Dream Auction coordinated by the Steering Committee. The grant includes: one three (3) day registration package, meals and 2 nights accommodations at the Nottawasaga Inn. Successful applicants will be asked to double up for accommodations due to limited room availability. Transportation is not included.

In 2010 funds raised during the 2009 Dream Auction and funding provided by the Ministry of the Environment's Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program will provide opportunities for **30 grant recipients** to participate.

 [A. D. Latornell Conservation Symposium Grant Brochure](#)



What Principles Guide the Grant Award?

- Applicants must be able to declare and demonstrate that without the grant they would be unable to attend the symposium.
- Successful applicants must commit to full symposium attendance.
- Successful applicants must complete and return an evaluation following the symposium.



Who is Eligible?

1. Student - registered in an Ontario university or college and be 19 years of age or older.
2. Individual affiliated with an Ontario not-for profit/community conservation organization to include volunteers, interns and contract employees and be 19 years of age or older.
3. Individual who is not a past grant recipient.
4. Generally applicants should be living, working or studying in Ontario. Up to two grants may be made available for non-Ontario applicants that are students at a Canadian university or college or are affiliated with a Canadian not-for profit/community conservation organization.

Priority will be given to applicants from organizations, universities or colleges that have not previously participated. If the grant program is over-subscribed no more than two participants from any one organization, university or college may receive grants.



How to Apply?

To apply for grant support, you must

Complete the [application form](#)

Provide two references

- If a student - letter of reference from a supervising professor, including contact information.
- If from a not-for profit/community conservation organization - letter of support from the organization head, including contact information.

References are to be submitted electronically to latornellgrant@conservationontario.ca **with the applicant's name in the subject line on or before midnight September 10, 2010.**



Testimonials

Many positive comments about the symposium have been received from previous grant recipients. The A.D. Latornell Conservation Symposium Steering Committee, on behalf of all grant recipients, thanks everyone who has contributed to the success of our Dream Auctions.

"The grant made the difference between my ability to attend and not. I met other Aboriginal leaders who are doing similar work and we will be working together in the future. I also met other environmental leaders and in two cases we organized a plan for partnering in the immediate future. I also met friends from Conservation authorities and others who it was great to share the conference with. As the greatest challenge facing human kind is to sustain the life giving capacity of Mother Earth this conference will only increase in importance. I hope in the years coming that you will put even more effort into sharing Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge with western science for a better world for all of our children."

Larry McDermott, Plenty Canada



Questions?

A.D. Latornell Conservation Symposium Steering Committee

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Application Deadline: **September 10, 2010**. Successful applicants will be notified by October 1, 2010.