



Amalgamated Transit Union

MEMORANDUM

Attached for your review and duplication is the official 2018, Tommy Douglas Memorial Scholarship application and instructions for potential applicants.

The 2018 scholarships are in remembrance of the man who led the fight in Canada to provide health insurance for all. Thomas Clement “Tommy” Douglas, who passed away on February 24, 1986, was often called “the greatest Canadian.”

A Baptist minister and champion boxer, he left the pulpit for a political platform. A powerful orator and tireless activist, he was elected to serve as a member of Saskatchewan’s Parliament, and later, Premier of the province – an office he held for 17 years. He introduced the continent’s first single-payer, universal health care program; a program that would eventually be adopted across Canada.

After setting up the Saskatchewan Medicare Program, Douglas was elected as the first leader of the New Democratic Party (NDP), formed in 1935 to advance the cause of Labour. He was a strong advocate of the Canada Pension Plan and was considered the “conscience” of Parliament on matters of civil liberties

We hope the recipients of this year’s scholarship, named in his honor, will use them in part to study union and community organizing, and grow to fight injustices everywhere.

This year, the program will consist of **five scholarships each in the amount of \$8,000**. In addition, a **\$2,000.00**, scholarship may be awarded to a technical or vocational school applicant.

