



**Peter Olsen**

Horticulture Apprenticeship Scholarship Fund



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### Goal:

We are seeking to raise the principle required to generate a \$650 annual scholarship. This is the academic tuition required for a student to gain entry into one semester of the Horticultural Apprenticeship program.

### Why a Horticulture Apprenticeship Scholarship?

The Olsen family has a long standing lifelong passion for the horticulture industry, starting with Peter's father Jorgen, a founding member of the Ontario Nurserymen's Trade Association (later Landscape Ontario). In over 35 years of teaching at Humber College's Horticulture Apprenticeship program, Peter enhanced the lives of thousands of students. Peter always volunteered both his time and knowledge to influence and develop the Horticulture industry through such activities as:

- Landscape Ontario: Congress Chairman, Vice – President, President and Past President
- Second generation owner of Royal City Nursery in Guelph and Garden Centre Group Co-op member
- Board member, Farm Safety Association

Peter was also the first Horticulture Apprentice in Ontario. After completing the Apprenticeship program, he was then invited back to teach in the program and has taught ever since.

### Criteria and awarding:

This scholarship is to be awarded to the Ontario apprenticeship student who is passionate and knowledgeable about plants. The candidate must submit a transcript of their marks in the plant based subjects in the curriculum and photographs of 3 different planting projects they have been directly involved with.

The candidate must also demonstrate an entrepreneurial spirit, willingness to teach and assist in furthering the horticulture industry through their own passion and sharing of knowledge. In addition to photos and transcripts, candidates must provide a letter of reference and nomination from a current employer, program coordinator or instructor based on the soft skills required.

### Award:

One \$650 scholarship, awarded in December of the previous year, paid directly to the school rather than the individual.

### To Donate:

To donate today, please visit [www.othf.ca](http://www.othf.ca). Donations become part of a larger fund in the Ontario Horticulture Trades Association. All donations are tax deductible. For more information, call Royal City Nursery at 519-824-4998 or Fleuristic at 519.265.3000.