

The Ed Coates Memorial Foundation Makes Largest Single Donation

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The Ed Coates Memorial Foundation was created in honour of Lordco Auto Parts founder Ed Coates.

The purpose of the Ed Coates Memorial Foundation (ECMF) is to enhance accessibility to education and training in automotive related fields. The Automotive Retailers Foundation Inc. (ARFI) is also passionate about helping students enter the industry.

On behalf of the ECMF Board of Directors, Ed Coates' daughter, Candace Gottschalk, announced the ECMF Board's commitment to an annual gift of \$5,000 to the ARFI to assist in achieving its goal of furthering education in the industry.

This new commitment is in addition to the ECMF's long-standing donation of a toolbox for the winner of the Bob Clarke Memorial Scholarship. The toolbox is given as a surprise to the winner and the thrill seen from the recipient each year is worth all the work it takes to administer the Foundation award program.

ARA Member Makes a Donation Commitment to the ARFI in Memory of Owner

Willie Freeburn, Owner of Payless Glass in Langley, passed away recently. In memory of Willie, Payless Glass has committed to a donation of \$1,000 to the ARFI annually.

The ARFI will use the donation to fund scholarships and bursaries for students entering and working in the automotive field.

The ARFI is driven by its board of directors. The directors are

all volunteers who give their own time. This year we are again lucky and thankful to have a board focused on helping students enter the automotive industry.

The ARFI Board Members are:

Marc Bergevin	<i>Adesa</i>
Mubasher Faruki	<i>BCIT</i>
Alyn Edwards	<i>Peak Communications</i>
Narin McKenna	<i>Company of Cars</i>
Al Cameron	<i>Bluenose Motor Company</i>
Ken McCormack	<i>ARA</i>

Each year the ARA awards scholarships and bursaries to deserving students who want to enter the automotive trades. This is where the fun starts for the ARFI Board Members. It is not an easy task deciding who will be chosen from all of the hopeful applicants. However, when the awards are presented and the recipients voice their appreciation, all of the effort is worth it.

This year the ARFI handed out eight awards of \$1,000 each. The Foundation had intended to announce seven awards. However, one additional person seemed deserving and the Board decided to award her with a Special Merit award in the amount of \$1,000. ■

Automotive Retailer Association Award Winners 2017

Cade Perkins

David Park

Dayton Coles

Dean Shemilt

Jordan Ladhar

Travis Sharman

Tyhree Nguyen-Serrano

Victoria Pering

Career Development Scholarship

Apprentice Level 3

Career Development Scholarship

Recyclers Bursary

Apprentice Level 3

Bob Clarke Scholarship

Recyclers Bursary

Special Merit

Mechanical Repair

Collision Repair

Mechanical Repair

Mechanical Repair

Collision Repair

Mechanical Repair

Collision Repair

Collision Repair

Surrey

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Parksville

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