

## **The Mary A. Griffiths Memorial Award for Folklore Field Research**

Since 1990 the Memorial University of Newfoundland Folklore Society has sponsored The Mary A. Griffiths Memorial Bursary for Folklore Field Research as a memorial to Mary Griffiths ( 1967 – 1990 ), a student of folklore from Ship Harbour, Placentia Bay. Mary was very active in the Folklore Society and had planned to begin her graduate studies in Folklore at Memorial University of Newfoundland.

### **UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CRITERIA**

The award recognizes a superior paper based on original field research completed as part of the requirements of an undergraduate Folklore course during the previous twelve months.

### **ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICANTS AND PROJECTS**

Applications will be accepted from undergraduate students in Folklore and graduate students registered in the Department of Folklore or the Ethnomusicology Program at Memorial University of Newfoundland.

Applicants can apply for only one award in each competition, although they may hold the award more than once.

Members of the Award Selection Committee are ineligible to apply during their tenure.

### **DEADLINES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Applications should be submitted by the advertised deadline, normally January 31.

Decisions will be announced no later than two weeks after the deadline for applications.

In the case of graduate students, to provide time for the adjudication, approval, and announcement of results, at least four weeks should be allowed between the deadline and the research project dates. If your submission deviates from this schedule, please attach an explanation.

### **ADJUDICATION**

Award applications are adjudicated anonymously by a Selection Committee comprising both students and faculty, who will decide the winner after reviewing all applications and, if the need arises, interviewing potential recipients.

The Committee reserves the right not to award the Award in a given year.

Although no appeals will be entertained, unsuccessful applicants may resubmit in the next competition a revised application which addresses the concerns of the committee. It will be

adjudicated in accordance with normal procedures.

## **AWARD HOLDER'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **Terms and Conditions for Undergraduate Students Holding an Award**

The terms of the Award shall be stated in a letter from the Award Selection Committee, to whom the Award holder is responsible.

No expenses are to be charged directly to Memorial University of Newfoundland.

### **Presentation of the Research**

***Culture & Tradition*** shall have the right of first refusal of any paper produced as a result of the Award. Normally the paper should be submitted within six months.

Successful applicants are strongly encouraged to present a Folklore Society lunch-time lecture.

All research materials gathered with the aid of the Award should be deposited in MUNFLA, using the appropriate forms and contracts, within two years of the completion of the project.

In any publications based on the research (thesis, articles, etc.), proper mention of the Award should be made, and the Selection Committee informed that the piece has been published.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Applications should be completed using the attached form and forwarded to the address below by the appropriate deadline:

The Head, Department of Folklore  
Memorial University of Newfoundland  
St. John's, NL  
A1B 3X8

**THE MARY A. GRIFFITHS MEMORIAL AWARD FOR FOLKLORE FIELD RESEARCH**  
**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT APPLICATION FORM**

Complete all items on the application form. Submit **two copies** of the application and **one copy** of your up-to-date **curriculum vitae** to:

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Memorial University of Newfoundland  
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Name of Applicant:

Address:

Postal Code:

Email:

Phone:

Project/Paper Title:

**Award Holder's Responsibilities**

If awarded a Mary A. Griffiths Memorial Award, I agree to:

- Abide by the Terms and Conditions of the Award as outlined in the Guide for Applicants.
- Advise the Award Selection Committee of any other awards held concurrently.
- Submit a paper suitable for publication to ***Culture & Tradition*** no later than six months after receipt of the award.
- Make proper mention of the Award in any publications based on the research (thesis, articles, etc.), and inform the Selection Committee that the piece has been published.
- Use the appropriate forms and contracts when materials are destined to be deposited in the Memorial University of Newfoundland Folklore and Language Archive.

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

**A: GENERAL**

Paper title:

Location and dates the paper covers:

I am currently an undergraduate student    Yes    No

**B: FUNDING**

Previous Griffiths Memorial Awards received:

**C: DESCRIPTION OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT OR PAPER**

Provide a concise summary of your paper, indicating the topic and outlining objectives, arguments (theoretical perspectives) analysis (sources, methods, approach) and findings. Discuss the significance of your project in relation to established/published knowledge on the subject.

Attach a copy of the original research paper.

