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The Maple Leaf Trust, the premier charity of the Canadian community in the United Kingdom, supports the Veterans' Support Committee and the Canadian Centennial Scholarship Fund.

'It is a wonderful gift, not only to be able to continue my studies, but to know that the support is coming from other Canadians.' – Sarah

'Thank you for all of the trouble that you go to on my behalf. It is good to know that some people care about what Canadian service men and women went through.' – Mr SGV



Canadian Centennial Scholarship Fund

Since its inception in 1967, Canada's Centennial year, the Centennial Scholarship Fund has awarded over 300 scholarships of between £500 and £3,000 to outstanding students from across Canada who are already enrolled in postgraduate programmes at UK universities, colleges, institutes or conservatories.

Recipients are chosen on the basis of academic excellence, financial need and their ability to represent Canada within the UK academic community and beyond. The selection process consists of both written submissions and personal interviews. Recipients represent a breadth of academic interests and pursuits.

The Canadian Centennial Scholarships, including *The Mary LeMessurier Award for the Study of History* and *The Belle Shenkman Award for the Study of the Arts* are amongst the most prestigious annual scholarships for Canadians studying in the UK.



Veterans' Support Committee

The Veterans' Support Committee was established after the Second World War to help needy Canadian servicemen who took their discharge in the UK and who still live here.

Many of these aging veterans now find themselves in very difficult circumstances. Moreover, emergencies do arise and financial help is needed for disability aids such as scooters, moving expenses to nursing homes and respite care.

The Committee continues to provide practical and social assistance to a number of veterans and their dependents. Each family receives quarterly payments plus a bonus at Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving and on the veteran's birthday.

For some, the money is used for life's necessities; for others, the emotional support is just as important.