



2026 RECIPIENTS

Alex Hyland

School: Avon View High
Post-Secondary Institution:
Mount Saint Vincent University
Program of Study:
Bachelor of Science
(Psychology)

Sophia Smith

School: Hants East Rural High
Post-Secondary Institution:
Mount Saint Vincent University
Program of Study:
Bachelor of Science
(Dentistry)

Mallory Graham

School: Hants North Rural High
Post-Secondary Institution:
Not provided
Program of Study:
Not provided

Summary

The Dr. James T. Snow Bursary was established by Council to recognize and support an East Hants resident who demonstrates a strong commitment to community involvement and service. In selecting the recipient, Council identified the following criteria for consideration: the recipient must be a resident of East Hants, have demonstrated meaningful interest and involvement in the community, be enrolled in a post-secondary institution, and intend to pursue a career in a health profession or in public service through an elected or appointed role.

In 2026, Council generously committed to expanding this recognition by awarding a \$2,500 bursary to one deserving recipient from each of the three local high schools: Hants North Rural High School, Hants East Rural High School, and Avon View High School. This investment reflects Council's continued support for local students and its commitment to recognizing individuals who demonstrate leadership, community involvement, and a dedication to future service.

Background

A long-time rural physician, Dr. Snow was a model of dedication to his community. His commitment to the health of his patients often went above and beyond what anyone would expect. He first became an East Hants Councillor on February 8, 1965 and would serve the Municipality on Council for 34 years, retiring in 1999 due to illness.

During his long and distinguished tenures, he also served as Warden of the Municipality for 18 years (1973-1991). Warden Dr. Snow's strong belief in the importance of local government and the democratic process will always be remembered.

He was very giving of his time, having served on many municipal, provincial and community boards and committees. As well as other recognitions of his service, notably, he was awarded a Gold Long Service Medal by the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (now NSFM), and a Citation and Silver Medal from the Governor General of Canada. Never forgetting a name, he is fondly remembered for his sense of humour and willingness to help others.