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## **Elgin County students receive Lansdowne Scholarships at Laurier** *Central Elgin C.I. and Strathroy District H.S. students receive \$3000 each for tuition and fees*

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WATERLOO – Two Elgin County students are recipients of a limited number of Lansdowne Scholarships at Wilfrid Laurier University. Laurie Marr and Anna Zacharias-Robbers will receive a minimum of \$3000 each to cover the cost of tuition and compulsory fees.

Created in 1998 through an anonymous donation, the Lansdowne Scholarships are awarded to students who have made a contribution to their school or community through volunteer leadership capacities. Students must also have good academic standing and demonstrate financial need.

"The Lansdowne Scholarships reward students not only for their academics, but for being well-rounded contributors to their community," said Pam Healey, director of development and alumni relations. "All of the students who receive this scholarship have made their communities or schools a better place."

From Port Stanley, Marr received the Lansdowne Scholarship as part of her admission to Laurier's honours biology program. She comes to Laurier from Central Elgin Collegiate Institute where she was a peer helper, played on the volleyball team and was a member of the student council. Outside of school, Marr volunteers her time as a swim instructor and helps with fundraising for her church.

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Zacharias-Robbers, from Glencoe, received the Lansdowne Scholarship along with her admission to the contemporary studies program at Laurier's Brantford campus. A graduate of Strathroy District High School, Zacharias-Robbers helps with high school sports tournaments and volunteers with the Learning Disabilities Society.

Laurier awards a limited number of renewable Lansdowne Scholarships each year. The maximum value of the scholarships is the cost of tuition plus compulsory fees, provided the student earns a minimum of half of the value of the scholarship. Now in its second year, the scholarship fund has helped 18 Laurier students.

To be eligible for the scholarship, recipients must come from the geographic areas of St. Thomas/Elgin County, Strathroy, Tillsonburg, Wawa, Marathon, White River, Nipigon, Manitouwadge, Terrace Bay, Waterloo Region, City of York or Ottawa-Carleton. Since the scholarship donor is also interested in helping students who have overcome adversity and who may otherwise not be able to attend university, special consideration is also given to students who have been a Crown Ward of a Children's Aid Society, have a serious chronic physical challenge or have been in a residential treatment center.