

Railway Coastal Museum History e-Bulletin: Volume X

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The Railway Coastal Museum is proud to announce the Winners of the first ever Railway Coastal Museum Essay Scholarships!

Allison Greene \$1000 Scholarship
Samantha Clarke \$1000 Scholarship
Megan Hudson \$1000 Scholarship
Jessica Paul \$500 Scholarship
Tiffany Stagg \$500 Scholarship

In May 2007, the Railway Coastal Museum Foundation offered a Scholarship to graduating high school students in Newfoundland and Labrador. The participants were invited to submit an essay on the importance of the Railway and Coastal Service to the people or a community in Newfoundland and/or Labrador. The essays were to reflect the importance of the Railway and Coastal Fleet service to the development of the community, and the effects on the lives of the people within the community.

After much deliberation, the panel of judges, Capt. Joseph Prim, Dr. Melvin Baker and Dr. Paul O'Neill, announced the 5 winners.

Allison Greene wrote her essay on the importance of the Coastal Service to the community of Tilting, Newfoundland, based on the experiences of her grandparents, and the stories of the parents.



Samantha Clarke's essay was entitled Rantem Station, about how the growth of a community wouldn't have been possible without the Railway. She also focuses on the effects that the closing of the Railway had on the development of that community and surrounding communities.



Participant and winner Samantha Clarke accepting her \$1000 Scholarship from General Manager Gordon Barnes.

Megan Hudson gave her perspective on the impact of the Coastal Fleet service in her home town of Black Tickle, an isolated community in Labrador. She also made a comparison between her experiences in an isolated community, reliant on the Coastal vessels, and then moving to a community in Newfoundland with ready access to the highway.

Jessica Paul wrote an essay about the history of the Railway in Newfoundland and how the Railway and Coastal services affected the economic and social growth of the town of Lewisporte.

Tiffany Stagg's essay gives the impact that the Railway had on the growth and development of the towns of Gambo, Clarenville, Stephenville, Corner Brook and Carbonear, which were all considered "Railway towns". She describes how the towns developed due to inland forestry and mining and how the Railway changed the way many people lived in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Railway Coastal Museum would like to thank everyone who participated in the essay Scholarship contest, and congratulations once again to our 5 winners.

**Do You Have an Interesting Story
About the Newfoundland Railway?
We'd Love to Hear it!**

**Send Your Story to the Railway
Coastal Museum!**

**We Also Appreciate any Feedback
or Questions You May Have.**

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