



READ NB

Laubach Literacy New Brunswick

April 28, 2025

NOMINATIONS DUE BY NOON on MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025

THE PETER SAWYER SCHOLARSHIP (for READ NB Learners)

The Peter Sawyer Scholarship was initiated by READ NB (Laubach Literacy New Brunswick) in 2019 upon the retirement of its founding member, Peter Sawyer. The Scholarship will be awarded annually to an adult learner registered with READ NB or one of its affiliated councils in recognition of their effort and commitment to the program.

The Scholarship of \$500 will awarded to one learner each year.

Who can apply?

Each READ NB affiliated council (and OST) is eligible to nominate up to two candidates annually that they feel have shown a commitment to learning. The scholarship is based on the learner's dedication to the process, rather than the outcome, as Peter recognized and championed the journey each learner takes rather than emphasizing the destination.

How can the funds be used?

The scholarship winner is not restricted on how they use the funds for personal development and are not required to report back to READ NB or the Council on how the scholarship was spent.

PROCESS:

- Scholarship nominations open this year on April 28. (Nomination form attached to this email)
- All nomination forms must be submitted by noon on May 26 to info@readnb.ca.
- The READ NB board will meet to review submissions.
- A selection will be made, and the winner contacted prior to READ NB's Annual General Meeting (AGM) in June 2025.
- The Scholarship will be announced at the READ NB AGM and if the winner is able to attend, be presented to them in person. Otherwise, it will be posted to them following the AGM.

RULES & REGULATIONS:

- Learners are only eligible to win once every three years.
- Learners do not have to attend the AGM to win, nor do they have to consent to have their name released. No name will be released without consent.
- The READ NB board reserves the right to, in extraordinary circumstances, make more than one award per year.
- The nominating Council's Board President/Chair must approve all submissions.

NOMINATION FORM
PETER SAWYER SCHOLARSHIP
(For Commitment to Learning)

NAME OF NOMINATOR: Debra Caterini

NOMINATOR'S PHONE NUMBER/EMAIL: debcaterini@gmail.com / (506)471-9033

NAME OF NOMINEE: Nellia Kobenko

NOMINEE'S PHONE NUMBER: (506) 230-7879

HOW LONG HAS THE NOMINEE BEEN AN LLNB LEARNER? 5 months active (on the waitlist before)

DESCRIPTION OF WHAT MAKES THIS LEARNER'S COMMITMENT EXTRAORDINARY:

Nellia and her husband immigrated to Canada two years ago, and are currently living with their son and daughter-in-law. Although Nellia and I have only been working together for the past five months, it is clearly evident that she is a very enthusiastic and committed learner. Right from the get go, she was able to articulate what she felt she needed. Every time we meet, I am impressed by her work ethic. She always strives to do her best, and isn't afraid to ask for clarification if needed. Not only does she work with me on a weekly basis, she also attends MCAF during the week for English classes. Her ultimate goal is to improve her communication skills in English so that she can feel secure and confident in whatever situation she finds herself in. Nellia had a job last summer at a day care centre working with infants. She loved it, but at that time, she felt inadequate to participate in conversations, etc. with co-workers.

Nellia has done a lot of work on Irregular verbs, grammar, vocabulary, reading and idioms. We are currently working on speaking exercises. It is wonderful to see her confidence improving and to be able to participate in a real conversation with her. The difference in just five months is amazing. She is now at the point where she does a lot of self correcting if she mispronounces a word. It is truly a joy to work with Nellia. Her commitment to learning is very evident. She has been consistently reliable, dependable, dedicated, conscientious and very hard working. I feel she would be an excellent candidate for The Peter Sawyer Scholarship.

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NOMINATION APPROVED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT ✓ YES _____ NO

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SIGNATURE OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT