

HISTORY OF THE MOOSE INTERNATIONAL R. ROBERT DALE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

R. Robert Dale served as Secretary/Administrator of St. Charles, IL Lodge 1368. He was devoted to the Moose fraternity, its precepts and endeavors. He never married; never became a father. His sister married into a modest degree of wealth, but she never had children either. Following the death of her husband, she and Robert named each other in their wills.

Robert survived her – but only by a few months. Robert Dale died on August 15, 1983 leaving an estate of more than \$2 million, to be divided equally between the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Home and the Loyal Order of Moose, both for the purpose of providing scholarships.

Robert wanted to do a beautiful, unselfish, and divine act. In 1985, Director General Paul O'Hollaren and the Supreme Council approved that the interest from the Dale Scholarship Fund was to be used for Moose members' children who had graduated from high school, to further their higher education, and the R. Robert Dale Scholarship Program was created.

As of spring 2007, some 1,188 high school seniors, living in households headed by a member of either the Loyal Order of Moose or Women of the Moose, have benefited from Dale Scholarships – totaling \$1,188,000 since the program's inception.

Applicants for the program must be high-school juniors with a grade-point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. They are eligible only if their mother, father, or legal guardian is a member of the Moose in good standing. (One eligible application per student).

Any state or provincial Moose Association with 15 to 45 or more eligible applicants (based on Association membership) may draw for at least one R. Robert Dale Scholarship winner. A Moose Lodge and Chapter can also win a bonus Scholarship for one of their eligible students on their own combined list, if they reach 25 eligible applicants.

The Scholarship may be used for tuition, books, and fees at any accredited vocational or academic institution the winner chooses to attend.