

LEE LORCH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

We are pleased to announce and introduce to ARFL members, the recipient of this year's Lee Lorch Memorial Scholarship award:

Marissa Verhelst

Ms Verhelst is unable to join us at the May 8 meeting, (she has been hired on as an organizer with the Public Service Alliance of Canada Sault Ste. Marie) she sends the following message:

Born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, I am a fourth year Work and Labour Studies student of the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies at York University. Inspired by my father, a long time unionist who had shared his wealth of knowledge of the labour movement, as well as my passion for social justice and health and safety, I was persuaded to study at York for its progressive labour studies program. Indeed, my strong interest in the field of study has enabled me to maintain an 8.0 GPA throughout my academic studies.

Upon graduating in June 2015, I hope to find employment in the field of health and safety, and/or in the labour movement... and it appears that I am on my way, having been hired on as an organizer with the Public Service Alliance of Canada in Sault Ste. Marie

I also have an interest in attending law school in the future.

I would like to extend my gratitude for the scholarship to the Association of Retired Faculty and Librarians of York University. The scholarship has been invaluable in helping me pay down my student debt, as well as granting me the opportunity to take on ice climbing as an extra curricular activity – something I have wanted to try for many years. I am extremely grateful for the opportunities that the Lee Lorch Scholarship has provided me, and I hope to someday make contributions as worthy as Lee Lorch's.

