

A unique and extraordinary achievement

THE JIMMIE CONDON ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Major impact on all sports in Alberta

Alberta student athletes in every university or college sport has, since 1981, received THE JIMMIE CONDON ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP ¹ following Tom Sindlinger's motion while a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. ²

*54,393 Alberta student athletes have earned a total of \$65,400,000
(1981 to 2014) from the Jimmie Condon Athletic Scholarships*

Mr. Sindlinger's background in sports formed an awareness of the needs of athletes and their importance in our society. That awareness plus the opportunity he had while a Member of the Alberta Legislature resulted in the annual Heritage Fund provision for Alberta's student athletes.

As an athlete, he received considerable support that not only helped him in his sports and prepared him for a strong leadership role in Alberta, but made him aware that he owed similar care to those who followed. Athletic scholarships were his contribution and achievement.

¹ JIMMIE CONDON ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose:

To reward the athletic and academic excellence of post-secondary students attending Alberta universities, colleges or technical institutes.

Value:

\$1,800

Eligibility:

Applicants must be Alberta residents and must be enrolled full-time in undergraduate, professional or graduate programs at universities, colleges or technical institutes in Alberta. After completing one semester, a student in an upgrading program may qualify for the scholarship. A nominee must be a member of a designated sports team or a member of a provincial disabled athletic team recognized by the Alberta Athlete Development Program (AADP).

Selection:

Students must be maintaining practices or training programs acceptable to their coaches. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 in previous semesters. A student entering the first semester of post-secondary study does not have to meet this requirement.

² ALBERTA HANSARD, LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA, MARCH 25, 1980, PAGE 70.

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to establish a scholarship fund for students playing a sport for any university or college intercollegiate team, in order to encourage highly skilled young athletes to remain in Alberta, to develop a high level of recreational competence and expertise, and to provide a rich resource of skills and leadership for Alberta's recreation and leisure industry. [TOM SINDLINGER MLA CALGARY BUFFALO]

ALBERTA SPORTS HALL OF FAME
Nomination Form for the Achievement Category
Letters of Support

January 26, 2016

Selection Committee
Alberta Sports Hall of Fame

Re: Nomination of Tom Sindlinger - Achievement Award

Dear Committee Members,

When I was a young player at 'UAC' in the mid-1960s, my 'scholarship' was a pair of Converse All-Star shoes, but we were more 'seasonal' with our team commitments at that time. We have had, since 1981, the most valuable aid to our college and university student-athletes through the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Program - The Jimmie Condon Awards.

These awards were the result of the experience and forethought of Tom Sindlinger, an Alberta MLA who had been an exceptional basketball player at school and for the Senior Canadian Champion, Lethbridge Broders. Tom realized the necessity to support student-athletes, who were spending ever-increasing training hours to compete at the post-secondary level in their many sports.

Now, more than ever, the Jimmie Condon Awards are a critical part of the frame-work for a successful college / university athletic career for our young Alberta student-athletes. Their costs are much higher, and their sports are often demanding almost year-round practice, training, and/or competition.

Tom Sindlinger's visionary initiative 35 years ago has helped outstanding student-athletes not only compete athletically, but to attain their academic goals, then move on to building their careers. A great many of these former athletes are leaders in our communities across Alberta.

Having been closely involved with University of Calgary Athletics for many years, as a coach and an active alumnus, I can testify to the high quality of young people we have involved with our athletic teams. They deserve our continued support, and we will be continuing to make an investment in the future of our province with the Jimmie Condon Scholarships.

I believe Tom Sindlinger's vital work in establishing these awards should be recognized by the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame for the major achievement that it was, and for the value of the positive impact it continues to make on the lives of our outstanding young people of today.

Yours Respectfully,
Wayne Thomas
Editor Canada West Hoops

January 28, 2016

Selection Committee
Alberta Sports Hall of Fame

Re: Nomination of Tom Sindlinger - Achievement Award

Dear Selection Committee,

Please accept this letter of endorsement for Mr. Tom Sindlinger, who is being nominated for an Achievement Award with the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame. Through my experiences as a student-athlete and as a coach at the post-secondary level, I have benefitted greatly from the work that Mr. Sindlinger has done in the area of Alberta Sport, and specifically with the creation of the Jimmy Condon Scholarship within the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Program.

Prior to Tom initiating a career in government he was an excellent student-athlete who achieved many individual and team successes during time at school (and since!!). Through his experiences Tom recognized the time and commitment required by Alberta Student-Athletes to successfully compete at the post-secondary level and was the driving force in creating the Jimmy Condon Scholarship for Alberta Student-Athletes while he was an MLA. These awards are critical in allowing Student-Athletes an opportunity to train and prepare for success in their chosen sport while pursuing their educational goals. They also help keep Alberta's top Athletes in Alberta while studying.

As a coach I use the Jimmy Condon Scholarship to recruit Alberta Athletes every year. All of my Student-Athletes have been very appreciative / needing of this award and many could not have played / competed without this type of support. So many of Alberta's leaders in the community today have previously benefitted from the Jimmy Condon Scholarship while they were in school.

Tom's vision and work in building this scholarship is a major achievement in Alberta Sport. Mr. Sindlinger should be recognized for the impact he has had on countless Student-Athletes over the years and in helping to build future leaders within our community. The impact of his initiative is seen province-wide and reaches across all sport. He has created a legacy in post-secondary sport and I feel he would be very deserving of this recognition.

Yours in Hoops,

Marc Dobell
Head Coach - MRU Cougar Basketball