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## The Air Cadet League of Canada Announces 2017 Young Citizens Foundation Scholarship Award Recipient

OTTAWA, ON (May 16, 2017) - The Air Cadet League of Canada (ACL) congratulates **Warrant Officer First Class (WO1) Mackenzie McKnight** who has been awarded the \$5,000.00 Young Citizens Foundation (YCF) Scholarship.

WO1 Mackenzie McKnight from 580 A/M Hugh Campbell Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron, in Havelock, New Brunswick, has consistently displayed a high degree of leadership, responsibility and determination. She has shown to be an excellent leader, a great team player and a passionate volunteer. She is active in the squadron band, the squadron biathlon and marksmanship teams and participated twice in the NB Provincial Effective Speaking Competition. WO1 McKnight will be attending the University of New Brunswick, Saint John, to obtain a Bachelor of Health Science, in hopes of one day becoming a radiology technologist.

Gary Bennett, the Young Citizens Foundation President, says “The Young Citizens Foundation is proud to partner with The Air Cadet League of Canada in promoting citizenship among Canada’s youth. It is critically important for our collective future that these young Canadians, who have experienced the benefits of participating in the Air Cadet program, further their formal education so that they may have a better opportunity to take on positions of leadership in our future.”

The mission of the Young Citizens Foundation is to assist young Canadians to grow and mature as committed, knowledgeable and contributing Canadian citizens. The Foundation achieves this objective by encouraging young Canadians to participate in development programs operated by nationally recognized organizations that provide life-learning opportunities for our youth which will significantly influence and benefit their development as committed Canadian citizens.

The Air Cadet League of Canada is a civilian non-profit community based and volunteer led organization, which in collaboration with the Department of National Defence and our other partners, is dedicated to supporting the objectives of the Royal Canadian Air Cadet program, and to developing in youth the attributes of good citizenship and leadership; promoting physical fitness; and stimulating the interest of youth in the aviation and aerospace industry, including the air element of the Canadian Forces.

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