

Manitoba Hydro Bursary

Presented by 38 Signal Regiment Association

2025 Bursary Awards

38 Signal Regiment Association is pleased to announce the recipients of two Manitoba Hydro Bursaries for 2025.

Lieutenant Emerich Kovacs and Private Rupinder Sahij Pal, both serving members of 1 Squadron, 38 Signal Regiment have each been presented with \$1500 bursaries that will assist them in pursuing their post-secondary education.

2025 Manitoba Hydro Bursary Recipients:

Lieutenant Emerich Kovacs

Lt. Kovacs joined 38 Signal Regiment in 2019 and has served 6 years as a reservist in various positions, including as a Signal Officer and Signal Troop Commander.

Within 1 Squadron, Lieutenant Kovacs achieved near perfect attendance during scheduled parading and on weekend exercises. He has taken on significant leadership responsibilities and championed esprit-des-corps through planning the Mercury Dinner. Outside of the Unit, he sits on the Minto Senior Ranks Mess Committee as the Housing representative. Recently, he deployed on Exercise ARCTIC BISON where he distinguished himself as a leader and Signal Officer, elevating the Regiment's reputation within 38 Canadian Brigade Group. Lt Kovacs also recently deployed on Operation NANOOK-NUNAKPUT which focused on increasing our presence and surveillance along the Northwest Passage in cooperation with mission partners.

Lieutenant Kovacs has been a speaker for National Veteran's Week and participated in Operation RADIO SANTA visiting local schools and increasing awareness of the Unit and Army as a whole.

Lt. Kovacs has been taking graduate level courses and is currently pursuing a PhD in Electrical Engineering at the University of Manitoba.

Lt. Kovacs resides in Winnipeg and is currently serving in 1 Squadron, 38 Signal Regiment.

Private Rupinder Sahij Pal

Pte. Sahij Pal joined 38 Signal Regiment in 2025 and recently completed the Basic Military Qualification (BMQ) program.

Having been awarded the Governor General's Academic Medal upon graduating high school (Maples Collegiate) earlier this year, Pt. Shaij Pal is driven to continue pursuing excellence in both academic and military careers.

Pte. Sahij Pal is entering the first year of the Bachelor of Health Sciences (BHSc) program at the University of Manitoba. This program provides the foundational skills and academic preparation necessary to pursue a long-term goal of becoming a Medical Officer in the CAF.

Pte. Sahij Pal resides in Winnipeg and is currently serving in 1 Squadron, 38 Signal Regiment.

About 38 Signal Regiment Association

[38 Signal Regiment Association](#) is a not-for-profit membership organization open to current and former serving ranks of the Canadian Army's [38 Signal Regiment](#) along with associates and friends of the Regiment. The mission of the Association is to support 38 Signal Regiment by promoting an ongoing relationship between its members and the Regiment.

The Association seeks to support the Regiment through fundraising for educational and other benevolent purposes, and to that end has developed an educational bursary program to assist serving members of the Regiment and their immediate family members with the cost of post-secondary education. For the 2025-26 academic year, the Association is proud to offer two Manitoba Hydro sponsored bursaries of \$1,500 each.

About Manitoba Hydro

[Manitoba Hydro](#) is a provincial Crown corporation that provides electricity and natural gas to customers in Manitoba. It is one of the leading energy utilities in Canada and a low-cost provider of electricity, generating nearly all its power from renewable hydroelectricity. In addition to serving Manitoba, it exports electricity to wholesale markets in Canada and the mid-western United States and has a subsidiary, Manitoba Hydro International, that offers services internationally.

Manitoba Hydro is a strong supporter of the Canadian Armed Forces. In addition to employing a number of Reservists in its operations and having excellent military leave policies, Manitoba Hydro has been recognized as a supportive employer of Reservists by the [With Glowing Hearts](#) program.

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Scott Powell, Director, Corporate Communications & Marketing, Manitoba Hydro (Left) and Honorary Colonel Kelvin Shepherd, 38 Signal Regiment (Right) present Private Rupinder Sahij Pal, 1 Squadron, 38 Signal Regiment with a Manitoba Hydro \$1500 Bursary.

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Hal Turner, Chief Operating Officer, Manitoba Hydro (Left) and Honorary Colonel Kelvin Shepherd, 38 Signal Regiment (Right) present Lieutenant Emerich Kovacs, 1 Squadron, 38 Signal Regiment with a Manitoba Hydro \$1500 Bursary.