



## Township of Melancthon's James Beachell Award

*James Beachell, a native of Yorkshire, England, became the first Reeve of the Township of Melancthon and the first Warden of Grey County. He opened Melancthon's first post office in 1851 and erected a hotel and tavern ("Beachell Hotel") that proved to be popular among travellers and settlers.*

### **OPPORTUNITY**

Every year, the Township of Melancthon awards one graduate Grade 12 student at Centre Dufferin District Highschool with the James Beachell Award, which includes a \$500 bursary. To qualify, students are invited to write a personal essay that outlines how they have helped educate themselves and/or others of history and heritage. In their essay, students should highlight:

- any volunteer work they've done on history/heritage (e.g., participating in Remembrance Day ceremonies, volunteering at museums, writing on local history/heritage, etc.).
- activities that have been done to showcase Melancthon, Dufferin County and/or Canadian culture.
- Other history/heritage related activities.

The Township of Melancthon's Heritage Committee will review essay submissions and select the successful candidate. The James Beachell Award will be presented in June at the CDDHS graduation commencement.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

- Essays should be between 250-500 words in length
- Students must be able to verify the experiences they describe in their essay. At the end of the essay, students must list the name, email and/or phone number of references who supervised their heritage/history related activities. Please make sure the references are aware that they may be contacted
- Essays should be submitted in Microsoft Word or Google Doc format **no later than Wednesday May 15, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. EST**. Submissions should be sent to [info@melancthontownship.ca](mailto:info@melancthontownship.ca).

Should you have any questions about the James Beachell Award or about the essay contest, please contact [info@melancthontownship.ca](mailto:info@melancthontownship.ca)