

CUPE Local 3911

Nominations Sought for Bryon Paege Memorial Award



Bryon Paege graduated in June 1988 with a Bachelor of Administration from AU. Starting in 1990 he was employed by AU as a tutor and worked in that capacity until his untimely death in 1995. He really lived the ultimate AU student dream, achieving his degree and then joining the AU academic community in giving his knowledge and expertise back to other AU students.

Bryon was a valued member of the AU family. He is vividly remembered by his sisters and brothers in Local 3911, and it is their intention that his achievements, contributions, dreams and passing never be forgotten.

CUPE Local 3911 is currently accepting nominations for the 2026 Bryon Paege Memorial Award. This annual award (\$1000 this year – approximately the amount of one three credit course at Athabasca University), which is sponsored by CUPE Local 3911, will be presented by September 2026 to a recipient selected by the Bryon Paege Memorial Award Selection Committee.

Any AU tutor, AU counselor or advisor, or AU student may make nominations. If you are one of these, perhaps you know of an AU student who should be considered for the Bryon Paege Memorial Award. Self-nominations are also acceptable.

The Selection Committee will make a decision based on the following criteria:

A nominee must:

- be currently enrolled in an AU course, or have successfully completed one within the six months prior to the nomination deadline;
- have, in the opinion of the nominator, demonstrated courage and/or resourcefulness worthy of commendation in the overcoming of, or currently coping with, some particular challenge or adversity in order to pursue distance education studies. Such challenge or adversity may include:
 - financial adversity;
 - being a member of a minority or marginalized group required to make challenging adjustments to mainstream Canadian academic culture;
 - physical disability, or any challenging health problems, generally;
 - personal loss (for example, loss of family member, loss of job);
 - adjustment to a new country and culture;
 - difficult family circumstances, past or present;
 - other challenge that in the opinion of the nominator corresponds with the spirit of these criteria.

The Committee will make their best effort to select a worthy recipient from among those nominated, and their decision is final.

Tutor, Academic Expert, counselor, or advisor nominators must obtain written consent for disclosure of personal information (form provided by CUPE).

Student nominations and self-nominations must be accompanied by a written reference from a teaching, counseling or advising member of an academic community.

If you have any questions about this award, please contact our Administrator, Evelyn at admin@cupe3911local.com

2026 BRYON PAEGE MEMORIAL AWARD NOMINATION FORM

CUPE Local 3911 sponsors this annual \$1000 award. It will be presented in September to a recipient selected by the Bryon Paige Memorial Award Selection Committee. The Selection Committee is composed of three members delegated by CUPE 3911, one member delegated by AUSU, and one member delegated by AU Counselling Services. The Committee will make their best effort to select a worthy recipient from among those nominated, and their decision is final.

Any AU tutor, AU counsellor or advisor, or AU student may make nominations for the Bryon Paige Memorial Award. Self-nominations are also acceptable.

CRITERIA:

A nominee must:

- be currently enrolled in an AU course, or have successfully completed one within the six months prior to the nomination deadline;
- have, in the opinion of the nominator, demonstrated courage and/or resourcefulness worthy of commendation in the overcoming of, or current coping with, some particular challenge or adversity in order to pursue distance education studies. Such challenge or adversity may include:
 - financial adversity;
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 - adjustment to a new country and culture;
 - difficult family circumstances, past or present;
 - other challenge that in the opinion of the nominator corresponds with the spirit of these criteria.

***PLEASE COMPLETE THE NOMINATION FORM ON THE FOLLOWING TWO
PAGES AND ENSURE YOU SUBMIT ANY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION
REQUIRED FOR YOUR NOMINATION.***

NOMINATION DEADLINE – October 26, 2026

If you have any questions about this award, please direct them to CUPE Local
3911 admin@cupe3911local.com

2026 BRYON PAEGE MEMORIAL AWARD NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE:

Name:

AU Student ID No:

Address:

City & Province:

Postal Code:

Telephone No:

Email Address:

NOMINATOR:

Name:

Address:

City & Province:

Postal Code:

Telephone No:

Email Address:

AU CONNECTION (Student, Counsellor, Advisor, Tutor):

The nominator should not have a conflict of interest relationship with the nominee (including familial relationship).

For all Tutor, counsellor and advisor nominators

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I have obtained written consent to disclosure of personal information from my nominee (consent for disclosure form provided).

For all Self-nominations and student nominations

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I have included a written reference from a teaching, counselling or advising member of an academic community with my nomination.

NOMINATION DETAILS

Please provide a narrative or point-form statement, explaining how your nominee meets the criteria for the award. Include as much relevant detail as possible, as the information you provide will form the primary basis of the Selection Committee's decision. *You may be contacted by the Selection Committee for further details.*

Only the Selection Committee members will have access to the information you provide. They will maintain absolute confidentiality, and all nomination forms and accompanying information will be destroyed immediately following the award selection.

Please attach additional pages as required.

Email to: admin@cupe3911local.com

(subject line: Bryon Paege Award)

NOMINATION DEADLINE: October 26, 2026

**CONSENT TO DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION RE:
2026 BRYON PAEGE MEMORIAL AWARD SELECTION PROCESS**

Date: _____

I _____ consent to the disclosure of my personal information by _____ to the Bryon Paege Memorial Award Selection Committee (the Committee being composed of three members delegated by CUPE 3911, one member delegated by AUSU, and one member delegated by AU Counselling Services) for the purposes of the selection process of a recipient for the 2026 Bryon Paege Memorial Award. I understand that all nomination forms and accompanying information will be destroyed immediately following the award selection.

Signed:

Attach to completed Nomination Form

Scan and Email (Preferred) to: admin@cupe3911local.com
(Subject line: Bryon Paege Award)

All nominations and consent forms must be received by October 26, 2026