

# RMA Post-Secondary Scholarship Program

## GENERAL

In recognition of the importance of an educated population to the future well-being of rural communities, the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) established the RMA Scholarship Program in 1995. The RMA Scholarship Program is designed to encourage young rural Albertans to pursue further education, and thereby enhance the ability of these young people to make meaningful contributions to their communities in subsequent years. A scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 is presented to one successful applicant from each of the five districts. The 2019 application term opened May 1, 2019 and closes August 31, 2019.

## VALUE

A scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 is presented to one successful applicant from each of the five RMA districts.

## ELIGIBILITY

An applicant must:

- Be a resident of a municipality which is a member in good standing of RMA, including municipal districts, counties, specialized municipalities and the Special Areas;
- Be registered in his or her first four years of study at a recognized post-secondary institution (i.e. the applicant must not have any previous degrees or diplomas); and
  - Preference will be given to candidates attending a recognized post-secondary institution in Alberta, except in instances where the chosen program of study is not available in Alberta.
- Be pursuing a course of studies of relevance to local government and/or rural communities.
  - This criterion is not intended to restrict eligibility; instead, applicants are invited to explain the relevance of their intended study program within their letter of application.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The submission packages must include the following items:

- Complete RMA Post-Secondary Scholarship Application form
- A letter from municipality Chief Administrative Office (CAO) providing proof of residency
- A letter from the applicant, setting out his/her goals and objectives in pursuing further education, as well as the relevance of their study program to local government and/or rural communities;

- Official transcripts of his/her high school marks (photocopies are acceptable provided that the photocopy includes the signature of a school or municipal official, along with that official's confirmation that the photocopy is a true copy of the original);
- A brief resume outlining employment experience, community involvement, volunteer activities, recreational activities, cultural pursuits, etc.; and
- Written confirmation from local rural municipality's Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) certifying that the applicant is a resident of the municipality.

### **JUDGING PROCEDURE**

All applications will be reviewed by a committee comprised of RMA board members and staff. The successful candidate will be selected based upon a combination of the following criteria:

- citizenship and community involvement
- academic performance
- individual letter of application

### **PRESENTATION OF THE AWARD**

The successful candidate will be awarded a cheque in the amount of \$1,000 upon receipt of confirmation of registration at a recognized Alberta post-secondary institution.

All interested persons are invited to apply for the RMA Post-Secondary Scholarship by forwarding the application package to the following address:

RMA Scholarship Program  
Attention: Warren Noga  
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Nisku, AB T9E 8N5  
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