

Scholarship Criteria and Selection Process

MacDonald Family Scholarship Fund

- The scholarship is not targeted to a specific school, but rather a group of schools. As a result, the scholarship process will be overseen at the School Division level.
- The amount of the scholarship will vary from year to year, based on the return on investment. The amount of the scholarship is determined by the Battle River Community Foundation on an annual basis.

To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must:

- Have graduated from one of the specified schools within Battle River School Division **in the same school year** as they are applying for the scholarship. The specified schools include those located in Camrose County South (Bashaw, Bawlf, New Norway) and Daysland School. A student may have graduated from Ecole Camrose Composite High School, if they received their earlier schooling at one of the specified schools.
- Provide proof of acceptance and current attendance in
 - o An Academic (university-based) post-secondary program.
 - or
 - o A Trades / Technical program (this can include a program in which there is hands-on trades training at a worksite in combination with time spent at a post-secondary institution).

Application Process

- Application forms will be available at each BRSD high school.
- Applications must be received at the BRSD Division Office in Camrose no later than October 31 of each year.
- The scholarship recipient will be determined no later than November 30 each year.

Selection Process

- A Selection Committee of 3 to 5 Division Office staff, preferably representing different backgrounds (such as education, finance, human resources, etc) will review all applications.
 - o The number and identity of committee members will vary from year to year.
 - o The names of the committee members will not be shared publicly.
- Each member of the Selection Committee will receive a blind copy of every application, along with a rating sheet.
 - o *Note: "blind copy" means that identifying information about the applicant, such as name and address, is removed.*
- The final scholarship selection will be based on review and compilation of all rating sheets.
- The committee's decision is final.

Selection Criteria

A. Academic Performance

The successful applicant will be a 'good' student, but may not have the highest academic standing of all applicants. This category will be rated on a scale of 0-3:

- 0= no evidence of academic performance provided
- 1= minimal evidence of satisfactory academic performance provided
- 2= adequate evidence of satisfactory academic performance provided
- 3= ample evidence of satisfactory academic performance provided

B. School Leadership

The successful applicant will have been active and involved in their school. This category will be rated on a scale of 0 to 3:

- 0= no evidence of school leadership provided
- 1= minimal evidence of school leadership provided
- 2= adequate evidence of school leadership provided
- 3= ample evidence of school leadership provided

C. Community Citizenship

The successful applicant will be involved in community activities that demonstrate their commitment to being an engaged citizen. This category will be rated on a scale of 0 to 3:

- 0= no evidence of community citizenship provided
- 1= minimal evidence of community citizenship provided
- 2= adequate evidence of community citizenship provided
- 3= ample evidence of community citizenship provided

D. References

It can be helpful to hear a second perspective about an applicant. This category will be rated on a scale of 0 – 2:

- 0=no reference information provided
- 1=names and contact information of references provided
- 2=letters of reference included with application

E. Other Factors to Consider

Sometimes there are special factors that a candidate may want the Selection Committee to take into consideration when making their decision. This could include hardship factors or other personal circumstances a candidate may wish to share. Rating for this category will be on a scale of 0 to 2:

- 0= no special factors shared that positively influence scholarship decision
- 1= minor special factors shared that positively influence scholarship decision
- 2= major special factors shared that positively influence scholarship decision

The maximum rating any applicant can receive is 13.

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Selection Criteria Rating Sheet

(to be completed for each candidate, using criteria on previous page)

Name	Academic Performance (0-3)	School Leadership (0-3)	Community Citizenship (0-3)		References (0-2)	Other Factors (0-2)	Total /13
Applicant #1							
Applicant #2							
Applicant #3							
Applicant #4							
Applicant #5							