



Scholarship Terms and Conditions

The Gordon Wiebe Education Fund will make available a minimum of three (3) new scholarship recipients each year in the program category “Ongoing Education Support Scholarships,” in accordance with the criteria set forth herein.

1. Eligibility:

- a. To be eligible applicants must (and will be required to provide proof of*):
 - Be a resident of Winkler or surrounding community.
 - **First Undergraduate Degree or Diploma:** Currently enrolled or planning to enroll in their *first* undergraduate degree or diploma program on a full-time basis at an accredited post-secondary institution within Canada, as recognized by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA,) and planning to continue their full-time undergraduate studies at the same or another institution holding equivalent status in the Fall academic term.
 - Full-time status is determined as a minimum of three courses per two academic terms (Fall and Winter) as per CRA guidelines.
 - Time-to-completion accommodations provided by the institution to students on the basis of disability will be honoured.
 - Minimum cumulative GPA equivalent to a 65% average.
 - ****If the school enrolment documentation is not submitted to the scholarship administrator, within the specified timeframe, the application may be subject to disqualification.***

2. Payment:

- a. Each of the Scholarships shall be comprised of a lump sum payment in the amount of \$2,000 (CAD) to be paid by way of cheque directly to the Scholarship recipient’s post-secondary institution by August 30. Such amount shall be applied by the university or college towards the student’s tuition and other school-related expenses (including books and residence fees).
- b. To the extent the Scholarship recipient withdraws from the Canadian university or college prior to the depletion of the Scholarship funds, the student shall forfeit such funds.
- c. In the event of an overpayment to the student account, the student is responsible for requesting funds from their institution in accordance with their school’s associated policy.
- d. To remain eligible for payment in subsequent years: The student must submit their transcript from Fall terms by January 31 to confirm their minimum 2.5 GPA and by June 30 to confirm on-going enrollment and registration. Extensions will be granted in the event of administration dates outside of the student’s control (e.g. their program or institution sets registration dates for August) if the office informed in advance of deadline date.

3. Studying Abroad:

- a. If you plan to attend a post-secondary school outside of Canada commencing as part of a year-abroad program you may still be eligible to apply provided you are participating in an exchange program as part of your undergraduate course curriculum at an accredited post-secondary institution within Canada, as recognized by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA,) and your graduation diploma is issued from the same or another institution holding equivalent status

4. Application Deadlines:

- a. Application package must be submitted by February 28. This includes personal application information, listing of community/volunteer involvement, required essay and optional essay the most recent transcript available.
- b. Recipients who are entering post-secondary studies or after a prolonged absence (as determined by the post-secondary institution as requiring re-admission) must also submit a copy of their university acceptance letter by May 31.

5. Application Evaluation Criteria:

- a. Applicants must submit an application, providing details of their volunteer or community engagement activities they have participated in, one (1) original 500-word essay, transcript and proof of university/college enrollment



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- b. Applicants will be evaluated based on the following:
- i. Community Volunteer Involvement: 40% of total score
 - Community & volunteer involvement will be reviewed by the judging panel based on contribution to community
 - ii. Essay Answers: 60% of total score
 - Essay answers in each case will be scored based on the following criteria:
 - Clarity of thought and communication of arguments
 - Creativity/originality
 - Potential inspirational impact
 - Grammar and spelling
6. Decisions regarding potential Scholarship recipients will be made annually and potential Scholarship recipients will be notified by June 30.
 7. The Winkler Community Foundation Inc. reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to modify, amend (including extending the Scholarship application deadline) at any time without individual notice.
 8. By entering this Scholarship competition, applicants agree to be bound by these terms and conditions, the records of The Winkler Community Foundation Inc. and the decisions of the Scholarship committee, which records and decisions shall be deemed final, conclusive and binding in all matters.
 9. The applicant certifies that all the information provided on the application form and in all the accompanying documents is true, accurate, and complete to the best of their knowledge. The applicant understands that the provision of false information will render them ineligible for this Scholarship program.
 10. The applicant authorizes The Winkler Community Foundation Inc. to collect, use, store and confirm information about the applicant, from the applicant, from their application materials, high school, college, university, government, or community sources, and from references provided to The Winkler Community Foundation Inc. in their application for the purposes of administering and promoting this Scholarship program.
 11. The applicant hereby authorizes third parties, such as universities or community sources to release information required for the Scholarship to The Winkler Community Foundation Inc., and their respective representatives who need to know such information for purposes of administering the Scholarship program. This information may include personal evaluations, verification that student information is correct and transcripts.
 12. In the event that the applicant is selected as a Scholarship recipient, they grant to The Winkler Community Foundation Inc. the worldwide right to use their name, image, likeness, city and province of residence, university name and any direct quotes made by them in respect of the Scholarship program for marketing and publicity purposes in any and all media without further compensation.
 13. The Winkler Community Foundation Inc. may communicate with the applicant through various channels, including email, telephone, social media or mail, using the contact information provided in their application.
 14. The applicant may withdraw their consent and application at any time.
 15. Consideration will be given for deferrals submitted in writing.