

Municipal Scholarship Program Policy

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Section: 3.0 Planning and Community Services
- C. Community Association Support

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Department:** Planning and Community Services

Statement

The Municipal District of Bonnyville (M.D.) is committed to medical service sustainability for all in our community today and into the future.

Purpose

The M.D. Municipal Scholarship Program was created to encourage local students to consider a career as a Medical Doctor, Registered Nurse or Nurse Practitioner, or a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, and to return to the region to practice in one of these service areas upon successful completion of their program.

Definitions

For the purposes of this policy:

- (1) "Applicant" means a member of the public that meets the criteria outlined within this policy;
- (2) "Chief Administrative Officer" (CAO) means the Chief Administrative Officer of the M.D. appointed by Council, or their authorized delegate;
- (3) "Council" means the duly elected Council of the M.D.;
- (4) "Post-secondary Institution" means an accredited college, technical school, or university.

Policy

- (1) Guidelines
 - (a) The applicant must be a graduating high school student or current post-secondary student pursuing a two-year, four-year, or graduate degree as a Medical Doctor, Registered Nurse or Nurse Practitioner, or a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.
 - (b) The applicant must be a resident of the M.D.
 - (c) The applicant may apply to the M.D. scholarship program once per year of study.
 - (d) The applicant must agree to work for one year of full-time employment within the M.D., the City of Cold Lake, the Town of Bonnyville or Village of Glendon in return for each year of scholarship support received upon completion of the eligible program.
 - (e) The applicant must sign a return of service agreement upon award of an M.D. scholarship.
 - (f) One scholarship per year will be awarded in each of the following categories:
 - (i) \$7,000 for a student in a Registered Nurse or Nurse Practitioner Program;

- (ii) \$10,500 for a student in a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Program;
 - (iii) \$14,000 for a student in a Medical Doctor Program.
- (2) Applications must include the following documentation:
 - (a) An essay (300 - 500 words) demonstrating the student's interest in one of these medical fields as a career in rural Alberta, and their contributions to and knowledge of our rural community (e.g. volunteerism, clubs, farming, etc.).
 - (b) A Reference Letter to demonstrate personal attributes. This can be from a teacher, employer or local community leader or other personal reference.
 - (c) Proof of full-time program enrollment from the post-secondary institution.
- (3) Applications must be submitted to the M.D. Planning and Community Services Department by June 30th of each year. Late applications will not be accepted.
- (4) Applications will be reviewed by the CAO and then provided to Council with an award recommendation for their consideration and approval.
- (5) Preference will be given to new applicants who have not received a scholarship in a previous year.
- (6) Funding for the scholarship program will be subject to annual budget availability.

Policy Review

Within five (5) years from date adopted / amended / reviewed.

For administrative use only:

Related Documentation:	Form: Municipal Scholarship Application Form
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(plans, bylaws, policies, procedures, etc.)