# Policy

# Growing Futures Scholarship

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## POLICY STATEMENT

The County supports the educational advancement of local youth and encourages continued growth within the agricultural sector. This scholarship is awarded annually to graduating high school students who are residents of the County of Minburn who plan to pursue post-secondary studies in an agriculture-related field.

## PURPOSE

To recognize academic achievement, community involvement, and commitment to personal and professional development. By providing financial assistance to eligible students, the County aims to foster future leaders who will contribute positively to their communities, the local economy, and the broader agricultural industry.

The County is committed to a fair and transparent selection process. Recipients will be chosen based on eligibility, merit, and demonstrated dedication to furthering their education. Funds awarded through this scholarship must be applied toward tuition or other direct educational expenses at an accredited post-secondary institution.

## DEFINITIONS

**Administration** means the Chief Administrative Officer and delegated municipal employees responsible for managing municipal operations and carrying out the directives and decisions of Council.

**Agriculture-Related Field of Study** means any secondary-level program that supports agricultural production, agricultural business operations, or the skilled trades essential to modern farming. This may include, but is not limited to agricultural business, mechanics, welding and fabrication.

**CAO** means the Chief Administrative Officer.

**Committee** means the Growing Futures Scholarship Review Committee, consisting of three (3) members of Council, with one (1) member selected from Division 1 or 2, one (1) member selected from Division 3 or 4, and one (1) member selected from Division 5, 6, or 7.

**Community Progress Scholarship (CPS) Fund** means the money that originated by the Community Progress Competition instituted by the Canadian National Railways, invested with a long-range plan of being used for recognizing students at the Vegreville Composite High School.

**Council** means the Reeve and Councillors as a whole, duly elected in the County that hold office at that time.

**County** means the County of Minburn No. 27.

## GUIDELINES

### 1. Budget

a) An annual budget of $2,000 will be allocated to fund four scholarships of $500 each.

b) $200 from the CPS Fund will be applied to the Vegreville Composite High School scholarship each year until the CPS Fund is fully depleted.

### 2. Requirements

a) To be eligible for a scholarship, the applicant must:

- Be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant, and resident of Alberta.
- Be graduating high school from one of the following schools: Vegreville Composite High School, St. Mary's Catholic School, and Mannville School.
- Be a resident of the County of Minburn, Town of Vegreville, Village of Innisfree, or Village of Mannville and have applied to enroll in post-secondary education in an Agriculture-Related Field of Study.
- Complete an application form confirming the above and submit to the County prior to the application deadline.

### 3. General

a) Annual application deadline is April 30.

b) Administration will compile the applications for review by the representatives sitting on the Board.

c) The Committee will meet annually prior to October to approve the award recipients.

d) Scholarship payment will be disbursed prior to December 31, upon the recipient providing a receipt that clearly shows the tuition or registration fee has been paid.