


POLICY MANUAL

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PURPOSE:

Starland County Council wishes to support students pursuing post-secondary education in Trades, Academic and in Agricultural fields and wish to create an opportunity through financial assistance for those individuals as they make meaningful contributions to their community.

DEFINITIONS:

1. **Eligible Student** – means a student who meets the scholarship criteria established in the general principles for selection
2. **Council** – duly elected Councillors of Starland County.

POLICY

1. Starland County Council will dedicate \$1,000 in the annual operating budget for each of the three County issued scholarships being:
 - a. Academic Scholarship
 - b. Agricultural Scholarship
 - c. Trades Scholarship
2. Student must be enrolled in their field of study at a recognized post-secondary institution that is related to the scholarship they are applying.
3. The scholarships will be awarded to students who are a resident within the outer Starland County boundaries (when not attending post-secondary). This means village residents are included.
4. Starland County Council will appoint a yearly Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship Review Committee before May 1st of each year. If no scholarship review committee is available on September 1st, Starland County Council will assume the roles and responsibilities of the scholarship review committee.
5. The scholarship review committee will follow the judging criteria as defined in this policy when choosing the recipients of the scholarship.
6. If a member of the scholarship review committee knows of an applicant prior to the finalization of that years judging criteria, the member must disclose this to other members of the committee in advance.
7. Scholarships are not available to former recipients of any of Starland County scholarships
8. The applicants must not have any previous degrees or diplomas other than from High School.
9. If no one applies for any of the scholarships the funding will be reallocated elsewhere and not carried over to next year.



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JUDGING CRITERIA

Applicants in each of the scholarship categories, will be chosen based on the following scoring categories:

- 25% contribution to society letter
- 25% transcripts/marks
- 25% community involvement
- 25% professionalism in application

PROCEDURE

1. No applications for scholarships are to be accepted before May 1st or later than August 31st of each year.
2. Application forms will be available online or at the Starland County Administration office.
3. Applications must be submitted by mail or given to the front desk of the Starland County Administration office. Applications should be clearly marked they are for the Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship.
4. The deadline for applications will be end of day of August 31st of each year.
5. Only completed applications will be considered.
6. Applicants must submit a transcript of their two most recent semesters with their application (a working copy is acceptable).

PRESENTATION OF THE AWARD

1. Successful applicants will be notified by Starland County Administration.
2. The successful applicant (following the receipt of an acceptance letter from Starland County) must provide proof of enrollment through a receipt indicating payment of tuition, to Starland County Administration to receive scholarship funding.
3. Starland County reserves the right to publish the names of the scholarship winners.