



SD 42 POLICY: 4435

SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES AND STUDENT AWARDS

BELIEFS

The Board of Education (“Board”) encourages students to pursue school programs to stimulate their levels of thought, productivity and citizenship. The Board directs the Superintendent to maintain a set of criteria and procedures for suitably recognizing outstanding accomplishments, and for presenting suitable awards for scholarship and distinguished service in all school activities. All scholarships, bursaries, honours and awards presented in the School District shall be awarded strictly on the merits of the students receiving them.

The Board is appreciative of the community support given to students and encourages members of the public and community organizations to support the students of the School District by supplying additional scholarships, bursaries and student awards.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Board may host a special recognition ceremony for students receiving:

- Provincial Scholarship or Bursary;
- First place standing in a province wide competition by an individual or a group of students who represent(s) a school in this School District; and
- School District awarded scholarship or bursary.

SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY OPERATING BUDGET

Each year, the Board would establish a level of funding from the operating budget to issue a scholarship or bursary to one graduate of each secondary school. These funds will be managed by the District Selection Committee as provided by procedure and awarded based on pre-determined criteria.

Eligibility criteria for the awards are:

- Grade 12 secondary graduates;
- Open to students of any program;
- School marks; and
- School and community involvement will be considered.

SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND REGULATIONS

A Trust Fund will be established and funded from donations and/or money designated for this purpose by the District, the income from which is to provide a scholarship(s).

The Trust Fund will be held and administered by the Board through the Superintendent.

The Trustees of the Trust Fund are to be guided by the following principles with respect to the awarding of scholarships and bursaries:

- a) The scholarship(s) is available to members of the graduating class (Grade 12) of secondary schools who are bona fide residents of the School District and are Canadian citizens or have Landed Immigrant Status.
- b) The scholarship is intended for students going on to post-secondary studies.
- c) The scholarship is not intended to pay the total costs of the year of the studies but may reflect a significant portion of the costs; ie student accommodation at a university.

The Board will review the overall intent and guidelines as necessary to reflect the then prevailing circumstances recognizing the main intent of the Trust is to assist deserving students evidencing high achievement and good potential to further their education.

Where donations are made to the Trust Fund, the wishes of the Principal donor with regards to scholarship(s) generated by his/her donation will be respected by the Trustees of the Fund, providing these are consistent with School District Policy and/or provincial guidelines.

Upon request, the Trust Fund administrators shall issue an annual financial statement of donors.

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