FOR MANITOBA YOUTH WORKING AND STUDYING IN THE SEED INDUSTRY

Manitoba Seed Growers' Association Youth Industry Scholarship

The MSGA are pleased to co-host this scholarship with Lakeview/Portage Mutual.

Purpose
The Manitoba Seed Growers' Association (MSGA) Youth Industry Scholarship recognizes and supports outstanding young people employed within Manitoba's pedigreed seed industry who demonstrate leadership, a strong work ethic, academic achievement, and a commitment to the future of agriculture. The scholarship is intended to encourage the next generation of professionals, innovators, and leaders who will contribute to Manitoba's agricultural and seed sectors.

Lakeview Insurance has served Farmers and Agribusiness since 1983 we are proud to be one of the few family owned and operated brokerages left serving the community because we live and work in the communities we serve. With 6 Locations in Manitoba, 8 locations in Saskatchewan and one in Alberta we are committed to the farming and agribusiness community. Many of our salespeople have been involved in the Seed Dealers Insurance Risk Management program for 20+ years. We have recently developed a new program offering superior insurance and risk management products form reputable Mutual Insurers like Red River.

Red River Mutual is a Manitoba born and raised mutual that has rural roots and is a dedicated insurer that provides capacity and products that evolve with todays Seed Dealers.

Scholarship Value
- One (1) scholarship of **$2,500** awarded annually.
- The MSGA Board of Directors reserves the right to award additional scholarships or to withhold the award if no applicant meets the established selection criteria.

Eligibility
Applicants must:
- Be a Manitoba resident.
- Be between the ages of 16 and 25 as of September 1 of the award year.

- Be entering or enrolled in a recognized post-secondary institution, including a university, college, technical institute, or accredited trade school.
- May be (but not required) employed, either seasonally or year-round, by a Manitoba pedigreed seed farm, seed processing facility, seed retailer, seed company, or other business supporting Manitoba's pedigreed seed industry.

Applicants must be pursuing studies in Agriculture.

Application Requirements

Applicants must submit:

- A completed scholarship application form.
- A current résumé highlighting employment, volunteer activities, leadership roles, and extracurricular involvement.
- An official transcript (or most recent available).
- Proof of acceptance or enrollment at a recognized post-secondary institution.
- A letter from their employer confirming:
    - Employment dates
    - Position held
    - Estimated hours worked
    - A brief assessment of the applicant's work ethic and contribution.
- A 500–750 word essay addressing one of the following:
    - What I have learned working in Manitoba's seed industry.
    - Why the pedigreed seed industry is important to Canadian agriculture.
    - How innovation will shape the future of seed production.

Selection Criteria

Applications will be evaluated using the following weighting:

Criteria	Weight
Academic Achievement	25%
Industry Employment & Work Ethic	30%
Leadership & Community Involvement	20%
Essay	25%

Selection will consider both academic potential and demonstrated commitment to Manitoba's seed industry.

Selection Committee

- Applications will be reviewed by a Scholarship Committee appointed by the MSGA Board of Directors.
- Committee members must disclose any conflicts of interest and refrain from evaluating applicants where a conflict exists.
- The committee's decisions are final.

Conditions

- Scholarship funds will be issued upon confirmation of enrollment in a recognized post-secondary institution.
- Recipients agree to allow MSGA and Lakeview/Portage Mutual to publish their name, photograph, employer, educational institution, and scholarship information for promotional purposes.
- Previous recipients may reapply.
- The scholarship is non-transferable

Program Objectives

The Manitoba Seed Growers' Association Youth Industry Scholarship aims to:

- Recognize outstanding young employees working in Manitoba's pedigreed seed industry.
- Encourage post-secondary education and lifelong learning.
- Foster interest in careers within agriculture and the seed sector.
- Support workforce development for Manitoba's pedigreed seed industry.
- Strengthen connections between young people and the Manitoba Seed Growers' Association.

This scholarship aims to recognize youth who have gained valuable experience in Manitoba's Ag industry with the aim to support both **seed grower families** and the **broader industry workforce**.

Deadline to Apply:

Application deadline is January 1, 2027.

Send applications and direct any questions to:

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