FOR DEPENDANTS OF MSGA MEMBERS

Manitoba Seed Growers' Association Youth Scholarship Program

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

Purpose
The Manitoba Seed Growers' Association (MSGA) Youth Scholarship supports the educational goals of young people whose families are actively involved in Manitoba's pedigreed seed industry. The scholarship recognizes academic achievement, leadership, community involvement, and an appreciation for the importance of the seed sector in Canadian agriculture.

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 $3,000 awarded annually.**
- **The Board of Directors reserves the right to present additional scholarships or withhold the award if no applicant meets the required standards.**

Eligibility
Applicants must:
- Be a resident of Manitoba except during studies.
- Be a dependent of a current Manitoba Seed Growers' Association member in good standing.
- Be entering or enrolled in a recognized post-secondary institution (university, college, technical institute, or accredited trade school).
- Be under the age of 25 as of September 1 of the award year.

- Submit a complete application by the stated deadline.

Applicants may be studying in any discipline; preference will not be limited to agriculture related programs.

Application Requirements
Applications must include:

- Completed application form.
- Official transcript (or most recent transcript available).
- Proof of acceptance or enrollment in a recognized post-secondary institution.
- Current résumé outlining:
    - Employment history
    - Volunteer activities
    - Leadership roles
    - Extracurricular involvement
    - Awards and achievements
- A 500-word essay on one of the following topics:
    - The importance of the pedigreed seed industry to Canadian agriculture.
    - How growing up in a seed-growing family has influenced your future goals.
    - The role innovation and pedigreed seed will play in the future of agriculture.

Selection Criteria
Applications will be evaluated using the following weighting:

Criteria	Weight
Academic Achievement	35%
Leadership & Community Involvement	25%
Essay	25%
Employment, Agriculture & Family Involvement	15%

Preference may be given to applicants who demonstrate active involvement in their family seed-growing operation or the agricultural community.

Selection Committee

- Applications will be reviewed by a Scholarship Committee appointed by the MSGA Board.
- Committee members must declare any conflict of interest and abstain from evaluating related applicants.
- Committee decisions are final.

Conditions

- Scholarships are paid upon confirmation of enrollment.

- The recipient agrees to allow MSGA & Lakeview/Portage Mutual to publish their name, photograph, educational institution, and excerpts from their essay for promotional purposes.
- Previous recipients may reapply
- The scholarship is non-transferable.

Deadline to Apply:

Application deadline is January 1, 2027.

Send applications and direct any questions to:

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