

## Living Sky School Division Educational Enhancement Awards

This award was initiated by the Board of Education of the LandsWest School Division to commemorate the efforts of Mr. Harvey Morissette and Mr. Ray Johnson, Directors of Education of the former Kerrobert and Wilkie School Divisions respectively, whose dedication and foresight were instrumental in the creation of the LandsWest School Division #123. The original award amount available for bursaries has been increased to \$3000.00 by the Board of Education of the Living Sky School Division to be awarded to students pursuing summer educational opportunities.

The award consists of a bursary payable when the individual submits proof of registration in an educational program approved by the bursary selection committee.

The Living Sky School Division Educational Enhancement Award is intended to enhance the education of students of all ability levels who choose to access educational opportunities in areas at which they **excel** through attendance at events during the summer such as camps, retreats, etc. Special needs students with exceptional talents for students of like ability are also eligible. Educational opportunities relating to the fine arts, sports, academic pursuits, and civic studies are eligible activities. Such activities would go beyond the scope of learning usually provided by schools and would have a cost attached to them. The bursary would pay either all or a portion of such costs.

### Criteria:

1. To be awarded to students entering grades 7 - 12 who are attending any of the schools within the Living Sky School Division.
2. Students demonstrate a special talent that relates to one of the Multiple Intelligences (e.g. Linguistic, Logical-Mathematical, Spatial, Bodily-Kinesthetic, Musical, Interpersonal, Intrapersonal).
3. The student will identify how the learning activity will enhance his/her education.
4. Although marks and courses taken bear some consideration in the selection process they are not the sole criterion.

### Process:

1. Teachers and/or administrators are to be involved in the selection process.
2. Nominations are to be received by June 15<sup>th</sup> of each school year.
3. Each candidate will use a standardized application. This form will include program information and a biographical sketch emphasizing the candidate's area of expertise and two references that appropriately attest to the candidate's character and abilities (e.g. principal, teacher).
4. Candidate must furnish **proof of registration** in a program prior to receiving the bursary.
5. The primary emphasis will be an acknowledgment of those students who have areas of expertise, but are not necessarily the most academically talented individuals in their schools.
6. The Selection Committee will review applications and determine recipients and the bursary amounts allocated to each.
7. Recipients of bursaries will be notified and bursaries will be payable upon the submission of receipts after the program.

# LIVING SKY SCHOOL DIVISION EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENT AWARD

## General Guidelines

The Living Sky School Division Educational Enhancement Award is available to grade 7-12 students of any ability level who wish to access an educational opportunity in an area at which they **excel**. Special needs students with exceptional talents for students of like ability are also eligible. Eligible educational opportunities may include activities such as the fine arts, sports, academic pursuits, and civic studies.

Award amounts will be determined based upon applications received and funds available.

Applicants are to make known the amount of money they require. If money is available from other sources, it must be declared. The money awarded will not exceed the amount actually required by the student.

Applications with appropriate supporting documents are to be submitted to the school principal by June 15<sup>th</sup> of the school year in which the applicant wishes to receive the bursary.

A standardized application will be completed by all applicants and **must include** a biographical sketch and **two** appropriate references (principal, teacher/teacher assistant). Special needs students are allowed to receive the assistance of a parent, teacher, or teacher assistant in completing the bursary application.

A selection committee consisting of a representative(s) from the Board of Education and a representative from Central Office senior administrative staff will adjudicate the applications.

Applicants must furnish proof of registration in a program and receipts for costs incurred prior to receiving any bursary dollars. These should be submitted to the Living Sky School Division Central Office no later than September 30<sup>th</sup> .

## **WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION**

### **1. BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Applicants **should include** the following in their biographical sketch:

- a) Why is the student interested in this particular educational opportunity?
- b) How will the educational program enhance the student's career plans?
- c) What benefits will the student bring back to the community or school as a result of this program?
- d) What other opportunity(ies) has the student pursued previously in this area?
- e) What school, community, or church activities has the student been involved in during the past three years?
- f) What has the student done to raise funds for this activity? What amount has been raised?

### **II. LETTERS OF REFERENCE**

#### **A) Principal**

- Academic Achievement/Potential (ie. Does the student achieve according to potential?)
- Leadership Qualities
- Personal Comment

#### **B) Teacher/Teacher Assistant**

- Testimonial to the worthiness of the candidate for this award

# BURSARY APPLICATION FORM

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Surname

Given Name(s)

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

P.O. Box /Street Address

Town

\_\_\_\_\_  
Postal Code

**TELEPHONE NO:** \_\_\_\_\_:

**DATE OF BIRTH:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

**SEX:** M / F

**SCHOOL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GRADE:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **PROGRAM ACTIVITY**

**Name of Program:**

\*Please attach proof of registration.

**Program Description :**

**Cost of Program: (registration, accommodations, travel, etc.)**

**Biographical Sketch:**

Please continue on separate page if more space is required.

