

2025 Application for the Agricultural Scholarship (Rotary Club of Lethbridge East)

The 2025 Rotary Club of Lethbridge East Agricultural Scholarships are Southern Alberta's most coveted awards for post-secondary undergraduate agriculture students. At least two Scholarships, valued at \$10,000 each, will be awarded to the successful applicant(s).

Eligibility of Applicants

1. Applicants must have successfully completed at least the equivalent of two full years (60 credit hours) of training at a recognized post-secondary institution in agriculture or in a related field with substantive and documented agricultural content. The Scholarships will support future academic studies for the fall and spring semesters of 2025/2026, respectively.
2. Applicants must either be a legal resident of Southern Alberta or have lived in Southern Alberta for seven of the past ten years. Southern Alberta includes the Counties of Lethbridge, Taber, Warner, Forty Mile, Cardston, Pincher Creek, Ranchlands, Willow Creek, Cypress, Newell, Vulcan, and all municipalities within these counties (e.g. Lethbridge, Brooks, Medicine Hat); Municipality of Crowsnest Pass; and Blood (Kanai) and Piikani First Nations.
3. In keeping with the long-standing principles governing Rotary Foundation scholarships, Rotarians, Rotaractors, and their immediate family members (parent, spouse, sibling, child, grandchild, nephew, niece, uncle, aunt) are **not** eligible to apply.
4. Applicant eligibility will be determined by the Scholarship Adjudication Committee whose decision shall be final.

Criteria

1. In addition to high academic achievement in agriculture and/or an agriculture related discipline, scholarship criteria must include significant evidence of community service and leadership. Experience in agricultural enterprises and/or agricultural organizations/societies such as 4H should be elucidated.
2. Successful applicants should also be familiar with the activities of Rotary International and be able to explain how their professional goals align with Rotary principles www.rotary.org.

Applications

Applications must include the following:

1. Completed the Scholarship Application Form.
2. Covering letter that describes the applicant's academic interests, achievements, community contributions, leadership experience and career aspirations (500 words or less).
3. Post-secondary transcripts up to January 2025 (scanned as PDF) or arrange to have institution forward transcripts directly to windwall49@gmail.com.
4. Resumé detailing academic studies, employment, and volunteer/community service history.
5. Names and contact information of three qualified references (from postsecondary institution, employers and/or community leaders).
6. Please arrange for your three references to send their confidential letters of reference directly to the email address below before January 31, 2025.
7. Application documents should be entirely in Word (*.docx) format and emailed to Dr. C. Wayne Lindwall: windwall49@gmail.com by 31 January 2025.

Applicants must apply before January 31, 2025.

Complete applications must be received by 31 January 2025. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

FIRST NAME:

FAMILY NAME:

EMAIL:

PERMANENT HOME MAILING ADDRESS, CITY & POSTAL CODE:

PRIMARY PHONE & AREA CODE:

ALTERNATIVE PHONE & AREA CODE:

PLEASE LIST THE LANGUAGES SPOKEN (INCLUDING NATIVE LANGUAGE) PROFICIENCY LEVEL:

NAME OF INSTITUTION:

INSTITUTION WEBSITE:

ACADEMIC PROGRAM:

ANTICIPATED START & END DATES:

If you are successful in being awarded this \$10,000 Scholarship would you consider attending another academic institution to complete or continue your studies?

YES OR NO

If so, which institution(s) would you consider?

NAME OF INSTITUTION:

LOCATION:

INSTITUTION WEBSITE:

ACADEMIC PROGRAM:

LEVEL OF TRAINING: (DIPLOMA, B.SC/B.A OR M.SC)

START & ANTICIPATED END DATE(S):

1) LIST YOUR PARTICULAR ACADEMIC INTERESTS AND CLASSES YOU PLAN TO ENROLL IN IF YOU ARE THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP, INCLUDING THE RELEVANT INTERNET LINKS (IF AVAILABLE) ABOUT THE PROGRAM. (300 WORDS MAX.)

2) DESCRIBE YOUR CAREER GOALS AND EXPLAIN WHY YOU CHOSE TO PURSUE ACADEMIC STUDIES IN THE AGRICULTURE SCIENCE OR AGRICULTURE BUSINESS DOMAIN. (300 WORDS MAX.)

3) WHAT DO YOU THINK ARE SOME OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES FACING THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE? (300 WORDS MAX.)

4) THE AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY IN SOUTHERN ALBERTA GENERATES MORE THAN \$1 BILLION PER YEAR IN ANNUAL REVENUE AND SUPPORTS MORE THAN 1000 AGRI-BUSINESSES IN THE REGION. WHAT DO YOU THINK ARE SOME OF THE REASONS FOR THE SUCCESSES AND SUSTAINABILITY OF OUR AGRICULTURE SECTOR? (300 WORDS MAX.)

5) FROM WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED ABOUT ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AND THE LOCAL ROTARY CLUBS HOW DO THE GOALS OF ROTARY INTERSECT WITH AGRICULTURE AND YOUR PERSONAL GOALS AND CAREER ASPIRATIONS? (300 WORDS MAX.)

IMPORTANT: The Scholarship Committee will screen all applicants soon after the January 31, 2025 deadline. Shortlisted candidates may expect to be contacted before February 15th, 2025. There may be some additional paperwork to complete by the successful candidate with respect to eligible expenses and associated documentation.

With this document, I am providing electronic copies (scanned pdf format) of my (check all that apply):

- University Transcripts
- CV/BIO
- Proof of admission to a University or College Program for fall/spring sessions (2025/2026)
- Proof of admission to a University or College Program (I have applied to the above mentioned program and expect to be notified)

I HAVE REQUESTED THAT THE FOLLOWING THREE (3) INDIVIDUALS SUBMIT LETTERS OF REFERENCE ON MY BEHALF (PLEASE PROVIDE NAME, POSITION, EMAIL AND TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR EACH OF YOUR (3) REFERENCES):

1.

2.

3.

APPLICANT'S FULL NAME (TYPE FULL NAME)

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____