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## 2021 RMA Post-Secondary Scholarship

*The 2021 application term is now open and closes August 31, 2021*

In recognition of the importance of an educated population to the future well-being of rural communities, the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) established the RMA Post-Secondary Scholarship Program in 1995. The program is designed to encourage rural Albertans to pursue further education, and thereby enhance the ability of these rural residents to make meaningful contributions to their communities in subsequent years. A scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 is presented to one successful applicant from each of RMA's five districts annually.

### Eligibility and Application Procedure

To be eligible, an applicant must:

- ◆ be a resident of a [municipality that is a full member](#) in good standing of RMA, which includes municipal districts, counties, specialized municipalities, and the Special Areas;
- ◆ be registered in four years of study at a recognized post-secondary institution (i.e. the applicant must not have any previous degrees or diplomas). Preference will be given to candidates attending a recognized post-secondary institution in Alberta, except in instances where the chosen program of study is not available in Alberta; and
- ◆ be pursuing a course of studies of relevance to local government or rural communities.
  - ◇ This criterion is not intended to restrict eligibility; instead, applicants are invited to explain the relevance of their intended study program within their letter of application.

Complete [the application online](#). Submission packages must also include the following items:

- ◆ a letter from the applicant, setting out their goals and objectives in pursuing further education, as well as the relevance of their study program to local government or rural communities;
- ◆ official high school transcripts if entering first year, or the most recent transcript from their post-secondary institute if entering a subsequent year;
- ◆ a brief résumé outlining employment experience, community involvement, volunteer activities, recreational activities, cultural pursuits, etc.; and
- ◆ written confirmation from local rural municipality's chief administrative officer (CAO) certifying that the applicant is a resident of the municipality.

All interested persons are invited to apply for the RMA Post-Secondary Scholarship by submitting the required information through [RMA's online application process](#).

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