

Scholarship Applicant Criteria

<p>Post-Secondary Student: Entering 2nd or later year of study</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Graduated from GHS, RCI program within catchment area of WCFI. ○ Completed at least one full year of study at a recognized post-secondary university or college last year. Minimum 9 credit hours per term.
<p>Mature Student</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Resident of catchment area of WCFI for at least 2 years. ○ Currently attending education after a minimum break of 3 years. ○ Mature students eligible to apply if attending program of study full or part-time. Scholarship for part-time students may be pro-rated.
<p>Trades & Technologies Student</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attended GHS or RCI and/or current resident of catchment area of WCFI ○ Entering a full-time trades and technologies program in the current year. Minimum course duration of 6 months total or 3 months as part of longer program.

Scholarship Guidelines

1. Must meet the criteria described above to apply as a Post-secondary Student, Mature Student, or Trades and Technologies Student.
2. Must be attending and provide proof of enrollment in at least 2nd year of study at an accredited post-secondary institution to apply as a Post-secondary student.
3. Must be accepted and provide proof of enrollment at a post-secondary institution to apply as a Mature student or a Trades and Technologies student.
4. Must meet the minimum credit hours or course duration as described above.
5. Must submit all application documents by application deadline of July 15
 - Application form completed, dated and signed
 - Letter of application
 - 2 letters of reference that are current, dated and signed
 - An OFFICIAL academic transcript from the admissions / registrar office for the most recent year of study
6. Preference for scholarship award will be given to applicants who:
 - Demonstrate financial need
 - Demonstrate involvement in community & volunteer service and demonstrate leadership qualities
 - Demonstrate academic achievement
 - Have not previously received a Westshore Community Foundation scholarship.
7. All successful applicants will be required to submit an OFFICIAL PROOF OF ENROLMENT from the ADMISSIONS/REGISTRAR OFFICE for next year of study to Westshore Community Foundation Inc. before receiving a scholarship award.

INSTRUCTIONS

- **Read the Application Guidelines carefully before** you complete the application form. Guidelines are available online at www.westshorefoundation.ca
- Complete all steps of the application process before the application deadline.
 1. APPLICATION FORM. You may complete it online or print and complete.
 2. LETTER OF APPLICATION – a letter of no more than 500 words in length that:
 - a) Summarizes your academic, career and future goals
 - b) Most importantly, describes your community, volunteer, student activities and leadership qualities
 - c) Summarizes your life experiences and challenges (if any) that you have faced in pursuing your education.
 3. Ask TWO of the following, educator, employer, mentor and/or manager for volunteer, community, or student activities, to write LETTERS OF REFERENCE that speak to:
 - your involvement in community and volunteer service,
 - your leadership qualities,
 - your financial need and/or why you are a good candidate for a scholarship.
 Ask references to date and sign letters. **Please only submit CURRENT references that are signed and dated.**
 4. OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT for most recent year of study.
 5. Keep a copy of your application form and documents for your personal records.
- **Submit all documents to the Westshore Community Foundation Inc.by:
APPLICATION DEADLINE OF JULY 15.**
- Applications may be submitted:
 - Online at www.westshorefoundation.ca
 - By mail to PO Box 395 Gimli, MB R0C 1B0, or,
 - By email to admin@wcf-foundation.ca
- If you have any questions, please contact the Westshore Community Foundation Inc.
 - By phone at 204-642-9796, or,
 - By email to admin@wcf-foundation.ca.

Application Deadline & Scholarship Notification

- Advertisement for scholarship applications will appear each year online at www.westshorefoundation.ca and on social media.
- **The DEADLINE for submission of complete applications is JULY 15 OF EACH YEAR.**
- Successful applicants will be notified in writing in August of each year.
- Successful applicants will be required to submit official proof of enrollment from the admissions/registrar office for the next school year.
- Scholarships will be presented at the WCFI Scholarship Awards event on the 1st Friday in October.