

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_



**Commencement  
Awards  
Description &  
Application Package**

***DEADLINE:***  
***Friday April 12, 2019***

# ***PONOKA SECONDARY CAMPUS***

## ***OUR GRAD COMMENCEMENT AWARDS PROGRAM & APPLICATION FORM***

### **Our Commencement Awards Program at A Glance**

Ponoka Secondary Campus has a very extensive awards program, due in part to the tremendous support from our community, industry and government. We normally have three award celebrations beginning with the Grad Commencement Ceremony on the first weekend in June, the Athletic Banquet in early June and concluding with the Fall Awards Program in October.

Student awards at PSC are classified as either academic awards or non-academic awards. Academic awards are awards based entirely on marks and do not have to be applied for. Non-academic awards do however require our awards committee (and in some circumstances certain awards are selected by the sponsor) to make a decision as to the best applicant. This decision is based on a combination of an applicant's scholastic, artistic, athletic, leadership and volunteer accomplishments. Non-academic award applications require the student to share their accomplishments based on the criteria for each award.

*Commencement Award Applications are available to only grade 12 students.*

Below you will find an explanation of what the committee will be looking for as they consider each application. Keep in mind that the awards committee is seeking the applicant that "best combines" these attributes. This means that being very strong in one area will not necessarily make you the successful candidate.

## **THE APPLICATION PROCESS**

*It is your job to make sure you provide the necessary evidence to meet the eligibility requirements of the awards you are applying for! If you don't meet the criteria you should not apply for it.*

**"A RESUME" of your accomplishments must be created. This is a significant part of this application package. If you don't tell the sponsor about your accomplishments, they won't know.**

**Please refer to the "General Guidelines" given below to help assist you in creating a thorough picture of your accomplishments, attributes, and qualifications. You should focus on your academic achievements, school athletics, involvement in the arts (drama, music, art) at school, your involvement in school leadership, and volunteer work.**

**Please assist the Committee by giving us a detailed description of the volunteer work that you have done at the school and in the community. Be very specific and include as much detail as possible along with your supervisor's name & contact information (i.e. telephone number)**

**As well, you should indicate to what extent you may have be involved in any community based activities...past or present (ie. Dance, 4-H, hockey, swimming, golf, music etc).**

**As a final piece to your application package you should provide the Committee with any further information that you feel the Committee should know about you in considering you for these awards. Again, please be very specific and provide as much detail as possible.**

***Your Resume should focus on the areas below.***  
**ACCOMPLISHMENTS & CONTRIBUTIONS**  
**Hints and Tips**

**PSC Academics:** The committee wants to know your academic strength.

- What is your academic average as it was calculated for a school certificate or honour pin. If you know your average, write it down. **Honours is typically an average of 80%+ and certificates of achievement (75%+) based on courses completed at PSC.** If you are unsure of your average, please contact Mrs. Adcock in the office.

**PSC Athletics:** The committee wants to gain an appreciation for your athletic ability and the extent of your involvement in our programs.

- What sports have you been involved with? How many years have you competed in this sport? What significant accomplishments have you achieved in each sport (e.g. Personal bests? League, Zone or Provincial Champion)
- Other accomplishments? (team captain, all-star, etc.)

**PSC “The Arts”:** The committee wants to gain an appreciation of your artistic abilities and to what extent you have been involved in PSC programs.

- How many years have you been a member of the drama club? How many drama classes have you taken? Did you have any leading roles?
- Other dramatic accomplishments?
- List your musical accomplishments? Are you a member of the school band; choral group; stage band? For how long?
- Other musical accomplishments?
- List your graphic arts accomplishments. How many art courses have you taken? Have you participated in the “Arts Night”?
- Other graphic arts accomplishments?

**PSC Leadership:** The committee wants to gain an appreciation of your leadership characteristics and how involved you are in leadership activities.

- At PSC we believe that student leaders actively enrich our school climate through their **direct participation** in school leadership activities. How involved are you? Have you been involved with student council and if so, for how long? Have you been involved with any sub-committees of student council and if so, for how long (assemblies, bulletin boards, citrus fruit, etc.)? Have you taken a leadership role on any clubs or teams? Have you helped out with any other school functions such as Terry Fox, Santa’s Anonymous, grad, etc.
- Student leaders step forward when **volunteers** are needed. In addition to the committees you have been a part of, have you volunteered to help out on any other occasion (setting up chairs, cleaning-up after dances, putting away equipment, volunteering in your classes, etc.)?
- Student leaders are **respectful, responsible and cooperative**. Briefly explain how these character traits describe you.
  1. Being respectful would include things such as using appropriate language, dressing appropriately, listening without interrupting, not damaging the building, etc.
  2. Being responsible would include such things as being punctual, doing your best on school assignments, following school policies, etc.
  3. Being cooperative would mean having a “positive attitude” and making a sincere effort to get along with others.

**Deserving Student:** The committee interprets the word “deserving” as follows:

- A very hard working student.
- A student that demonstrates many of the leadership traits described above.

Our Grad Commencement Awards Ceremony will be held on **SATURDAY, JUNE 1 2019**. It is our expectation in selecting you for these awards, that you will be in attendance at the Ceremony to accept your Scholarship/Award.

To be eligible for any awards or scholarships at Commencement this spring, you must thoroughly complete the application process.

This is important as the selection committee\sponsors will be closely scrutinizing each applicant’s package for the necessary criteria of each award or scholarship applied for.

# PONOKA SECONDARY CAMPUS GRAD COMMENCEMENT AWARDS COVER FORM

Please hand-in fully completed form and your resume to Mrs. Adcock  
(incomplete applications will not be considered for any awards)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Future Intentions (upon graduation): \_\_\_\_\_

College/University applied/accepted to (upon graduation): \_\_\_\_\_

Please refer to the description of awards following this award checklist for details and criteria for each award or scholarship. Check the appropriate boxes to indicate which awards you are applying for.

AWARD	DESCRIPTION	YES
1.	Almita Scholarship	
2.	Jo-Ann Social Fund Citizenship Scholarship	
3.	Birchland Dental Clinic Scholarship	
4.	Will's Welding Scholarship	
5.	Sunny '94 Scholarship <i>*Pending Approval*</i> <b>(Separate Application and Deadline: May 1)</b>	
6.	Ponoka Kinette Award <i>*Pending Approval*</i>	
7.	Mecca Glen Parent Council Scholarship	
8.	Wetaskiwin Seed & Grain Sam Doupe Remembrance Award	
9.	Friends of Crestomere	
10.	Ponoka Lions Club Award – Most Improved	
11.	Ponoka Lions Club Award – General Proficiency	
12.	Tom Butterfield Creating Cowboys Scholarship	
13.	Russell Petterson Memorial Award	
14.	Glen Armitage Memorial Education Fund <b>(Separate Application and Deadline: April 1)</b>	
15.	Brett Wiese Memorial Scholarship	
16.	Iris Zipse Memorial Scholarship	
17.	Rotary Club of Ponoka Grade 12 Scholarship <b>(Separate Application and Deadline: April 8)</b>	
18.	Brandon Schur Memorial Scholarship	
19.	Peace Hills Insurance Award <i>*Pending Approval*</i>	
20.	Lonny Jacobson Music Award	
21.	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ponoka <b>(Separate Application)</b>	
<b>PONOKA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP</b> <i>SEPRATE APPLICATION AND DEADLINE – SEE PONOKA AG SOCIETY WEBSITE</i> <i>(this award is not presented during the grad commencement awards)</i>		

# **PONOKA SECONDARY CAMPUS AWARDS DESCRIPTIONS**

## **1. ALMITA SCHOLARSHIP**

Presented to a student pursuing post-secondary education in an engineering or technical program. Selection based on academics, school and community involvement. The recipient for this award will be decided by the PSC Staff.

**Award** - \$500.00 cash award and Certificate

## **2. JO-ANN SOCIAL FUND CITIZENSHIP SCHOLARSHIP**

Presented to a graduating student pursuing either a trade or post-secondary education who has contributed to the school environment through his/her attitude, attendance, integrity, industriousness, positive peer influence and helpfulness. The recipient for this award will be decided by the PSC Staff.

**Award** - \$200.00 cash award and Certificate

## **3. BIRCHLAND DENTAL CLINIC SCHOLARSHIP**

Presented to a graduating student continuing in either a non-degree dental related field at a post-secondary institution or pre-dental sciences. The recipient for this award will be decided by the PSC Staff.

**Award** - \$500.00 cash award and Certificate

Cheque will be released when proof of enrolment is received

## **4. WILL'S WELDING SCHOLARSHIP**

Presented to a skilled graduating student who has demonstrated a strong work ethic and a positive attitude. The recipient must be pursuing a career as a journeyman welder. The recipient for this award will be decided by the PSC CTS Staff.

**Award** - Selected gifts (value \$500.00)

## **5. SUNNY '94 SCHOLARSHIP** *\*Pending Approval\**

Presented to a deserving graduating student that is currently enrolled in a communications or fine arts area of study at a post secondary institution. The recipient for this award will be decided by the PSC CTS Staff.

**Separate Application and Deadline:**

**May 1 - See Mrs. Adcock**

**Award** - \$277.00 (approximate) cash award and Certificate

## **6. PONOKA KINETTE AWARD** *\*Pending Approval\**

Presented to a female student pursuing post-secondary education, who is not receiving another major award and is involved in community service. The recipient for this award will be decided by the Ponoka Kinette Award upon recommendation from PSC Staff.

**Award** - \$500.00 cash award and Certificate

## **7. MECCA GLEN PARENT COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP**

Presented to a deserving graduate of the Mecca Glen School. The Mecca Glen Parent Council will take into consideration student attitude, volunteer work, academics and involvement in student activities at PSC and Mecca Glen. The recipient for this award will be decided by the Mecca Glen Parent Council.

**Award** - \$500.00 cash award and Certificate

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Additional Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries are available for a variety of criteria, including academic excellence, financial need, leadership, community involvement and much more.

There are literally thousands of scholarships available:

<https://www.wolfcreek.ab.ca/programs/career-centre/scholarships>

### **8. WETASKIWIN SEED & GRAIN SAM DOUPE REMEMBRANCE AWARD**

Presented to a deserving graduating student pursuing either a trade or post-secondary education with preference given to an agricultural field. The recipient for this award will be decided by the PSC Staff.

**Award** - \$500.00 cash award and Certificate

### **9. FRIENDS OF CRESTOMERE SCHOLARSHIP**

Presented to a deserving graduate of Crestomere School pursuing post-secondary education. The Friends of Crestomere committee will take into consideration student attitude, volunteer work, academics and involvement in student activities at PSC. The recipient for this award will be decided by the Friends of Crestomere.

**Award** - \$500.00 cash award and Certificate

### **10. PONOKA LIONS CLUB AWARD - Most Improved Student**

Presented to a graduating student that has shown marked improvement since entering P.S.C. The recipient for this award will be decided by the Ponoka Lions Club.

**Award** - \$500.00 cash award and Certificate

### **11. PONOKA LIONS CLUB AWARD - General Proficiency Award**

Presented to a graduating student who has demonstrated very strong athletic, academic, artistic and leadership qualities. The recipient for this award will be decided by the Ponoka Lions Club.

**Award** - \$500.00 cash award and Certificate

### **12. THE TOM BUTTERFIELD CREATING COWBOYS SCHOLARSHIP**

Presented to two deserving graduating students (one boy and one girl) pursuing either a trade or post-secondary education and continue to be involved in rodeo. The recipient for this award will be decided by the PSC Staff.

**Award** - \$500.00 cash award and Certificate (each)

### **13. RUSSELL PETTERSON MEMORIAL AWARD**

Presented to a deserving graduate who is pursuing post-secondary education; has made visible contributions to the school and community in terms of music, art, science or math; and has volunteered in both the school and community for the benefit of others. The recipient for this award will be decided by the PSC Staff.

**Award** - \$500.00 cash award and Certificate

### **14. GLEN ARMITAGE MEMORIAL EDUCATION FUND**

Presented to a deserving graduate from a rural family who desires to advance their education. Student must be from agriculture family, in need of financial assistance and has demonstrated leadership qualities in family, community and school involvement. The recipient for this award will be decided by the Glen Armitage Memorial Education Fund.

***Separate Application and Deadline:***

***April 1 - See Mrs. Adcock***

**Award** - \$500.00 cash award and Certificate

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### **15. BRETT WIESE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Presented to a graduating student who is pursuing post-secondary education (preferably in business). The successful student must demonstrate strong leadership qualities in the school or community while maintaining a high standard of academic excellence, with a minimum of 80%. They also need to demonstrate a passion for sports (hockey / golf) in or outside of the school. This is a \$2500 scholarship distributed over 3 years. The recipient for this award will be decided by the Wiese Family.

### **16. IRIS ZIPSE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Presented to a graduating student from PSC who during their graduating year were residing in the Town of Ponoka or in the County of Ponoka and who have applied to or have been accepted by a university, college, technical school or school of nursing. Financial need will be considered firstly and scholastic ability secondly. The recipient for this award will be decided by the PSC Staff.

**Award:** Annual Income derived from the invested principle to date and Certificate

### **17. ROTARY CLUB OF PONOKA GRADE 12 SCHOLARSHIP**

“This scholarship program will award a \$1000 scholarship to three selected graduating Grade 12 students attending high schools within the Town of Ponoka. The purpose of the Rotary Club of Ponoka Grade 12 Scholarship Program is to identify potential future leaders; recognizing those who have demonstrated a commitment to serving others. We desire to encourage and promote these individuals in the attainment of further education. It is our goal to support these students of promise by acknowledging the positive contributions that they have made at home, in their school, and in their community - as well as at the international level through their extracurricular activities, or through the service and volunteer programs to which they belong.”

*Separate Application submitted to the Rotary Club by PSC*

*Deadline April 8 - See Mrs. Adcock*

**Award:** \$1000.00 cash award (each) and Certificate

### **18. BRANDON SCHUR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Presented to a graduating student who is a role model towards their peers. Is an individual who demonstrates a positive attitude towards others and themselves. An individual who lives life to the fullest yet is thinking forward with vision and purpose. This person is treasured by many of their peers and persons throughout the school and community. The recipient for this award will be decided by The Schur Family.

*Must Include A Letter To The Schur Family Explaining Why You Are A Suitable Candidate For This Award.*

**Award:** \$500.00 cash award and Certificate

### **19. PEACE HILLS INSURANCE AWARD** *\*Pending Approval\**

Presented to a student who is a Samson Cree Nation Band Member. A student who has made an outstanding contribution to PSC through his/her involvement, leadership and attitude and pursuing post-secondary education. The recipient for this award will be decided by PSC Staff.

**Award:** \$500.00 cash award and Certificate

### **20. LONNY JACOBSON SCHOLARSHIP**

Presented to a graduating student pursuing post-secondary education in a science and or music program with an 80% or higher high school average. The recipient for this award will be decided by PSC Staff.

**Award:** \$250 cash award and Certificate

### **21. BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF PONOKA**

Presented to a graduating student who has applied for post-secondary institution and participated as a Teen Mentor for a minimum of one year or as a mentee for a minimum of two years. The recipient of this award is decided by the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ponoka.

*Separate Application - See Mrs. Adcock*

**Award:** \$500.00 cash award and Certificate