

**Ponoka Agricultural Society  
2019 Scholarship Application**



**Complete applications must be postmarked by June 1, 2019  
and sent to:**

**Ponoka Agricultural Society  
Box 4043  
Ponoka, AB  
T4J 1R5**

# Ponoka Agricultural Society Scholarship

## A. Rationale and Philosophy:

Scholarships offered on behalf of the Ponoka Agricultural Society are based on the following rationale and philosophy:

It is the **mission** of the Ponoka Agricultural Society to promote, support and encourage agricultural opportunities in our urban and rural community.

### We believe:

- Youth are the future of our community, country and industry.
- The education of students is a shared responsibility among the home, school and community. It is our responsibility to be a community leader that promotes agriculture.
- All students have a right to a sound education that will enable them to apply their learned skills to daily life.
- By supporting those who wish to pursue Agricultural related studies, we are assisting in the continuation of Agriculture in our community, our province and our country.

## B. Scholarship Program Details

- Two (2) \$500.00 scholarships will be awarded per year.
- The criteria for eligibility for the scholarships will be set by the Board of the Ponoka Agricultural Society.
- A selection committee made up of three representatives from the Ponoka Agricultural Society (at least one board member and two other members or board members) will review the applications and choose two scholarship recipients.
- Recipients will be notified after the selection date.

## C Eligibility for a Ponoka Agricultural Society Scholarship

1. Any student entering one of the following is eligible:
  - An apprenticeship program
  - A trades program
  - A post-secondary institution, college or university program

The program must support and benefit Agriculture.

Successful applicants must attend a post-secondary institution as a full-time student

2. These scholarships are open to students who reside in the Town of Ponoka, County of Ponoka and East of the 5<sup>th</sup> Meridian.

3. A **minimum** of ten (10) hours of volunteer time must be completed in the current fiscal year at Ponoka Agricultural Society events. Contact the Ponoka Ag Society for a full list of volunteer opportunities available and volunteer sign off form.
4. Those interested in applying should note their application must:
  - Be typed
  - Be complete (ensure that all the information is accurate and correct, as only complete applications will be considered)
  - Include an original photo
  - Include a copy of your official transcript request (and date requested)
  - Be submitted (please send the original copy) by mail to the Ponoka Agricultural Society. Applications must be postmarked by June 1, 2019.

**Notes:**

- Before funds will be released, recipients must provide a confirmation of enrollment and payment of tuition from their institution. Failure to do so will result in the scholarship being awarded to the next eligible candidate.
- Recipients must provide their Social Insurance Number so that a T4A can be filed with Revenue Canada.
- Scholarship funds will be released after September 30th, 2019.
- Recipients must provide proof of completion of the first two semesters of their program. Proof must be in the form of official transcripts from the post-secondary institution.
- Recipients who do not finish the first two semesters of their program will be required to pay back the scholarship.
- Recipients that do not complete the required Ponoka Ag Society volunteer hours will be required to pay back the scholarship.

## **Application Checklist**

- D Information About Yourself**
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- D Record of Involvement in the Community**
- D Information About Your Studies**
- D Written Interview**
- D References**
- D Photo**
- D Scholarship Applicant Promise**
- D Signatures where necessary**
- D Transcript Request**
- D Copy of Volunteer Sign Off Form**
- D All the information is complete and all sections are filled in – Do not leave sections blank, if you are unsure of information make sure it is correct prior to submitting your application. Only information submitted can be used.**

Send your typed and complete applications (postmarked by June 1, 2019) to:  
**Ponoka Agricultural Society**  
**Box 4043**  
**Ponoka, AB T4J 1R5**

If you have questions, please contact the Ponoka Agricultural Society at  
**ponokaagsociety4043@gmail.com.**

**D. Application Form**

**Ponoka Agricultural Society Scholarship Application**

Proof-read and edit your application. Your application must be **TYPED** and **COMPLETE**. You can type the information in the spaces provided. Be sure to save your document as you proceed. When you have completed all the required information print a copy and mail it to the above indicated address.

**1. Information About Yourself**

<b>Last Name</b>	
<b>First Name</b>	
<b>Date of Birth</b>	
<b>Address (Please provide permanent address)</b>	
<b>Town/City, Province</b>	
<b>Postal Code</b>	
<b>Phone Number</b>	
<b>Email</b>	

**2. Record of Involvement in Agriculture**

What organizations were you a member of? (Start with the most recent, additional space can be added)

(List the full name of the organization)

<b>Name of Organization</b>	<b>Year(s) (E.g. 2016-2018)</b>
1)	
2)	
3)	

**Offices held:**

Position	Organization # 1 Year(s)	Organization # 2 Year(s)	Organization # 3 Year(s)
President			
Vice President			
Treasurer			
Secretary			
Other (indicate)			

**3. Record of Involvement in the Community**

- a. List activities for which you volunteered to help improve your community (up to 10 significant activities)

Activity (E.g. Volunteer at local hospital)	Year

b. List activities that you have played a leadership role in and used your communication skills (up to 10 significant activities).

Activity (E.g. MC at school assembly)	Year

c. List awards you have received within the last three years. (up to 10 significant awards)

Award (E.g. Community, Sports, School)	Sponsor	Year

**4. Information About Your Studies**

- a) What post-secondary institution do you plan to attend?
- b) Location:
- c) In what type of program are you enrolled? (Please mark with an X)  
Certificate       Diploma       Degree       Apprenticeship
- d) Name of program you will be enrolled in:
- e) List 5 things you will study / learn in this program:
- f) Will this program complete your studies or is it a step stone to another level. Explain.
- g) What are your future career plans?

**5. Written Interview**

Attach a typewritten essay (300 – 500 words) explaining **“How the program I am applying for will benefit agriculture and the community in the future?”** Be clear, concise, and innovative. Proofread and remember to include your name at the top of the essay.



## 6. References

You are required to provide two references and their contact information. One from each of the following types:

Type of reference	Name of reference person	Phone number and Email address of reference
School		
Community		

**Note:** Relatives cannot be used as references.

**References may be phoned.**

**References should be notified so that they know that they are a reference.** Applications with missing references will not be considered.

## 7. Photo

Attach a wallet size (2" x 3") photo of yourself. This photo must be suitable for publication. A school grad photo is ideal. Proofs are also acceptable. Photocopies or scanned photos are not acceptable. Do not crop the photo. This **photo will not be returned** to you.

### 8. Scholarship Applicant Promise

As a scholarship recipient I promise to complete the 2019-2020 fall and winter terms of the post-secondary institution that I enroll in. Proof of completion of those first two semesters is required. I will provide official transcripts from my post-secondary institution no later than July 15, 2020. If I do not complete the terms, I will return all scholarship money to the Ponoka Agricultural Society from whom I received it. I will provide the Ponoka Agricultural Society with a confirmation of enrollment and payment of tuition. If I fail to do so, the scholarship will be awarded to another applicant.

I understand the above conditions and I declare that the information in this application form is correct. If I am granted a scholarship, I will comply with all its terms. I also agree to allow my picture and information contained in this application to be used for promotion of the scholarship program.

Signature of Applicant	Date
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**Note: If applicant is under 18, a parent or a guardian must also sign the application.**

I declare the information is correct to the best of my knowledge and agree to all rules of the scholarship program.

Signature of parent or guardian	Date
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### 9. Transcript Request

Contact Alberta Learning and request a transcript to be sent to the Ponoka Agricultural Society. Send the request form and your payment to Alberta Learning by June 1, 2019. **REQUEST YOUR FINAL HIGH SCHOOL MARKS.** Do not send the original request form to the Ponoka Agricultural Society, but include a photocopy with your application. Without a transcript, your application will not be considered.

Alberta Learning Office: Contact  
information and mailing address:

Transcripts Unit, Alberta Education  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor 44 Capital Boulevard  
10044-108 St  
Edmonton, AB T5J 5E6  
[www.education.gov.ab.ca](http://www.education.gov.ab.ca)

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