

# DDCF (Dauphin and District Community Foundation) Scholarships

Thank you to our generous donors for making these awards possible!

The deadline for submitting these scholarships to DDCF by dropping them off at **City Hall** is **March 31, 2026**. **DDCF scholarship applications cannot be submitted to DRCSS.**

**Please do not staple sheets or submit them in sealed envelopes.**

## Scholarship Letters

Each scholarship applied for requires a **maximum one-page** letter (**one-sided, 1" margins, size 11 or 12 font**) outlining:

- a. Your post-secondary plans,
- b. Information and examples about why you would be the most suitable candidate for the specific scholarship, **based on the criteria for the scholarship**, and
- c. Other applicable information that would help in the selection process.

Make certain that **each letter is specific to the scholarship being applied for**, not just one general letter for all scholarships. A sample letter follows the scholarship descriptions.

## Supporting Documents

Include only **one copy** of each of the following (not one copy with each letter):

- a. Proof of acceptance into, or confirmation of application to, a program of study (this can be a copy of a letter of acceptance, conditional acceptance, email, etc.),
- b. A transcript (**needs to be requested from Mrs. Foote before Spring Break**), and
- c. A completed *Personal Data Inventory* sheet. Copies of the *Personal Data Inventory* sheet and a sample letter follow the scholarship descriptions. **Photocopy or keep an e-copy of your *Personal Data Inventory* for upcoming scholarships.**

**Completed applications are to be submitted to DDCF by dropping them off at Dauphin City Hall by March 31, 2026.**

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*Remember: Criteria vary for each scholarship. Please review each scholarship description carefully and apply specifically to those that pertain to you.*

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Suggestion: Keep copies of these scholarship letters to help out with scholarship applications this year, and after you have completed your first year of post-secondary education. There are many scholarships available throughout your education, so please explore your options!

Please contact Ms. Davies at [shannon.davies@mvsd.ca](mailto:shannon.davies@mvsd.ca) if you have questions or would like feedback on one of your letters. Make sure that you have edited and revised your letter if you are requesting feedback on grammar, spelling, and mechanics.

**All students pursuing post-secondary education in one of the following areas are encouraged to apply for any applicable scholarships below. Please review each scholarship description carefully and apply specifically to the ones that pertain to you.**

**Terry Yates Memorial Scholarship Fund**

- To be presented to a motivated individual with a commendable academic performance who will be pursuing post-secondary studies in a business field. Extra-curricular activities and community service will also be determining factors. (\$1,583)
- To be presented to a student pursuing a post-secondary education in an athletic-related field, **OR** to a student who has been accepted into a college or university sports program. Students should have demonstrated an interest in sports throughout their high school years. (\$1,583)

**The Marilyn Libby Memorial Music Scholarship** (\$861)

To be presented to a student who is planning to pursue post-secondary music studies, has demonstrated a high level of musical proficiency in the field, and has used that talent within the school and community.

**Marge Tycholis Memorial Scholarship** (\$1018)

To be awarded to a student entering a post-secondary institution; financial need is a determining factor.

**The Kozak Scholarship** (\$838)

To be presented to the best academic student entering the field of Education at any post-secondary institution in Canada or U.S. The recipient must demonstrate good school citizenship and participation in extra-curricular activities; financial need is a determining factor.

**Neil Peterson Countryfest Post-Secondary Scholarship in Music** (\$4,162)

To be presented to a student who is planning to pursue post-secondary music studies.

**Larry & Joyce Love Family Music Scholarship** (\$545)

To be presented to a graduating student who is planning to pursue post-secondary music studies, has demonstrated a high level of musical proficiency in their field, and has used that talent within the school and community. Interested students should provide details about their achievements in the music discipline of their choice.

**Wes & Andrew Bernat Family Music Scholarship** (\$665)

To be presented to a graduating student who is planning to pursue post-secondary music studies, has demonstrated a high level of musical proficiency in their field, and has used that talent within the school and community. Interested students should provide details about their achievements in the music discipline of their choice.

**Stanley Kustra Engineering Scholarship** (\$1,968)

To be presented to a motivated individual with commendable academic performance who is planning to enroll at any Canadian university in the field of Engineering. Priority will be given to students who demonstrate financial need.

**Margie Lysack Memorial Scholarships** (2 x \$2,815 each)

To be presented to two motivated and positive individuals, each with commendable academic performance including math, planning to enroll at the post-secondary level in ANY health-related field, who have demonstrated strong community involvement, volunteerism, and have participated in extra-curricular activities; especially: sports, music, and student government.

**Trotz Family Scholarship** (\$1,770)

To be presented to a motivated individual who has at least a B (80%) grade average, has been very involved in community volunteering, and will be attending a post-secondary school with the goal of entering the field of teaching, working with people with special needs, or health care.

**Safe Grad Committee Scholarship** (\$1366)

To be presented to a student who demonstrates a cooperative attitude and commits time and energy to make Safe Grad a successful event.

**Bellemare Family Scholarship** (\$681)

To be presented to the child of a first-generation immigrant to Canada who plans to attend a post-secondary institution for a minimum one-year program. Extra-curricular activities and community service may also be determining factors. **OR**, in the event that no one meets previous criteria, to a student who has demonstrated leadership growth and experience during their time at the DRCSS and plans to attend a post-secondary institution for a minimum one-year program. Service within the school and community will be determining factors.

**Class of 2020 Scholarship** (\$643)

To be presented to a student who shows a co-operative attitude and contributes their time and energy to the betterment of their school or community.

**Dauphin Ochre Band Parents Organization** (\$500)

To be presented to a student who is in the band program, shows a co-operative attitude, and contributes their time and energy to the betterment of their school or community.

**Dr. Allan & Shirley Lysack Scholarship Fund** (\$1,789)

To be presented to a student planning to enter at the post-secondary level in medicine, nursing, or any other health related field.

**AAA Kalichak Scholarship Fund** (\$363)

To be presented to a deserving student of average scholastic ability and interested in a career in Law or Accounting.

**DDCF General Community Scholarship** (\$1,573)

To be presented to a student planning to continue with post-secondary education. Evidence of volunteer work within the community would be a required asset.

**Gary Brandon Memorial Scholarship** (\$2,487)

To be presented to a student who participates in any or all of the following sports: Curling, golf, and/or baseball and is planning to pursue post-secondary education.

**McMunn & Yates Building Construction Scholarship** (\$750)

To be presented to a student enrolled in the building construction (carpentry) program at the Parkland Campus of Assiniboine College or who is planning to enroll at AC Parkland Campus.

**Dauphin Clinic Pharmacy Scholarship** (\$1,259)

To be presented to a student planning to continue with post-secondary education in any health-related field, who has demonstrated strong community involvement, volunteerism and participated in extra-curricular activities.

**Rick Smylski Memorial Scholarship** (\$1,058)

To be presented to a student planning to continue their post-secondary in any field who has demonstrated financial need.

**All students, regardless of their academic level, are encouraged to apply for the above DDCF scholarships. Criteria are varied among the scholarships. Please review each scholarship description carefully and apply specifically to those that pertain to you.**

## SAMPLE SCHOLARSHIP LETTER

222 Two Door Terrace  
Dauphin, MB R7N 2D2

Applicant's  
Address

*Month Date*, 2026

Dear *Name of Scholarship* Selection Committee:

I am applying for the *Name of Scholarship*. I will be attending McGill University as a political science major this fall, with the intention of pursuing a career in public policy and ethics, or law.

I am a hard-working student who strives for high achievement in everything I do. I have had high academic standing in all my courses all four years I have been at DRCSS, maintaining an average of at least 90% in these courses. I have also assisted other students with courses in math and science by meeting with them one on one to provide volunteer tutoring.

I am always willing to lend a hand, and commit to volunteering when I am not participating in an extra-curricular activity or working as a host at Mr. Mikes. I volunteer weekly at the personal care home to spend social time with the residents and assist them with many of their needs. I also volunteer twice a week with teaching guitar basics to students at a local Dauphin music studio.

I strive to achieve my best and act as a positive role model in extra-curricular activities, and have developed my leadership skills as captain of the volleyball team for the past two years. I demonstrate commitment to my team and my abilities by attending every practice to work on skill development and team strategy. I also encourage communication among the players to ensure that we are all working toward the same goals.

I have maintained good academic standing and extra-curricular participation while being involved in my community with social and arts volunteering. Thank you for considering me as a candidate for this scholarship.

Sincerely,

Remember to sign your letter if you are printing a copy!

Carmen Smith

DRCSS  
PERSONAL DATA INVENTORY

Name:

Phone Number:

When I graduate from high school, I anticipate the majority of my time will be spent doing the following: (list the name of the specific job or school)

Work/Job

College

Apprenticeship Program

Trade/Technical School

University

Other (specify)

Planned Field of Study and Career Goals: (Indicate the faculty and/or program you are entering. If you are entering University 1, or a general program of study, indicate plans once this is completed)

Some of the scholarships indicate “financial need” as a criterion. Briefly explain how this may apply to you.

List extra-curricular activities (sports, clubs, committees, etc.) you have been involved in throughout high school. Indicate the years that you were involved in the activities (eg. Soccer team, grade 9-11; Yearbook, grade 10-12; ASA, grade 11-12)

List community activities/clubs you have been involved in (sports, music, dance, church groups, cadets, etc.) and the years that you have been or were involved in each of these.

Volunteer Experience

Awards and Achievements (academic, athletic, financial, etc.)

Leadership

Hobbies and Special Interests

Work Experience

Courses or training you have taken outside of school (CPR, Music Lessons, etc.)

Additional Information