Education Scholarship

SaskOrganics Education Scholarship is awarded annually to an individual pursuing post secondary education in an agriculture related field of study. This scholarship has been made possible through a generous donation from the North West Saskatchewan Organic Producer Group (NWSOPG) to provide a 'hand up' to future generations to advance organics in one of the many career opportunities in the agriculture and agri-food sector – from production, research, processing, manufacturing, finance, to mechanics and everything in between.

Award

- One scholarship, value $1000, awarded annually.
- The scholarship will be awarded to an individual already enrolled in a post secondary education.
- The scholarship committee reserves the right to not award a scholarship.

Eligibility

- The applicant must be:
    - enrolled in, and attending, a post-secondary institution (technical or trade schools, college or university);
    - enrolled in an agriculture related field of study;
    - a resident of Saskatchewan (*can* be enrolled in a post-secondary institution outside of Saskatchewan).
- Preference will be given to applicants from certified organic operations.
- Priority will be given to applicants that have not received a scholarship from SaskOrganics in the past.
- Applications will not be accepted from high school students.

Applications

- **Applications will be accepted between November 1, 2026 and January 8, 2027** by the Executive Director.
- **Each applicant must submit a short one-page essay** (no more than 500 words) based on the following question - "Tell us how you are engaged in organics, and how you intend to apply your studies to benefit the organic community."
- **Applicants may also submit a video (optional) to accompany your application,** telling us more about yourself, how you are engaged in organics and how you intend to use your studies and your actions to benefit the organic community.
  SaskOrganics reserves the right to use your essay and video for promotional purposes.
- **A completed application includes the form, essay, and must also be accompanied by the following:**
    - 1 letter confirming the applicant's interest, involvement, and dedication to or passion for organic food or farming from either a teacher/professor, agriculture industry leader or community leader (non-family member)*;
    - 1 letter of character reference from a non-family member*
    - A current transcript of the applicant's marks.
    - *Please refer to the Guidance Document for References for direction on what each reference letter should include. Applicant must forward the reference guidance document to their references to ensure the letter includes the information required.
- Each applicant **must ensure the completed application form and other requirements are received** by the Executive Director **by January 8, 2027** via email (admin@saskorganic.com).

- **Applications** will be **evaluated using the following weighting:** Academic Standing: 20%; Reference Letters: 10% each; Work Experience: 8%; Volunteer Experience: 7%; Essay: 45%. If essay and video are included, essay: 30%, Video: 15%.

Incomplete and/or late applications will not be considered by the committee.

- **The Education Scholarship recipient will be notified in writing by no later than March 7th, and will be announced at the SaskOrganics' Advancing Organics Conference & Trade Show**.
- **The Education Scholarship recipient will be celebrated in SaskOrganics' April Digital Newsletter, in the Spring Issue of Abundance Magazine and on our website.**
- Payment will be made upon receipt of proof of attendance at a post-secondary institution in agricultural related studies.

Form and Essay on following pages.

Education Scholarship Application Form

Applicant's Information:

Name:

Address:

Tel/Cell Number:

Email:

Level of Education Completed:

Name of Post-Secondary school attending:

Diploma or Degree to be achieved:

Volunteer Experience/Participation in Community Activities/Leadership Skills:

Work Experience:

☐ **I am from a certified organic operation in Saskatchewan.**

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Application Essay

"Tell us how you are engaged in organics, and how you intend to apply your studies to benefit the organic community."

(Essay length: Maximum 500 words. Content can include history and connection to an organic farm or business, when you became interested in organics, your experiences in the organic sector, your past and current education, volunteer experience, your intentions for applying your education in an organic farming/industry, food or health related field, and what you envision for your future and the future or organics)

****The essay of the Scholarship winner will be used as a biography for promotion of the award winner.***