

WESTLOCK COUNTY

POLICY NO.6.07

May 10, 2011

TITLE: Scholarship Program

POLICY STATEMENT:

In recognition of the importance of education to the future well-being of rural communities, Westlock County wishes to financially assist students attending a recognized post secondary institution in Alberta. The post secondary institution must be listed in the Canadian Information Centre for International Credentials (CICIC).

PURPOSE:

To establish rules regarding the eligibility and criteria for selecting scholarship recipients.

POLICY:

Westlock County will award no more than two (2) \$500 scholarships per calendar year. If in the opinion of the review panel, no submission is suitable, the scholarship(s) will not be presented.

To be eligible to apply for a scholarship, the applicant must meet the following conditions:

- The applicant must be a resident within Westlock County borders including the Village of Clyde, the Town of Westlock and the Summer Village of Larkspur who shows evidence of full-time enrollment in a recognized post secondary educational institution.
- The applicant must not have previously received a scholarship award from Westlock County.
- The applicant must not be a member or immediate family of the Westlock County Council.
- The applicant must be willing to attend a presentation ceremony of the scholarship.

Scholarship submissions will be reviewed by the Westlock County Community Development Committee who will forward recommendations to Council. The review panel will evaluate submissions based on the following criteria:

- The applicants' eligibility to receive a scholarship
- The applicants' description of how relevance of study relates to rural communities
- The applicants' academic performance, community involvement and citizenship

Annual scholarship submission deadline is August 31st each calendar year. Once the recipients are chosen, and no later than October 31, administration will draft a letter asking the recipient to accept or decline the scholarship and give Westlock County permission to release personal information regarding the scholarship recipient to the media.

Scholarship cheques will be issued to the recipient(s) no later than December 31 of the same year.