



Sustainable Development Scholarship Application Guidelines

The Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development has established annual scholarships to assist post-secondary students in Manitoba who pursue studies and undertake research that embraces the spirit and principles of sustainable development.

Sustainable development involves changing the way we do business, how we live, what we teach our children and how government operates. Sustainable development requires that we all work together toward economic and social development in harmony with our environment.

The scholarship award is open to students in any field of study offered at an approved Manitoba post-secondary institution.

The Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development is an advisory body to the provincial government that provides advice and support to decision makers toward making responsible resource, land use, environment, social and economic development decisions for the province. The Manitoba Round Table is an integral component of the province's sustainable development strategy.

The Awards

Two single non-renewable awards are offered: a \$6,000 graduate scholarship and a \$1,500 college and university undergraduate scholarship. The awards are to cover the cost of tuition, books, fees and other education expenses.

The graduate recipient of the Sustainable Development Scholarship Award will also receive recognition as the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) Scholar of the Year. The scholar will receive special privileges at the Institute, including special access to the IISD Information Centre, and will be invited to present their findings to the Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development.

Eligibility

Graduate students must:

1. be accepted into a graduate level program at an approved Manitoba post-secondary institution and expect to continue enrollment the following year;

2. have achieved a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 or equivalent over the last 60 credit hours which includes undergraduate degree credit hours;
3. be Canadian citizens or Permanent Residents (landed immigrant);
4. meet provincial student financial assistance residency requirements¹; and,
5. maintain a minimum 60% course-load for the entire academic year or full time student status in an approved program.

College and undergraduate students must:

1. have completed a minimum 30 credit hours or one year equivalent of study at an approved Manitoba post-secondary institution and expect to continue enrollment the following year;
2. have achieved a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 or equivalent;
3. be Canadian citizens or Permanent Residents (landed immigrant);
4. meet provincial student financial assistance residency requirements¹; and,
5. maintain a minimum 60% course-load for the entire academic year or full time student status in an approved program.

These scholarships are not available to employees of the Province of Manitoba or their spouses, common law partners or dependants.

These scholarships are intended to support students in any field of study and research that can clearly demonstrate the application of the principles and guidelines of sustainable development to the contemporary challenges of Manitoba society. The scholarships will be awarded to students who:

- clearly demonstrate the incorporation of the principles and guidelines of sustainable development in their field of study and research;
- demonstrate the value of environmentally sound economic and social development in their field of study and research;

¹ Students must have resided in the province of Manitoba for at least 12 months prior to beginning their academic program.

- reflect the value of sustainable environmental management in their field of study and research;
- demonstrate the value of integrating concerns pertaining to the environment, economy and human well-being in their field of study and research; and,
- demonstrate the educational and social value of sustainable development in their field of study and research.

Graduate Student Requirements

Complete an application form and provide a written statement (1,500 words maximum) which includes the following:

- a description of how your proposed research incorporates and demonstrates the principles and guidelines of sustainable development; and,
- a research plan summary including title, background, objectives and methods.

Undergraduate Student Requirements

Complete an application form and provide a written response to the following questions (750 words maximum):

- How have you been involved in sustainable development through extracurricular activities, volunteer work and life experience and employment?
- What are your career goals and how will they contribute to sustainable development?
- How do your studies link with the principles and guidelines of sustainable development?

Principles of Sustainable Development

- **Integration of Environmental and Economic Decisions:** Economic decisions should adequately reflect environmental, human health and social effects. Environmental and health initiatives should adequately take into account economic, human health and social consequences.
- **Stewardship:** The economy, the environment, human health and social well-being should be managed for the equal benefit of present and future generations. Manitobans are the caretakers of the economy, the environment, human health and social well-being for the benefit of present and future generations. Today's decisions are to be balanced with tomorrow's effects.
- **Shared Responsibility and Understanding:** Manitobans should acknowledge responsibility for sustaining the economy, the environment, human health and social well-being, with each being

accountable for decisions and actions in a spirit of partnership and open cooperation. Manitobans share a common economic, physical and social environment. Manitobans should understand and respect different economic and social views, values, traditions and aspirations. Manitobans should consider the aspirations, needs and views of the people of the various geographical regions and ethnic groups in Manitoba, including aboriginal peoples, to facilitate equitable management of Manitoba's common resources.

- **Prevention:** Manitobans should anticipate, and prevent or mitigate, significant adverse economic, environmental, human health and social effects of decisions and actions, having particular careful regard to decisions whose impacts are not entirely certain but which, on reasonable and well-informed grounds, appear to pose serious threats to the economy, the environment, human health and social well-being.
- **Conservation and Enhancement:** Manitobans should maintain the ecological processes, biological diversity and life-support systems of the environment; harvest renewable resources on a sustainable yield basis; make wise and efficient use of renewable and non-renewable resources, and; enhance the long-term productive capability, quality and capacity of natural ecosystems.
- **Rehabilitation and Reclamation:** Manitobans should endeavour to repair damage to or degradation of the environment and consider the need for rehabilitation and reclamation in future decisions and actions.
- **Global Responsibility:** Manitobans should think globally when acting locally, recognizing that there is economic, ecological and social interdependence among provinces and nations, and working cooperatively, within Canada and internationally, to integrate economic, environmental, human health and social factors in decision-making while developing comprehensive and equitable solutions to problems.

Guidelines for Sustainable Development

- **Efficient Use of Resources:** which means encouraging and facilitating development and application of systems for proper resource pricing, demand management and resource allocation together with incentives to encourage efficient use of resources, and; employing full-cost accounting to provide better information for decision makers.
- **Public Participation:** which means establishing forums which encourage and provide opportunity for consultation and meaningful participation in decision

making processes by Manitobans; endeavouring to provide due process, prior notification and appropriate and timely redress for those adversely affected by decisions and actions, and; striving to achieve consensus amongst citizens with regard to decisions affecting them.

- **Access to Information:** which means encouraging and facilitating the improvement and refinement of economic, environmental, human health and social information, and; promoting the opportunity for equal and timely access to information by all Manitobans.
- **Integrated Decision Making and Planning:** which means encouraging and facilitating decision making and planning processes that are efficient, timely, accountable and cross-sectoral and which incorporate an inter-generational perspective of future needs and consequences.
- **Waste Minimization and Substitution:** which means encouraging and promoting the development and use of substitutes for scarce resources where such substitutes are both environmentally sound and economically viable, and; reducing, reusing, recycling and recovering the products of society.
- **Research and Innovation:** which means encouraging and assisting the researching, development, application and sharing of knowledge and technologies which further our economic, environmental, human health and social well-being.

Evaluation and Notification

An evaluation committee will assess all applications and present recommendations to the Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development chaired by the Minister of Conservation.

A cheque to cover the cost of tuition, books, fees, and other education expenses will be made payable to the educational institution for the following year of study.

Applicants will be notified in writing of the decision. The Province of Manitoba reserves the right to publish names and pictures of any scholarship presentations. All decisions are final.

To Apply

Complete the application form and email, mail, fax or deliver to the address below by 4:00 p.m. the first Friday in May.

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www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/susresmb/scholarship
