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Policy Title Kneehill County Scholarship Program	Date: November 8, 2016	Resolution No. 486/16

Purpose:

To establish a policy providing a scholarship program for Kneehill County residents enrolled in a post-secondary institution. The intent of this policy is to emphasize that education is not an end in itself, but instead is a means by which people become contributing members of society.

Policy Statement:

Kneehill County Council, recognizing the importance of an educated population to the future well-being of rural communities, will commit \$4,000.00 per year, for a scholarship program in support of rural students attending a university, college or trade school. This will be in the form of 2 scholarships of \$2,000 each, one awarded on academic achievement in high school and one awarded on community and leadership activities.

Policy Guidelines/Procedures:**1. Eligibility:**

- 1.1 Applicant must be a rural resident of Kneehill County enrolling in their first year as a full time student at a recognized post-secondary institution. Applicant must provide confirmation of enrollment and acceptance into their chosen program of study.
- 1.2 Applicant must have graduated with an Alberta High School Diploma and have taken a minimum of 25 credits in his/her final school year. Official transcripts required (or notarized true copies) of his/her high school marks.

2. Application:

- 2.1. Applicant must apply for the scholarship in writing prior to August 30 of the year of application.
- 2.2. A written essay (no longer than 500 words) demonstrating the importance of the applicant's choice of study and how their future goals and aspirations support rural communities, agriculture or rural municipal government. The applicant should also identify any contributions made to their local community or school through volunteer, extracurricular or leadership activities.
- 2.3. Application must include two letters of reference (non-relative).
- 2.4. Applicant must submit a graduation picture of themselves along with their application to be used for Kneehill County publications and possible local newspaper publications.
- 2.5. All applicants must complete the application form as outlined in Appendix A of this policy including the signed declaration.

3. Criteria:

All applications will be reviewed by Kneehill County Council and the successful candidates will be selected based upon the following criteria:

First Scholarship

- 70% - Academic Achievement
- 20% - Written essay and contributions to school or community; leadership activities
- 10% - Letters of Reference

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Second Scholarship

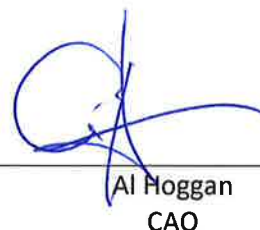
- 70% - Written essay and contributions to school or community; leadership activities
- 20% - Letters of Reference
- 10% - Academic Achievement

4. Presentation of Award:

The two successful candidates will each be awarded a cheque, in the amount of \$2,000 upon receipt of confirmation of enrollment at a recognized post-secondary institution. The successful candidates may be requested to attend a recognition ceremony at their convenience to be publically recognized. The award will be presented by the Reeve or designate.



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