



Diana Balbar Scholarship

Award

In recognition of Diana Balbar's valuable contribution to the community through volunteerism as well as her efforts in promoting youth volunteerism, ARAS is proud to offer \$1,000 annually (as part of a 12-year program).

Diana volunteers in many communities throughout rural Strathcona County and the common thread is that you will always find youth volunteering with her. Diana believes that mentoring youth to find ways to add value to their communities, will in turn help them find their own strengths, as well as foster confidence in their own abilities, which will last a lifetime. Diana also champions literacy through her work with the Strathcona County Library's Bookmobile.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for this scholarship, students must be either entering post-secondary, or currently enrolled in any year of an accredited program, degree, or diploma. There is no age restriction for applicants. Applicants may re-apply annually; however only one successful application per individual will be awarded.

Educational programs related to agriculture are desirable. You will be asked how your educational program might benefit the agricultural/rural community.

Selection criteria

ARAS would like to honor individual efforts in volunteerism and community involvement. Selection will be based on applicants' community involvement. In order to be eligible, ARAS will require a minimum of 8 volunteer hours logged with the society in the given calendar year. Volunteer hours must be submitted and sign off by the ARAS board of directors (see attached form). We invite any additional volunteer efforts to be included with the application for our panel's consideration.

Selection will also be based on these criteria, as well as answers provided in the questionnaire (see below).

Prerequisites

Proof of enrollment will be required prior to award of scholarship monies. Only the successful applicant will be requested to provide proof of enrollment in their respective accredited program, degree, or diploma.

References

Two (2) letters of reference are required with application. References may be from teachers, coaches, mentors, community leaders, etc.

Questionnaire

In an effort to get to know our applicants, we have created a series of questions. Please provide candid responses to each. Answers will be reviewed by our panel.

Deadline – October 1, 2020

Application deadline is October 1, 2020. Submissions will be reviewed in October; the successful applicant will be contacted in early November and be requested to provide their proof of enrollment.

Reapplication

Unsuccessful applicants are invited to reapply in subsequent years provided they still meet the eligibility requirements.