

## **Alberta Margaret Atkinson Scholarship**

### **Background**

Mr. James Henry Atkinson of Jasper bequeathed funds to the former Jasper School Board to establish a scholarship making funds available to a graduate of the Jasper Junior/Senior High School. The scholarship is dedicated to Mr. Atkinson's beloved wife, Alberta Margaret.

The Alberta Margaret Atkinson Scholarship was established to foster the worthy endeavor of medicine and dentistry. This scholarship recognizes and rewards student achievement and citizenship endeavors of graduates of the senior high school level with the goal of encouraging students to pursue further education in medicine.

The scholarship funds are held in trust by Grande Yellowhead Public School Division.

### **Funding**

1. Each year's scholarship award will be derived from the interest earned on the principal balance during the previous year.
2. The scholarship shall not be less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in any year in which it is awarded.
3. Any unpaid interest will be reinvested and added to the principal.
4. Grande Yellowhead Public School Division shall administer the fund by investing in guaranteed securities or in a savings account that has an interest rate that is higher than guaranteed securities.
5. The scholarship shall cease to exist once contributions have been exhausted.
6. Payment of the scholarship will be made on receipt of verification of the successful applicant's acceptance at a post-secondary institution in the program(s) related to the scholarship.
7. Advertising for the scholarship will take place during August and September of each year.

### **Nature of the Award**

The Alberta Margaret Atkinson Scholarship will consist of a certificate and an award of five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

### **Eligibility Criteria and Selection**

The recipient of the scholarship will be identified by the Grande Yellowhead Public School Division Awards Committee. Upon selection of the recipient, the Awards Chair shall provide written notification to the Superintendent of the recipient. The award will be presented to the student at the annual awards night for Jasper Junior/Senior High School.

The individual who is selected shall satisfy the following criteria:

1. Be a graduate of the Jasper Junior/Senior High School in Jasper, Alberta; and
2. Be a student in any year of medicine or dentistry; or
3. Be a student in second or subsequent years of study towards a degree or other advanced qualifications in nursing or paramedical studies; or
4. Be a student in second or subsequent years of Engineering or Commerce; or
5. Be a student in first or subsequent years in Law School.

Preference will be given to students in medical or dental studies.

### **Award**

The amount of the award will be determined by the amount of interest earned in that year, and will be a minimum scholarship of five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

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