

Title: Agricultural Education Grant

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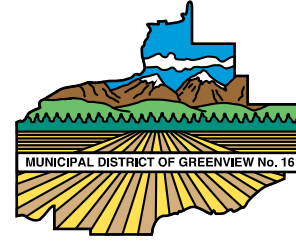
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Policy 8008 "Postsecondary Scholarships"

Purpose: To provide financial assistance to those attending agricultural education events. The Agricultural Education Grant seeks to support endeavors which expands knowledge of the agriculture industry.

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 **Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)** means the Chief Administrative Officer of Greenview, or designate.
- 1.2 **Eligible Applicant** means an applicant who meets the grant criteria established in the general principles for selection.
- 1.3 **Greenview** means the Municipal District of Greenview No. 16.
- 1.4 **Primary Residence** means living in a house, rental, or in the case of an entry level producer, in shared accommodations within the boundaries of Greenview, including the towns of Fox Creek and Valleyview.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

- 2.1. The Greenview Agricultural Service Board will annually dedicate up to \$1000.00 to each applicant until the budgetary maximum of \$4000.00 has been reached each year.
- 2.2. Applicants attending any educational event with an emphasis on agriculture are eligible for a \$1000 grant. Educational event includes:
 - A) Conferences;
 - B) Presentations;
 - C) Classes;
 - D) Speakers; or
 - E) Any other event deemed acceptable by the CAO.
- 2.3. Grants will be awarded to Eligible Applicants whose Primary Residence is in Greenview and will be attending an educational event with an emphasis on agriculture.
- 2.4. The CAO may award a maximum of \$1000.00 to an applicant for Agricultural Education Grant.

2.5. Applicants who are applying for this grant to be contributed towards full time postsecondary studies will not be considered.

2.6. If attending an event that is primarily livestock based, the event must be focused on cattle, swine, sheep, goats, bees, leafcutter bees, bison, or poultry production to be eligible for an Agricultural Education Grant.

3. AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION GRANT

3.1. Successful applicants may utilize the Agricultural Education Grant to cover the following expenses while attending an agricultural education event:

- A) All costs associated with travel including accommodations and subsistence;
- B) Registration or course fees; and
- C) Cost of acquiring daycare or animal care.

3.2. Selection principles of the Agricultural Education Grant shall be as follows:

- A) The applicant's Primary Residence is in Greenview;
- B) The applicant demonstrates financial need;
- C) The applicant is under 40 years of age;
- D) The applicant currently owns, works on, or demonstrates a strong interest in an agricultural operation;
- E) Preference will be given to applicants who are new to the agriculture industry and/or are trying to start, have recently started, or are trying to grow, their agricultural operation;
- F) Preference will be given to applicants who have not been previously awarded a grant from Greenview.

3.3. Applicants may apply or re-apply for a grant each year that they are attending an agricultural educational event provided they meet the selection criteria, however first-time applicants will be given priority.

4. PROCEDURE

4.1. Application will be available at any Greenview Public Service Building or on the Greenview website. Applications will remain open until the budgetary maximum has been met.

4.2. Only completed applications will be considered.

4.3. Successful applicants will be notified by Greenview Administration.

4.4. Following the receipt of an acceptance letter the successful applicant must provide proof of enrollment or attendance at the event, including related invoices or receipts, to Greenview Administration before grant funds will be released.

5. COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1. Council shall annually review and approve the Agricultural Education Grant budget.

6. ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIBILITIES

6.1. Administration shall annually prepare the Greenview Grant Portal to accept applications for the Agricultural Education Grant.

6.2. Administration will inform Council of all payments made under this policy.