

The Olaf & Olga Mattson Memorial Scholarship Application

Parents of our scholarship donor, Olaf & Olga Mattson, emigrated to Canada from Sweden in 1914 and settled on a homestead in Township 57, 4 miles north of what is now Rochfort Bridge. They worked hard clearing and breaking land, growing crops of wheat, oats and barley and raising livestock. Olaf helped form a school district & build the first school right in the middle of the township. It was called the Dundee School & the three oldest of the five Mattson children attended there until it was moved to Mayerthorpe. They then went to the school in Rochfort Bridge which was built in 1928.

“After high school and despite the hard times of the 1930’s all the children were provided with some sort of post secondary education: two in teaching, one in nursing, one in agriculture and one in auto mechanics. It is a tribute to the pioneers and a thank you to the country that gave us this opportunity that this scholarship is established. I would like others to have the same opportunity that we had.” **Mrs. Anna Damon**

The Scholarship:

One **\$700** scholarship will be awarded annually to a student that qualifies from the geographic area covered by Sangudo, Blue Ridge and Mayerthorpe that wishes to pursue his/her studies by attending a postsecondary institution. There are no limitations on the field of study.

Criteria/Procedure for Scholarship Applicants

1. This award must be applied for no later than May 18. Successful candidates will be informed sometime prior to the end of June.
2. Fill out the application and mail with resume and transcripts (if available) to:
Mayerthorpe Jr. Sr. High School
Attention: Awards Committee
Box 40
Mayerthorpe, AB T0E 1N0
Phone: 780-786-2624 Fax: 780-786-2246
3. Acceptance into an accredited program qualifies the person for the scholarship even if they **do not** have their grade 12 diploma. This program is also open to **young adult students**.
4. Acceptance of applicant will not necessarily be based strictly on school marks but whether or not the talent and drive of the student have been notably exhibited.
5. Presentation of the bursary will be made after the student is registered and attending classes. Proof of attendance at the post-secondary institution must be forwarded to the awards committee at MHS by Sept 30th. The bursary will be presented at the high school awards presentation or will be mailed directly to the recipients.
6. **Upon completion of their year of study, a brief letter should be forwarded by the student to the Foundation office stating how well he/she did.**

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Application Form*

Name of Student: _____ Phone: Day _____ Evening _____

Full Mailing
Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Family Address: _____

Father's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Siblings: # of Brothers _____ Ages: _____ # of Sisters: _____ Ages: _____

Social Insurance #: _____ (for income tax purposes)

Application Requirements:

1. Include a brief essay that details the following:

Academic Achievement

How you meet the requirements or spirit of this bursary/scholarship

Extracurricular Activities

Community Involvement

Future Career Goals

2. Two Reference Letters

3. Transcripts

4. Resume

Last year of formal schooling: _____ Grade Completed: _____

Post-Secondary Program in which I intend to pursue:

The educational institute is: _____

Date of Attendance: _____

Have you applied for other scholarships? If yes, please list.

Date: _____ Signature of Applicant: _____