



Subject: **2024 Kneehill County Scholarship Applications**
 Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2024
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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT: (Check all that apply)

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High Quality Infrastructure		Economic Resilience		Quality of Life		Effective Leadership		Level of Service	

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial (cite)- N/A

Council Bylaw/Policy (cite)- Policy #15-5, Kneehill County Scholarship

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Each year, Kneehill County offers two scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each to Kneehill County residents enrolled in post-secondary institutions. This year we received seven eligible applications.

The essay question was: What are the challenges and opportunities for youth participation in County decisions and public engagements. What barriers do young people face, and how can these obstacles be addressed to enhance their involvement?

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

The process for selecting two candidates will be as follows:

- Council will read all of the applicants’ essays, reference letters and contributions to school and community leadership activities and personal achievements.
- Names have been redacted to reduce unconscious biases.
- The Committee will then rate each of the applicants’ essays, reference letters and their contributions to school and community leadership activities and personal achievements on a scale of 1 to 10 (10 being the highest and 1 being the lowest score).
- The scores will be logged into a spreadsheet where they will be calculated based on 50% Essay, 25% Letters of Reference and 25% contributions to school and community.
- The two highest scores will be ranked 1st and 2nd in the far-right column.
- Council will then make a motion awarding two Scholarships.

FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

Funding for this initiative was supported through the 2024 Operating Budget.

RECOMMENDED ENGAGEMENT:

Directive Decision (Information Sharing, One-Way Communication)			
Tools:	Individual Notification	Other:	



ATTACHMENTS:

- Redacted Applications
- Policy #15-5, Kneehill County Scholarship
- 2023 Kneehill County Scholarship Overview Spreadsheet
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COUNCIL OPTIONS:

1. That Council award the two scholarship recipients with the highest scores.
2. That Council request further information.
3. That Council receive for information.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That Council award the 2024 Kneehill County Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.00 each to X and X.

FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:

Administration will contact recipients and organize with the school's time and dates for award ceremonies.

APPROVAL(S):

Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer

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