

Subject: **2025 Kneehill County Scholarship Applications**

Meeting Date: Tuesday, July 22, 2025

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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 initiatives do you think a rural municipality like Kneehill County could take to foster youth entrepreneurship and career opportunities within the region?"

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:	
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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Redacted Applications
- Policy #15-5, Kneehill County Scholarship
- 2025 Kneehill County Scholarship Overview Spreadsheet

**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 2025 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

Approved- ☒

