

Embracing Responsibility Scholarship

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: Who is Barb Hurlbut, and why is the scholarship dedicated to her?

Barb Hurlbut served as the former Riverview Aquatic Center coordinator for over three decades, and the scholarship is dedicated to honoring her exceptional contributions to the community. She continues to be an active member of our community, swims laps regularly and maintained her national lifeguard certification for 50 years.

Q: Who established the Embracing Responsibility Scholarship?

The scholarship was established by the Town of Riverview.

Q: Who is eligible for the scholarship?

The scholarship is open to Town of Riverview employees at the Pat Crossman Memorial Aquatic Centre and/or Ken Gabbey Outdoor Community Pool, including Grade 12 students and those pursuing post-secondary education (Masters, Postdoctoral excluded).

Q: What is the scholarship amount?

The scholarship totals \$2,000 CDN, awarded annually to one selected candidate.

Q: What is the purpose of the Embracing Responsibility Scholarship?

The scholarship aims to honor and support the commitment of lifeguards and swim instructors, recognizing their impact on and off the pool deck.

Q: How can applicants showcase their qualifications?

Applicants must submit an essay highlighting their responsibilities, impact, and leadership skills developed during their tenure. In addition, a reference letter from a school official (Principal, Guidance Counsellor, Teacher/Professor, etc.)

Q: Can non-Town of Riverview employees apply for the scholarship?

No, applicants must be Town of Riverview employees who work at the Pat Crossman Memorial Aquatic Center and/or the Lion Ken Gabbey Community Outdoor Pool.

Q: Is the scholarship open to graduate students?

No, the scholarship is not open to those pursuing Masters or Postdoctoral education.

Q: How many hours of work are required for eligibility?

Applicants must be on track to have worked a minimum of 400 hours (roughly 8 hours per week) by the time the scholarship is awarded.

Q: When is the submission deadline for the scholarship?

The submission deadline for the upcoming cycle is February 1, 2024, at 1 p.m. AST.

Q: How are recipients chosen?

The selection committee, consisting of former and current Town of Riverview employees, evaluates and interviews all scholarship finalists.

Q: When can I apply for the scholarship?

The application window is between December 15th and February 1, 2024, at 1 p.m. AST.

Q: When will the recipient be announced?

The recipient will be announced in Spring 2024, and finalists will be notified before the end of March 2024.

Q: When is the 'Recognize Riverview' Award gala?

The recipient will be recognized at the 'Recognize Riverview' Award gala on April 16, 2024.

Q: Can non-residents of Riverview apply for the scholarship?

Yes, but applicants must be current Town of Riverview employees who work at the Pat Crossman Memorial Aquatic Center and/or the Lion Ken Gabbey Community Outdoor Pool.

Can I apply if I work at a different aquatic center?

No, applicants must be employed at the Pat Crossman Memorial Aquatic Centre and/or the Lion Ken Gabbey Outdoor Community Pool.

Q: What should the essay focus on?

The essay should focus on leadership experience on and off the pool deck, emphasizing responsibilities, impact, and leadership skills.

Q: Is a letter of reference mandatory?

Yes, applicants must submit a letter of reference from a school official (Principal, Guidance Counsellor, Teacher/Professor, etc.)

Q: How do I submit my application?

Submit the completed form, reference letter, and essay online by February 1, 2024, at 1 p.m. AST.

Q: Can high school graduates apply?

Yes, Grade 12 students and those pursuing post-secondary education are eligible to apply. This pursuing their Masters, Postdoctoral are excluded.

Q: Can individuals who have taken a gap year or have not attended post-secondary education in the past apply for the scholarship?

Yes, individuals planning to pursue post-secondary education for the first time, even if they have taken a gap year or have not attended in the past, are also eligible to apply for the Embracing Responsibility Scholarship.

Q: Can individuals currently enrolled in post-secondary education apply for the scholarship in the 2023-2024 cycle?

Yes, for the 2023-2024 cycle only, we are accepting applications from individuals planning to pursue post-secondary education or currently enrolled in post-secondary for the first time who meet the eligibility criteria outlined for the Embracing Responsibility Scholarship.