



SPRINGBOARD TO SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIP

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POLICY

The district will have a Springboard to Success Scholarship Committee.

DEFINITIONS:

“District Awards Committee” is composed of all the counsellors in the secondary schools that belong to the District Awards Program. The committee is chaired by the District Principal, Learning Innovation. The committee meets yearly to distribute the scholarships and bursaries of the District Awards program in as equitable a manner as possible to students in the Prince George area.

“District Awards Program” is a program to provide scholarship and bursary support to students graduating in School District No. 57 (Prince George). The program includes schools in School District No. 57, Cedars Christian School and School District No. 93 (Francophone Education Authority) students attending Duchess Park Secondary. The awards program is made possible by the donations from many individuals, service clubs and companies in the Prince George area.

“Founding Awards” are awards existing in the school district prior to the establishment of the Springboard to Success Scholarship Fund. There are two Founding Awards -The Prince of Wales Scholarship and the Don Thorlakson Memorial Award. The capital related to these awards established the Fund.

“Other Awards” are awards that are established or enhanced by the fund. These awards are often memorial in nature.

“Springboard to Success Scholarship Fund” is an endowed fund held by the Prince George Community Foundation in accordance with the Millennium Scholarship Fund Creation Agreement entered into on December 22, 2000.



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“Springboard to Success Scholarship” is a scholarship awarded from the investment earnings of the Springboard to Success Scholarship Fund, which is not a Founding Award or Other Award.

“Springboard to Success Scholarship Committee” is the Committee established in accordance with this policy.

Responsibility Centre: Superintendent of Schools

References: Millennium Scholarship Fund Creation Agreement, December 22, 2000



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PREAMBLE

In December 2000 the school district and the Prince George Community Foundation agreed to the establishment, development and use of a Fund to be known as the Millennium Scholarship Fund. The parties jointly agreed that the earnings from this fund shall be used “to recognize academic excellence and/or to assist full-time students who have vocational or academic objectives, demonstrated ability to reach those objectives and who, along with their families where possible, are contributing towards their educational costs, but still require and/or merit further financial assistance.”

In May 2006, on the recommendation of a working group, the Prince George Community Foundation was advised that the name of the Millennium Scholarship Fund should be changed to Springboard to Success Scholarship Fund. The primary reason for this change of name was to distinguish this local scholarship partnership program from Millennium Scholarships awarded by the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation.

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REGULATIONS:

1. The Superintendent of Schools will annually establish a Springboard to Success Scholarship Committee to promote, enhance and oversee the Springboard to Success Scholarship Fund.
2. The Springboard to Success Scholarship Committee will be comprised of:
 - 2.1. The Secretary Treasurer or his designate, who will chair the committee.
 - 2.2. A secondary school principal.
 - 2.3. A trustee, to be named by the Chair of the Board of Education.
 - 2.4. A representative of the Prince George Community Foundation, to be named by the president of that foundation.
 - 2.5. Up to five members-at-large.
3. The members-at-large will be invited to participate in the committee by the Superintendent of Schools. They will reflect a strong interest and experience in both public education and community organizations within the geographic boundaries of School District No. 57.
4. The Springboard to Success Scholarship Committee is responsible for annually funding:
 - 4.1. Founding Awards
 - 4.2. Other Awards
 - 4.3. Springboard to Success Scholarships
5. The minimum endowment required to establish an "Other Award" is \$20,000. An endowment will only be accepted with the approval of the Springboard to Success Scholarship Committee.
6. The minimum award to be funded by the Springboard to Success Scholarship Committee will be \$1,000.
7. All awards to be funded by the Springboard to Success Scholarship Committee must be made available to students of all schools participating in the District Awards Program.



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8. The recipients of all awards funded by the Springboard to Success Scholarship Committee will be determined by the District Awards Committee.
9. The Springboard to Success Scholarship Committee is responsible for determining the annual value of the awards in excess of the minimum award value. The committee will fund any increase in the annual award value as may be determined by the committee.
10. The Springboard to Success Scholarship Committee is responsible for increasing the balance of the fund through fundraising events and encouraging contributions from interested citizens and businesses within the geographic boundaries of School District No. 57.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES:

1. The Springboard to Success Scholarship Committee will annually allocate funds for awards in the following order and minimum amount:
 - 1.1. Prince of Wales Scholarship – \$3,000
 - 1.2. Don Thorlakson Memorial Award – \$1,000
 - 1.3. A. L. Ford Memorial Scholarship – \$1,000
 - 1.4. Gairett MacIver Memorial Bursary – \$1,000
 - 1.5. Other awards as may be established and determined by the committee.
 - 1.6. A variable number of Springboard to Success Scholarships – \$1,000 each
2. The committee will work to ensure that the fund's stability reserve is fully funded at all times so that the maximum amount is available to be awarded as scholarships each year.
3. The committee will annually consider recognition of an individual or group that has contributed to public education in School District No. 57. In that year, Springboard to Success Scholarships may be awarded in honour of that individual or group.
4. The committee will report to the Board of Education through the trustee representative at least three times each school year.
5. The committee will provide the Prince George Community Foundation with an annual report of the specific awards made from investment income of the fund.
6. The committee will invite interested community members to assist in the fund-raising activities of the committee.

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