

## The SouthGrow Agri-Food Futures Scholarship

The Agri-Food Futures Scholarship was created by the Board of Directors of the SouthGrow Regional Initiative in 2019 to support local youth who want to pursue a career in the agri-food industry in southern Alberta. SouthGrow is a Regional Economic Development Alliance of 26 communities in south-central Alberta which is dedicated to opening up new economic opportunities for the region and supporting the continued quality of life enjoyed by our citizens. The promotion and development of the agri-food industry in southern Alberta is one of our chief priorities.

### Scholarship Value

\$1500 one-time payment. 2x Scholarships are Available. One for an eligible student attending the University of Lethbridge, and one for a student attending Lethbridge College.

### Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be a Canadian citizen, Permanent Resident, or Protected Person (visa students are not eligible)
- Be a permanent resident of one of the 26 SouthGrow Communities
- Be enrolled in full-time studies at either the University of Lethbridge or Lethbridge College for the coming year in either a undergraduate or graduate program.
- Have an intention to use your education to work in the Agri-food industry in Southern Alberta upon graduation.

### Application Process

Please submit the following documents to [peter.casurella@southgrow.com](mailto:peter.casurella@southgrow.com) for consideration.

- An official transcript (high school or to-date university transcript, whichever is applicable. Photocopies or scans are acceptable)
- A 1-page letter addressed to the Board of Directors of the SouthGrow Regional Initiative that introduces yourself and explains how you hope to apply the educational program you are enrolled in to pursue a career in the agri-food industry in southern Alberta.
- Two professional references who can be contacted to speak on your behalf.

### Due Date

Please submit your application before December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to be considered in the 2020 round. Disbursement of the scholarship will be aimed at January for the Spring Semester.

### Selection Process

The Board of Directors will review applications and select a recipient based on a majority vote of the members. Consideration will be given to grades and to your demonstrated experience and/or interest in the agri-food industry, as outlined by specific examples in your letter and supported by your references.

### Eligible Communities

Village of Arrowwood  
 Blood Tribe  
 Town of Cardston  
 Cardston County  
 Village of Carmangay  
 Village of Champion  
 Town of Claresholm  
 Town of Coaldale  
 Town of Coalhurst  
 Village of Coutts  
 Village of Foremost  
 City of Lethbridge  
 Lethbridge County  
 Village of Lomond  
 Town of Magrath  
 MD of Taber  
 Town of Milk River  
 Village of Milo  
 Town of Nobleford  
 Town of Picture Butte  
 Town of Raymond  
 Village of Stirling  
 Town of Taber  
 Town of Vauxhall  
 Town of Vulcan  
 Vulcan County  
 County of Warner  
 Village of Warner