SASKATCHEWAN WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP SCHOLARSHIP:
Solutions for Healthy Watersheds

Scholarship Overview & Eligibility

1. What the Scholarship Provides

The Saskatchewan Watershed Stewardship Scholarship gives you an opportunity to develop and implement an innovative project that improves watershed stewardship in the City of Saskatoon and the South Saskatchewan River Watershed.

The scholarship is a collaborative initiative involving the Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds (SAW), the City of Saskatoon, Meewasin Valley Authority and participating post-secondary institutions.

2. $10,000 Project Funding

You will have up to $5,000 in funding to implement your proposed project in the City of Saskatoon. An additional $5000 in funding toward your following year of post-secondary education, awarded after successful completion of the project.

You will gain hands-on experience in project implementation, leadership and project management, with opportunities to work with environmental professionals and community partners.

3. Are You Eligible?

You can apply for this scholarship if you meet the following requirements.

You must be attending one of the following Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Institutions:
- University of Saskatchewan
- Saskatchewan Polytechnic

If you attend the University of Saskatchewan, you must be:
- In your 2nd year and entering your 3rd year, or 3rd year and entering your 4th year.

If you attend Saskatchewan Polytechnic (any location), you must be:
- In your 1st year and entering your 2nd year, or 2nd year and entering your 3rd year.

You must also:
- Be 18 years of age or older at the time of the application.
- Be enrolled during both the application period and proposed project implementation period.
- Be legally entitled to study in Canada.
- Be able to complete your proposed project within the scholarship timeline.
- Be studying in a program related to environmental stewardship.

Relevant areas of study may include environmental science, environmental biology, geography, water resources, natural resources, engineering, agriculture, ecology, sustainability and other related fields.

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4. Application Dates

- Applications open: September 30, 2026
- Application submission deadline: December 1, 2026
- Finalist competition: March 2, 2027
- Project implementation and reporting: March–August 2027

5. Application Process

Step 1 — Determine Your Project: Identify an environmental or watershed challenge you want to address.
Step 2 — Learn About Watershed Stewardship: Before developing your project, explore the SAW website www.saskwatersheds.ca to learn about watershed stewardship, conservation practices, water resources and current projects in Saskatchewan.
Step 3 — Use the Scholarship Workbook to Develop Your Project: Use the Scholarship Workbook, and online resources to research the identified issue and develop a realistic project.
Step 4 — Create Your Project Proposal: Prepare a professional project proposal, maximum five pages, using the required components.
Step 5 — Complete the Application: Complete the scholarship application form www.saskwatersheds.ca/scholarship-program/.
Step 6 — Submit Your Complete Application: Submit all required documents to scholarship@saskwatersheds.ca.

Required Application Submission Package

- Copy of the acceptance letter of enrollment.
- Cover Letter — Introduce your project and explain why it matters.
- Current resume.
- Supporting letter of recommendation.
- Completed Scholarship Application Form
- Project Proposal

Only those selected will be notified.

6. Project Proposal Requirements - Maximum 5 Pages

Your project proposal should clearly explain what you propose to do, why it matters, how you will do it, and what you expect to achieve. The project proposal is limited to a maximum of five pages. Use the page allocation below as a guideline to help you present all required information clearly and concisely. You are not required to use the exact amount of space for each component.

Page 1 — Project Overview + Environmental Issue & Need for Action
Page 2 — Solution + Environnemental Impact & Outcomes
Page 3 — Project Objectives + Implementation
Tip: Use a table to organize your objectives, major activities, responsibilities and timeline. A table can help you present this information clearly while saving space.
Page 4 — Project Budget & Resources + Feasibility & Risk
Tip: Use tables or bullet points where helpful to present your budget, resources, challenges and mitigation strategies clearly and concisely.
Page 5 — Project Sustainability + Future Potential
Tip: Use concise bullet points to summarize your approach to building your knowledge, sustaining the project and its potential for future application.

7. Project Proposal Components

A. Project Overview
Begin your proposal by providing a brief overview of your project, including:

- Project Title – Create a project name
- Project Summary — In one or two sentences, describe your project, the environmental challenge it addresses, and the change you hope to achieve.
- Project Location — Identify where your project will take place within the City of Saskatoon and briefly describe.

B. Environmental Issue & Need for Action
Explain the environmental or watershed challenge your project will address.
Consider:

- **What is the issue or challenge?**
- **Why is it important in the local context?** How does the issue affect Saskatoon or the South Saskatchewan River Watershed.
- **Who or what is affected?** Consider impacts on water, ecosystems, land, wildlife or communities.
- **What evidence demonstrates the need?** Use credible research, data, local observations or other reliable sources.
- **What existing projects, programs or initiatives are addressing this issue?** How does your project complement existing work.

Tip: Use reliable sources and local information where possible. Your research should help demonstrate that the problem exists and that your proposed project responds to a real need.

C. Proposed Solution & Innovation
Explain your proposed solution and how it will address the environmental or watershed challenge you have identified.
Consider:

- **What do you propose to do?** Describe your approach and where the project will take place.
- **How will your approach address the environmental challenge?** Explain why you think it could work.
- **What makes your approach innovative, creative or unique?** Consider what you can learn from existing projects or programs.

Tip: Innovation can include adapting an existing idea, applying a proven approach in a new setting, combining existing approaches in a new way, or developing a creative solution to a local challenge.

D. Environmental Benefits & Expected Outcomes
Describe the environmental benefits you expect your project to achieve and the specific outcomes you hope to see.
Include:

- **What environmental benefits will your project provide?** Consider watershed health, habitat, biodiversity, water quality or climate resilience.
- **What specific changes or outcomes do you expect?**
- **How will you measure, observe or demonstrate those outcomes?** Consider what evidence would help show whether your project made a difference.

Tip: Be as specific as possible. Focus on realistic outcomes that can be observed or measured during or after your project.

7. Project Proposal Components (Continued)

E. Community Partnerships & Engagement
Identify the people, organizations or communities that could contribute to or benefit from your project.
Consider:

- **Who could you work with, and how could you engage them?** Identify potential partners, collaborators, community members or people affected by the project, and describe how they could contribute or participate.
- **What role could each partner or collaborator play?** Consider how they could contribute to your project.
- **How could your project benefit the community?**

Tip: You do not need to have formal partnerships in place when you apply. Identify potential partners or collaborators and explain how they could contribute to or benefit from your project.

F. Budget & Resources
Provide a realistic budget showing how you plan to use up to $5,000 in project implementation funding to complete your project.
Include:

- **What materials, equipment, services or other resources will you need?**
- **Are additional sources of funding, in-kind contributions, equipment, expertise or other support available?**

G. Feasibility & Risk
Demonstrate that your project is realistic and can be completed within the available time, funding and resources.
Consider:

- **What challenges or barriers could affect your project?**
- **How will you address or reduce these risks?** Consider practical steps you could take to prevent or respond to challenges.
- **What permissions, approvals, site access, equipment or expertise will you need?**
- **Can your project realistically be completed within the March–August 2027 implementation period?**

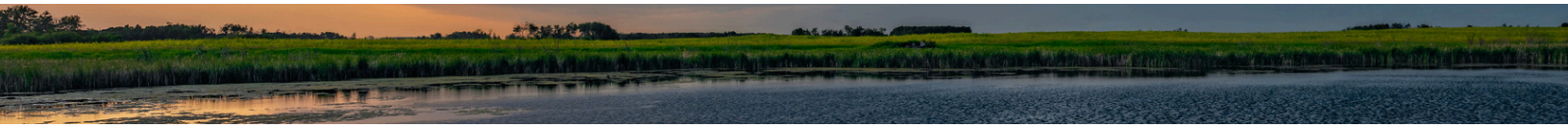
Tip: Use a table or bullet points where helpful to present potential challenges, risks and mitigation strategies clearly and concisely.

H. Sustainability & Future Potential
Explain how the benefits of your project could continue beyond the initial project implementation period.
Consider:

- **Describe any opportunities to maintain, continue, expand or build on the project or its results.**
- **Could the project approach or results be adapted or replicated in another location or community?**

Additional Considerations:
As you develop your project, consider the following priorities:

- **City of Saskatoon** - How does your project relate to relevant environmental or sustainability priorities in Saskatoon? **Environmental Initiatives: www.saskatoon.ca/environmental-initiatives**
- **Meewasin Valley Authority** - How does your project relate to relevant environmental or sustainability priorities identified by Meewasin Valley Authority? **Strategy/resources: www.meewasin.com/strategy/**
- **Knowledge Sharing & Public Education** – How can you share what you learn and help others understand the environmental or watershed issue you are addressing?
- **Potential for Replication** — Consider whether your project, approach or results could be adapted or applied in another community or location in Saskatchewan.



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