

# Ron Kur Academic Scholarship

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Ron Kur was born and raised in Sturgeon County. Mr. Kur started his educational journey at Poplar Lake School and went on to graduate grade 12 at Horse Hill. He then pursued a Bachelor degree in Social Work from the University of British Columbia. After receiving his degree, he returned to Sturgeon County to be the Assistant Director of the National Parole Service for 10 years in Edmonton. Mr. Kur then pursued farming full time. Like Mr. Kur, both of his sons also attended Sturgeon Public Schools. They both graduated from Sturgeon Composite High School.

The Ron Kur Academic Scholarship honors Mr. Kur's passion for learning and post-secondary education by giving back to the members of Sturgeon County.

The Ron Kur Academic Scholarship recognizes Sturgeon Composite High School students with outstanding academic achievement and exemplary community and school involvement.

## **Value**

A \$10,000 scholarship will be awarded to two Sturgeon Composite High School graduates each year.

## **Eligibility**

Applicants must have completed their grade 12 year at Sturgeon Composite High School as a full-time student (enrolled in thirty credits). In addition, they must be accepted into an accredited University and enrolled full time for September of the same calendar year as their graduation. Successful candidates must provide proof of enrollment by September 5 to receive the scholarship.

**Applications** - Due September 5 each year before 11:59pm. Please email your application package to [nballanc@sturgeon.ab.ca](mailto:nballanc@sturgeon.ab.ca) and [Crystal.Michaud@sturgeon.ab.ca](mailto:Crystal.Michaud@sturgeon.ab.ca).

## **Application Packages:**

### **1. Essay**

Applicants will submit a maximum 500 word essay that highlights their personal journey, community involvement, educational goals and career ambitions.

### **2. Reference Letter**

Applicants must provide three reference letters: one from the school, and two from the community. These letters will provide an additional perspective on who the student is as an individual and speak to their community and school involvement.

3. **Academics:** Please provide your transcript / Detailed Academic Record from Mypass

Applicants must meet the following academic requirements:

An average of 25 credits at the 30 level in the following courses taken at SCHS

- English 30-1 (*must be included*)
- Four courses from the following:
  - Social 30-1
  - Math 30-1 or 30-2
  - Math 31
  - Second Language at the 30 level
  - Science 30
  - Biology 30
  - Physics 30
  - Chemistry 30

4. ***Proof of Enrollment to an Accredited University:***

Applicants must be accepted into an accredited University and enrolled full time for September of the same calendar year as their graduation. Successful candidates must provide proof of enrollment by September 5 to receive the scholarship.

5. ***Formal Interview***

Following a review of each application package as outlined above, the selection committee will interview the top candidates regarding goals, aspirations, and commitment to furthering community values.

**Selection Committee:**

The committee will consist of Sturgeon Composite High School staff including administration, student services, teachers, and support staff. Successful candidates will be notified of their interview time and date by September 30.