



Date: November 27, 2024 **Agenda Item:** 8.2
To: Board of Trustees
From: Shawna Warren, Superintendent
Originator(s): Jonathan Konrad, Deputy Superintendent, Education Services
Subject: **Sturgeon Public Schools Scholarships 2023 - 2024**

Background:

Sturgeon Public School Division graduates are prepared to excel at post-secondary institutions and in their future careers. To aid in financing post-secondary education, Sturgeon Public Schools manages and promotes four local scholarships for students who enroll in a full-time program for post-secondary studies or apprenticeship within 15 months of graduation.

Sturgeon Public Schools Scholarship

A scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded to all grade 12 students who have attended Sturgeon Public Schools, earned at least 30 Grade 12 credits, and maintained an average of 80% across 25 credits, following published guidelines.

Sturgeon Public Schools Bursary

A bursary of \$500 will be awarded annually to one student from Redwater School and one student from Sturgeon Composite High School who exhibit exemplary effort to attain their level of achievement and have strong participation in co and extracurricular activities at school and in the community.

Frank Robinson Memorial Scholarship

The scholarship of \$500 will be awarded annually to one student from Redwater School and one student from Sturgeon Composite High School who has met or exceeded specified achievement and enrolment criteria and who is deemed to have provided the greatest amount of support to the school.

Konica Minolta Scholarship

This scholarship of \$250 is awarded to one student from Redwater School, one student from Sturgeon Composite High School, and one student from Sturgeon Learning Centre/Morinville Learning Centre who has demonstrated exemplary work habits and an interest in technology and advancing technology in their education.

For the 2023 – 2024 school year, the following scholarships were awarded by Sturgeon Public Schools:

	<u>Redwater High School</u>	<u>Sturgeon Composite High School</u>	<u>MLC/SLC</u>
Sturgeon Public Schools Scholarship (\$1,000 each)	3	20*	n/a
Sturgeon Public Schools Bursary (\$500 each)	n/a	1	n/a
Frank Robinson Memorial (\$500)	1	1	n/a
Konica Minolta Scholarship (\$250 each)	1	1	n/a

The total value of the above-awarded scholarships is \$25,000.

*Of these 20 students, 17 students have met the conditions for the SPS Scholarship, and 6 students have yet to submit their confirmation of enrolment in a post-secondary institution (students have 15 months after high school graduation to enroll in post-secondary). Of these 17 students, 1 student graduated in the 2022 - 2023 school year. Due to the continued residual effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on student learning, this student claimed their scholarship for the 2023 - 2024 school year.

Status & Relationship to Superintendent Leadership Quality Standard (SLQS):

This report aligns with the [SLQS](#) in the following way:

COMPETENCY: (1) Building Effective Relationships
INDICATORS: a. collaborating with community and provincial agencies to address the needs of students and their families; and
 f. facilitating the meaningful participation of members of the school community and local community in decision-making.

COMPETENCY: (3) Visionary Leadership
INDICATORS: a. ensuring that the vision is informed by research on effective learning, teaching and leadership; and
 c. promoting in the school community a common understanding of and support for the school authority's goals, priorities and strategic initiatives.

- COMPETENCY:** (6) School Authority Operations and Resources
- INDICATORS:** a. providing direction on fiscal and resource management in accordance with all statutory, regulatory and school authority requirements; and
- g. recognizing student and staff accomplishments.

Governance Implications:

Education Act

Board responsibilities

33(1) A board, as a partner in education, has the responsibility to

(g) collaborate with post-secondary institutions and the community to enable smooth transitions for students from secondary to post-secondary education

Policy 105: Vision, Mission and Values

VISION

Sturgeon Public School Division: where, through a well-rounded education, students are motivated and supported to pursue their unique path to future success.

Policy 225: Role of the Board

Collaboration

The Board shall collaborate with municipalities, other boards and community-based service agencies in order to effectively address the needs of all students and manage the use of public resources and collaborate with post-secondary institutions and the community to enable smooth transitions for students from secondary to post-secondary education [Education Act s. 33(1)(f)(g)].

Policy 700: Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent directly reports to the Board of Trustees and is accountable to the Board of Trustees on behalf of students and the public, for the total operation of the school system in a manner that is consistent with the requirements of the Education Act, Alberta Education regulations, the Superintendent Leadership Quality Standard, Board policies, Division vision, mission and values, and the Education Plan goals.

Policy 905: Awards and Recognition Policy

The Board believes students should be recognized for excellence in various curricular, extracurricular and service programs. The Board believes that students should be recognized for improvement in academic achievement and personal performance.

Administrative Procedure 860: Division Awards, Scholarships, Bursaries, and Recognition

Sturgeon Public Schools recognizes outstanding student performance and significant improvement in performance in various curricular, extra-curricular and service programs.



Administration is prepared to respond to questions at the November 27, 2024, Public Board meeting.

Attachment(s):

Not applicable.