

Establish a Student Award

Help change the future in a students life



Education is a journey that can take you anywhere, but for many Calgary students the road ends when they leave high school.

Student awards provide critical support for students by putting post-secondary education within reach. When you establish a student award, you can help alleviate the burden of debt that so many students face.

Invest in students now

As the founder of an award, you determine the criteria by which recipients are selected by the EducationMatters Awards Committee. In all cases, the eligibility of student applicants is carefully checked to ensure students meet the Terms of Reference requirements. Without exception, the donor's wishes are strictly honoured. A donor can also participate in the selection of the award recipient(s).

One student at a time

There are many options for creating a student award; whether you choose a scholarship, bursary or a prize; want to provide it for a limited time or endow it in perpetuity, we are all winners when students are provided assistance in pursuing their educational dreams.

Types of student awards

Scholarships - awards with the primary criteria specified as minimum academic achievement. Other criteria such as community involvement, field of study or other specific interests can also be considered or included as a requirement of selection.

Bursaries - awards with the primary criteria specified as financial need.

Prizes - awards based on a specific accomplishment of the student and

can be distributed at any grade level. Examples of terms may include: an award for the student with most number of volunteer hours in grade 7; the winner of the school science fair; providing a promising music student the opportunity to attend a band camp etc.

Award structure

Endowed Award Fund - a gift provided to be invested where the interest is used to distribute an award of up to 4.5% of the endowed fund. The balance of the interest is rolled back into the capital to allow for future growth. EducationMatters withdraws a 1.5% fee annually for the administration of the award, which is typically covered through the interest earned on the fund.

Currently, we utilize the professional services of Mawer Investment Management Limited to manage all funds. A minimum investment of \$5,250 is required to establish an endowed fund.

Flow-through Award - student awards can also be established with a flow-through donation. A gift is provided for an award and typically gets distributed within a short period of three to five years.

A minimum contribution of \$5,250 is required. Flow-through gifts do not earn interest. EducationMatters withdraws a one-time 5% fee to cover administration costs.



To establish a new award or contribute to an existing award, please contact us!