



## Canadian Foundation for Food and Agricultural Education (CFFAE) Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship

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### 2018 Guidelines

*Application deadline is 11:59 pm, March 9, 2018*

#### **Purpose**

The RBC Foundation sponsors the Canadian Foundation for Food and Agricultural Education (CFFAE) Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is in recognition of the significant contribution Douglas McRorie, PAg, FAIC, made to agricultural finance throughout his career with the Royal Bank of Canada, his involvement in agricultural banking and agricultural economics, and his belief in continuous training.

Two scholarships will be offered in 2018 for students specializing in agricultural business, economics, finance or trade: one for Masters level students for \$3,000 and one for PhD students at \$5,000.

#### **Tenure**

The scholarship is for full-time study in the 2018-19 academic year at any Canadian university with an agricultural degree program.

Payment of the scholarship will be made to the recipient and the award is subject to receipt of written confirmation of enrollment from the university that the recipient is attending.

#### **Eligibility**

- Candidates must hold Canadian citizenship or Permanent Resident status.
- Candidates must be registered full-time in a Masters or PhD program in the area of agricultural business, economics, finance or trade.
- Candidates must be enrolled in their graduate program until at least one semester beyond the application deadline.
- Previous recipients of this scholarship are not eligible for a second award.

#### **Selection Criteria**

Selection of scholarship recipients will be based solely on information provided as part of the application package. No restrictions are placed on scholarship applicants holding other grants or awards or receiving assistance or income from other sources.

Scholarships are awarded on the following basis (not necessarily placed in order of importance):

1. Academic achievement
2. Areas of study
3. Leadership and community service
4. Work experience and career interests
5. Letters of recommendation

**Note: Successful scholarship recipients will be required to agree to ongoing occasional follow up from CFFAE to assist us in assessing short and long term impact of the scholarship.**

## **Ranking Based on Selection Criteria (100 points total)**

### **Part 1 Academic Achievement (25 pts total)**

#### *Academic Score*

GPA score x 3.5 = no. of pts (**15 pts maximum**) or Percentage x 15 = number of pts

#### *Honours/Achievements*

Honours or achievements reported (**10 pts maximum**)

### **Part 2 Areas of Study (25 pts total)**

#### *Course Relevance*

Undergraduate and post-graduate courses directly related to agricultural business, economics, finance or trade (**20 pts maximum**)

#### *Scholarship Relevance*

Applicant demonstrates awareness of and shows relevance of application to scholarship objectives (**5 pts maximum**)

### **Part 3 Community Involvement (20 pts total)**

#### *Personal Development*

How applicant sees his/her experience, attitude and importance of community service in his/her personal development and future career interests. 2 points for each different role/community service experience reported (**8 pts maximum**)

#### *Scholarship Relevance*

Additional points credited if different leadership roles/community service are directly related to agricultural business, economics, finance or trade (**8 pts maximum**)

#### *Leadership*

Additional point credited if role is as project leader; 0.5 additional points credited if role is as project organizer or project assistant (**4 pts maximum**)

### **Part 4 Career Interests (20 pts total)**

#### *Work Experience*

Work experience directly related to agricultural business, economics, finance or trade (**5 pts maximum**)

#### *Goals Developed*

Stated goals the applicant developed as part of any career experience (**3 pts maximum**)

#### *Goals Achieved*

Achieving the stated goals and for describing the level of achievement on the stated goal (**4.5 pts maximum**)

#### *Skills Developed*

Stated skill the Applicant has developed as part of the career experience (**3 pts maximum**)

#### *Future Goals*

Complete description of the Applicant's future personal, educational and career goals for the next ten years (**4.5 pts maximum**)

## **Part 5 Other (10 pts total)**

### *Communication Skills*

Application is well organized, clearly written, concise and addresses selection criteria (**2 pts maximum**)

### *Recommendations*

Letters of reference (up to 3) provided (**8 pts maximum**)

**Reference letters must be sent directly by the referee to [manager@cfae.ca](mailto:manager@cfae.ca).**



### **Administration of Award Program**

The program is administered by the Canadian Foundation for Food and Agricultural Education through its Education and Scholarship Committee.

### **How to Apply**

Complete the CFAE Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship application in full and provide all documentation requested. All questions must be answered. If additional space is needed, use a separate sheet. Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions and a letter from the university confirming enrolment in your current program are required. Letters of reference from faculty advisors are encouraged.

Applications must be submitted electronically to [manager@cfae.ca](mailto:manager@cfae.ca).

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