

Jane Nicholson Fine Arts Scholarship

Note: For a student from Spirit River Regional Academy only

In 2012 the Nicholson Family established a Fine Arts Scholarship in honor of Jane Nicholson who passed away on July 2, 2012 after a lengthy battle with cancer. Jane began her teaching career in 1984 as the travelling band teacher, teaching at the Spirit River Secondary, Blueberry Creek, Savanna, Bonanza, Rycroft, Wanham, Eaglesham and Woking Schools. In her second year of teaching she taught band only at the Spirit River Secondary School (known today as Spirit River Regional Academy). From 1991 to 1997 she taught at the Ste. Marie School in Spirit River. She returned to our school in the fall of 1997 and remained on staff until her passing in 2012. During her years of teaching in our school she organized 9 Open House Canada/SEVEC band exchanges with schools in Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick. She also organized a trip to a music recording studio in Edmonton where the band recorded an album, took our band to the Grande Prairie Music Festival where they earned top awards for music excellence, toured our school band where they performed in the Vancouver, B.C. area and a number of other performances in our local area, including our community Remembrance Day Ceremony, June Jamboree and our Community Festival of Carols at Christmas time. Music was her passion and she shared her musical talents with students in our area throughout her life.

An annual scholarship of \$500 will be available to students for a period of 10 years (2021 will be the final year). The application deadline will be August 31st of each year and the scholarship will be awarded at the September Awards Ceremony. This scholarship will be awarded only when suitable Fine Arts applications are received.

For the first year of this scholarship students who graduated in June 2012 will be eligible. The application deadline will be January 31, 2013.

This scholarship is based on:

1. Students who enroll in post-secondary programming in Fine Arts including Music, Dance and Drama. Preference will be given to those enrolled in a Music Program.
2. Personal letter/essay indicating how the Fine Arts have influenced their life and how they will share their Fine Arts talent (two pages maximum).

All applicants must submit:

1. A completed application form
2. A personal letter/essay as described above
3. Proof of enrolment and acceptance at a post-secondary institution.

Deadline: August 31st

Send the completed application to:
The Principal
Spirit River Regional Academy
Bag 2500
Spirit River, Alberta T0H3G0

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Part 1: Personal Information

Applicant's Name Print: _____

Date of Birth: _____
Day Month Year

Present Address: _____ Phone: _____

Home address if different than above:

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

University or College where the applicant is registered.

Name: _____ Location: _____

Part 2: Personal letter/Essay

Attach a personal letter to your application indicating how the Fine Arts have influenced your life and how you will share your Fine Arts talent (two pages maximum).

Part 3: Proof of Enrolment

Attach a copy of proof of enrollment at a post-secondary institution.