

Andy Polanski Charitable Foundation - Andy Polanski “Leader of Tomorrow” Memorial Scholarship

The Andy Polanski Charitable Foundation (APCF) is a non-profit society that was established in 2014 following the tragic passing of an exceptional young man, Andy Polanski. Comprised exclusively of volunteers, APCF remains committed to fulfilling the foundation’s vision ‘**To make things better, not for ourselves but for everyone around us**’. This vision is solely inspired by the sincere and generous personality of Andy, encompassing his many wonderful attributes and traits that left a mark on those who knew him and continues to inspire many. Andy was a young man with strong family roots, always ready to share in some fun and laughter, and a willingness to lend a helping hand. This resulted in Andy volunteering for many positions within his school and community while he completed his high school and post-secondary education goals.

The Andy Polanski Charitable Foundation (APCF) is very proud to offer a \$1,000 scholarship to a Fort Saskatchewan high school student pursuing a post-secondary education who, in addition to completing their high school requirements, has been able to demonstrate the importance of giving back, therefore impacting others.

Criteria:

- ❑ Have completed the requirements for high school graduation at a Fort Saskatchewan school, with a 70% average or higher
- ❑ Be registered in a full-time accredited Canadian post-secondary institution entering the first year of a degree, diploma or certificate program in a field of study of their choice in the coming school year
- ❑ Demonstrate a commitment to academic excellence, leadership and strong, positive community contributions

Instructions:

1. Complete the APCF Scholarship Application Form
2. Provide a copy of your official Alberta Transcript of High School Achievement
3. Provide proof of acceptance into the post-secondary institution and field of study in the coming school year (if available)
4. Include a cover letter accompanying your application documentation introducing yourself and highlighting your academic achievements and pursuits for post-secondary study
5. Include a 500 - 2000 word essay to best answer the question, “What contributions have I completed that demonstrate my understanding of the importance of giving back to others and as a result how will this impact my future as a “*Leader of Tomorrow*”?”
6. Provide **two** reference letters;
 - i. A reference letter from a teacher, school staff, coach, employer, volunteer organization, etc. who can personalize your reference letter, indicate and specifically describe your community involvement, highlight any community recognition and demonstrate why you are a worthy candidate for this scholarship.

- ii. A personal reference letter from someone who has known you for at least 6 months, is not a family member, and must be able to describe how you are a “*Leader of Tomorrow*” and why you should receive this scholarship.

Note: Proof of enrollment at the post-secondary institution will be verified to ensure all the criteria conditions have been fulfilled.

Selection:

A committee, chosen by APCF, will select the scholarship recipient based on a combination of meeting the academic requirement, demonstrating leadership and community involvement based on the application criteria, reference letters and essay submitted.

The selection committee will be evaluating the essay based on the following elements;

- Self-impact and personal growth gained
- Contributions, experiences and involvements
- Continuing as a “Leader of Tomorrow”
- Creativity

Application Submission: Applications will be accepted from Feb 1 – Sept 1, 2026

Application Deadline: September 1, 2026.

Submission Details: Mail: Andy Polanski Charitable Foundation
Attn: Scholarship Submissions

98, 8930-99 Avenue
Fort Saskatchewan, AB
T8L 3L1

Email: scholarships.apcf@gmail.com

The successful applicant will be contacted by an APCF Representative no later than October 15, 2026.

2026 APCF "Leaders of Tomorrow" Scholarship Application Form

Full Name		
Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy)		
Mailing Address		
Email Address		
Phone Number(s)		
High School	Name of High School: _____ Alberta Student Number: _____	
Identify the 5 courses utilized to calculate the average of 70% or higher	Select 1 from the following; <input type="checkbox"/> English 30-1 <input type="checkbox"/> English 30-2 <input type="checkbox"/> French 30-1 <input type="checkbox"/> French 30-2	Select 2 from the following; <input type="checkbox"/> Math 30-1 <input type="checkbox"/> Math 30-2 <input type="checkbox"/> Math 31 <input type="checkbox"/> Social 30-1 <input type="checkbox"/> Social 30-2 <input type="checkbox"/> Science 30 <input type="checkbox"/> Biology 30 <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry 30 <input type="checkbox"/> Physics 30
	Select any 2 courses with a minimum 5 credits at a Grade 12 level <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	
Post-Secondary	Name of Institution: _____ Post-Secondary Student ID Number: _____ Program Designation: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> I consent to the collection, use and disclosure by the Andy Polanski Charitable Foundation of my name, image and the post-secondary institution I attend if my application is successful. I understand that the Andy Polanski Charitable Foundation may post this information via any form of social media or traditional media source. Initial: _____		