

Argentinean Manitoban Association

2017 Enrique Eismendi Scholarship



SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

The Argentinean Manitoban Association (AMA) invites applications for two scholarships established in the memory of Enrique Eismendi, one of the founders and the first President of AMA. Each scholarship, for an amount of \$1,000, will be awarded to Argentinean landed immigrants or Canadian citizens of Argentinean descent enrolled in a program at a Canadian post-secondary institution in Manitoba. The purpose is to assist members of the community in accomplishing their educational goals and pursuits.

ELIGIBILITY

- 1) Applicants must be Canadian citizens or landed immigrants and have to be Argentinean or of Argentinean descent. Applicants must be enrolled in a program at a Canadian postsecondary institution in Manitoba, accredited by the Provincial Ministry of Education.
- 2) Applicants must be an active member of at least 18 years of age, or graduating from high school, within the calendar year that the scholarship is awarded.
- 3) Applicants must not have been awarded the scholarship twice previously for the same degree.

REQUIREMENTS

- A fully completed and signed Application Form
- 2 reference letters
- Four copies of an essay (See ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS below)
- Documentation supporting points 1), and 2) of the Eligibility criteria.
- Official academic transcripts and proof of enrollment (University or College Certificate).

WHERE TO SEND THE APPLICATION

All completed applications and any correspondence should be sent to:
Argentinean Manitoban Association
Re: Enrique Eismendi Scholarship 2017
Caboto Centre
1055 Wilkes Ave
Winnipeg, MB R3P 2L7

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DEADLINE

Completed applications and supporting materials must be returned (to the above address) and postmarked no later than May 31, 2017.

ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS

All applicants will complete an essay that describes the applicant's specific academic, vocational, and/or career goals.

It should include a summary of the steps taken, or difficulties overcome, in the pursuit of said goals (e.g. paid work, volunteer work, previous academic studies, accomplishments, awards, and honours, scholarships, etc.).

NEW: Volunteer work completed

The essay should also include a description of any volunteer work performed, with emphasis given on work done with the association (if any). Quality and quantity of time spent volunteering for AMA will both be considered.

All essays must adhere to the following guidelines:

- 1) be written in English
- 2) between a minimum of 400 and maximum of 600 words
- 3) not include any way to identify the applicant personally (such as, but not limited to, naming oneself or one's immediate family)
- 4) indicate the course of study and academic institution attended

APPLICATION and SELECTION PROCESS

1) One large envelope should be sent containing all the required material (see REQUIREMENTS above).

2) Applicants must be willing to perform a volunteer project at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Examples may be, but are not limited to: running an event or seminar for members, contributing to the website, volunteering at movie nights or Folklorama. Ideas are welcome in the application but are not part of the assessment.

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- 3) During the selection process, the AMA Scholarship Committee will review and screen all applications. All essays from eligible applicants will be forwarded to a Selection Committee formed by independent judges.
 - 4) The Selection Committee will review and rank the submissions according to preset weightings.
 - 5) No late applications will be considered. The decision of the committee is final; once the two winners are selected there will be no appeal process and no third place awards. In the event of a tie for the second scholarship, the President of the association will review said applications and decide upon the winner.
 - 6) Only the finalists will be contacted. They will be required to sign a statement indicating that the essay is entirely his or her own work and to allow AMA and/or its designated agents to use their name and photograph for the purpose of publicizing the AMA Scholarship Program.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Essay:

1. Goals intended and achieved (academic, vocational, or career) in connection to studies being undertaken, accomplishments and work performed in conjunction with the pursuit of said studies.
2. Clarity of Expression: presenting ideas creatively, logically and coherently, with attention given to composition and grammar.
3. Volunteer work performed, with emphasis on work performed for AMA.

FINAL CONSIDERATIONS:

1. The Scholarship payment will be released only after proof of payment from the Educational Institution is submitted to AMA and the volunteer work is completed, or sufficiently underway with a commitment to be completed.
2. If the tuition fees are less than \$1000, the winner applicant will have a credit that could be used against future tuition fees. This credit will expire in June 30, 2019.
3. By applying for the scholarship, applicants agree to be bound by these rules and the decision of the committee, which is final.

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4. The scholarship is to be used exclusively for academic expenses or career development.
 5. By applying, the applicant consents to our use of his or her name and photo. Additionally, the winner must attend the award ceremony.
 6. The scholarship is nontransferable.
 7. The essays and any other documentation submitted in this scholarship application will become property of A.M.A.

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