

Best and Brightest Scholarships

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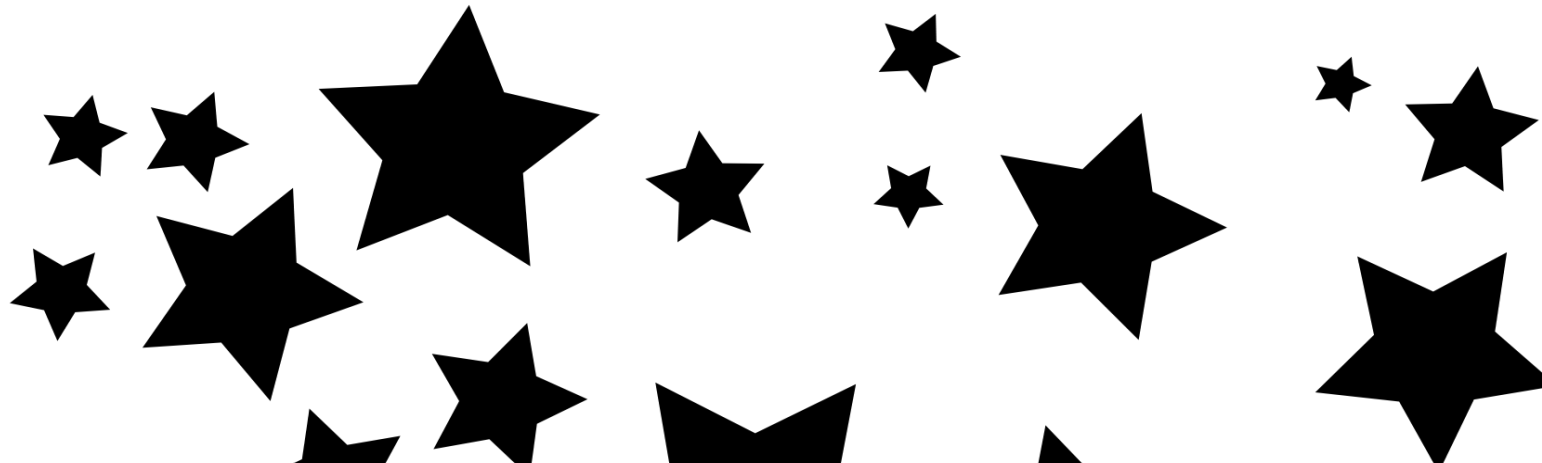
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- The Best and Brightest Scholarships are the University of Saskatchewan's premiere entering awards. The centrally administered scholarships consist of:
 - a) Five Presidents' Best and Brightest Scholarships (\$40,000)
 - b) Twelve Chancellor's Scholarships (\$30,000)
 - c) Twelve University of Saskatchewan Entrance Scholarships (\$30,000)
- Five awards (one Presidents' Best and Brightest and two each of the other awards) are Circle of Honour awards, preferentially awarded to Indigenous students

Best and Brightest Selection Process

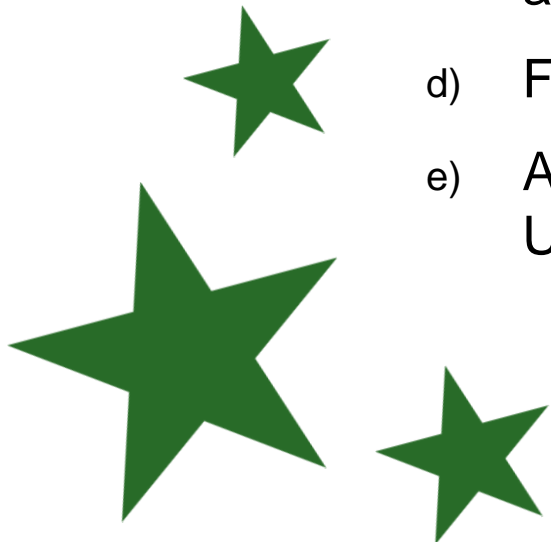
- This year, the Scholarships and Awards Committee reviewed applications from **263 incoming high school students** with a **95%+ average** and selected recipients based on leadership and contributions to school and community life.
- The applicant pool is limited to students from domestic high schools, but included 15 applicants from out of province



Best and Brightest - Recipients

Of the **twenty-nine university-wide** Best and Brightest recipients:

- a) One is from Alberta
- b) Ten are from seven different high schools in Saskatoon
- c) The remaining eighteen are from fourteen communities in Saskatchewan, including three from Prince Albert, two from Regina, and two from Moose Jaw
- d) Five are Indigenous (Metis and First Nations)
- e) All are exceptional leaders, learners, and future contributors to the University of Saskatchewan community



Best and Brightest Recipient Accomplishments



Recipients' activities involve:

- Worked to combat food insecurity in their community through the development of local community accessible pantries
- Having emigrated from Afghanistan as refugees, supported others also emigrating and provided online help for girls facing reduced educational opportunities in their country of origin
- Volunteered in a lab focused on developing cancer therapies
- Led classes teaching their family's Bannock recipe at a local food bank, including inviting guests able to share the experience of growing up Indigenous in their local area

