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“Dr. Rex & Beverley Leach Animal Health Scholarship”

The Dr. Rex and Beverley Leach Animal Health Scholarship Fund was awarded for the first time in 2005. It was established by Dr. Leach to encourage and aid local students in their pursuit of a career in the animal health field.

Rex graduated from the College of Veterinary Medicine in Saskatoon in April 1970. He practiced in Shoal Lake, MB until he moved his family to Swan River in October 1971. Initially, the practice was located in the family home until it was moved to a new government clinic in 1976. There it continued to grow to become a three-person practice. Rex remained very involved until his death in 2009, just as he began to consider retirement. A loving husband and father, Rex was truly devoted to the veterinary profession, the clients and animals he served. He passed this enthusiasm on to the many students he mentored through the years. It was his wish that local students in particular, would have the opportunity to train and perhaps, return to the Swan Valley.

Rex was also very community minded and was very involved in minor hockey, 4H Horse Club, the Agriculture Society and the ski trail but his consuming passion, other than veterinary medicine, was the establishment of the Community Foundation of Swan Valley. He was a founding member and he had the satisfaction of knowing that it was thriving and growing. It was his wish that the interest from the fund be personally established, would assist students in the field of animal related programs for years to come.

The Community Foundation of Swan Valley manages this award for the Leach family. The Academic Awards Committee will select the award recipient and notify them by the end of Oct of each year. The value of the two scholarships is approximately **\$1,100 each**, future awards will be determined by the annual **interest** from the Fund. **The Award will be paid in early December directly to a qualified educational institution and applied to the student’s winter term tuition.** Additional eligibility requirements are listed below.

Summary of Award Requirements:

1. The student shall be a Grade 12 graduate of the Swan Valley Regional Secondary School.
2. The Student shall be entering a college or university to complete a diploma or degree program in the field of animal health or a field relating to animal health.
3. Applicants will a letter outlining your experiences in the field and your plans for future studies and/or employment.
4. Preference will be given to those entering a Canadian Institution. A copy of confirmation of acceptance or enrolment in the institution is required.
5. In any given year, if multiple students are eligible for this award, students in programs most closely related to veterinary medicine will be given priority.

To apply, print and complete the attached application form, scan and e-mail or mail all required items to the Community Foundation of Swan Valley at cfswanvalley@gmail.com by midnight Oct 1 (or midnight first weekday of Oct). If submitting documents by mail, they must be clearly post-marked by the Oct deadline.

Have you included: 1. Completed application 2. Copy of letter 3. Copy of proof of enrollment

