



SEVEN OAKS
EDUCATION FOUNDATION INC

Foundation

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Winter 2026

SOEF wishes everyone a prosperous new year!



As we enter 2026, we hope everyone will have the opportunity to take significant steps towards realizing and moving closer to their dreams.

As we reflect on 2025, we find inspiration in the hard work and determination of young individuals pursuing their goals. We are passionate about offering and empowering these young people to pursue post-secondary education with some financial support.

We are thankful for the community's generous support to help facilitate these scholarships, and we are grateful for their contribution in fostering opportunities for young people to gain new experiences through further education.

If you would like to support education with a charitable donation to the Seven Oaks Education Foundation, or want to find out more about what SOEF does, visit www.7oaks.org/soef

PickleBall arrives at the College Garden City Collegiate - by Tammy Fraser



SOEF's First Pickleball Tournament, taking place on November 22 and 23 at Garden City Collegiate, was an outstanding success with 192 players and more than 30 volunteers in attendance,

The event generated \$9,000 in scholarship funds. The partnership between SOEF and the pickleball community was instrumental in hosting this remarkable event. The extensive planning and preparation that spanned over a year were crucial to the event's success. Throughout the process, SOEF Board Members Cheryl and Avrum Senensky's passion and dedication inspired everyone involved and made the event a memorable experience.

Cheryl and Avrum contributed countless hours to this standout event, bringing their passion for SOEF and Pickleball together.

As a volunteer, I was aware that pickleball was a very popular sport, but I was in awe at how the pickleball community unites to support each other. During the tournament, Seven Oaks community continued to give support each day and were eager to help in any way needed. In addition, our amazing sponsors supported us by donating our pickleball nets, door prizes, dinner for our set-up crew and nutritional snacks throughout the two day tournament.

Our two leaders were extraordinary in every respect. Cheryl was always smiling and working hard to ensure everything ran smoothly. Arvum was the problem solver, always the calm to any issue that arose, they made a great team.

It was evident that their passion was driven by doing this "for the kids".

Things I learned during the tournament:

- Sunshine on the Pickleball Court is not ideal.
- Pickleball Community is extensive
- Volunteers were creative in providing solutions to any issue that came up
- Very fast pace to let the teams know when their court is ready.
- Medals are super important
- Sportsmanship is #1
- How thankful the players were for all the volunteers



We look forward to planning and putting on the 2nd annual Pickleball tournament with the two extraordinary leaders, Cheryl and Arvum, in 2026. We are confident it will be another epic event!

Our 2025 Scholarship Recipients

The recipients of these scholarships exemplify the hard work, determination and dedication found throughout the entire Seven Oaks School Division. Congratulations to all!

ADULT LEARNING CENTRE

Burrows Leadership Award	Andela Kohut	\$300
Claudette Osborne-Tyo Bursary	Callie Hayden	\$250
Claudette Osborne-Tyo Bursary	Jamielyn Oliveros	\$250
David Smeltzer Memorial Scholarship	Amber Mason	\$1,300
Elder Mary Courchene Pow Wow Scholarship	Billie-Jo Biggs	\$500
Seven Oaks Education Foundation Scholarship	Billie-Jo Biggs	\$525

Total **\$3,125**

ADULT EDUCATION CENTRE

Elder Mary Courchene Pow Wow Scholarship	Jewell Dunning	\$500
Elder Mary Courchene Pow Wow Scholarship	Skye Dyck	\$500
Seven Oaks Education Scholarship	Kayla Flamand	\$525

Total **\$3,125**

MET SCHOOL

Devi Sharma Leadership Award, City Councillor, Old Kildonan	Aubrie Scrivens	\$250
Elder Mary Courchene Pow Wow Scholarship	Andrew Spence	\$500
Lions Club of West St. Paul	Jacob Romaniuk	\$500
Mondetta Scholarship	Andrew Spence	\$1,000
R.M. of West St. Paul Scholarship	Jacob Romaniuk	\$300
Seven Oaks Education Foundation Scholarship	Pavneet Gill	\$525
Wayne Shimizu Scholarship	Katelyn Panchoo	\$500
Anti-Racism & Social Justice	Katelyn Panchoo	\$600
JD Devgan, MLA	Chahatpreet Rayat	\$250

Total **\$4,425**

MAPLES MET SCHOOL

Burrows Leadership Award	Regz De Quiroz	\$300
Devi Sharma Leadership Award, City Councillor, Old Kildonan	Kianna Moreira	\$250
Elder Mary Courchene Pow Wow Scholarship	Sincere Duck	\$500
Elizabeth Clayton Memorial Scholarship (CUPE949)	Riyaz Kaur	\$1,000
Frederick Memorial Scholarship	Kavya Sharma	\$500
J. G. Janitorial Services Ltd. Scholarship	Caleb Mulugeta	\$250
Malassada Scholarship	Emily Benevides	\$1,000
Mintu Sandhu Award	Renzelle Manzano	\$250

MAPLES MET SCHOOL (cont'd)

Mondetta Scholarship	Anastacia Yuol	\$1,000
Seven Oaks Education Foundation Scholarship	Jaskirat Saran	\$525
Winnipeg North Liberal Riding Assoc.	Emily Mann	\$200
Total		\$5,775

MET CENTRE FOR ARTS & TECHNOLOGY

Elder Mary Courchene Pow Wow Scholarship	Cary McKay	\$500
Seven Oaks Education Foundation Scholarship	Daniel Magtibay	\$525
Total		\$1,025

CATEP PROGRAM

Elder Mary Courchene Pow Wow Scholarship	Laura Pott	\$500
Total		\$500

WAYFINDERS PROGRAM

Wayfinders Program Scholarship	Sincere Duck	\$875
Wayfinders Program Scholarship	Tekele Tedros	\$875
Total		\$1,750

GARDEN CITY COLLEGIATE**Seven Oaks Education Foundation / Seven Oaks School Board Awards:**

Ann and Paul Ruta Scholarship	Zach Stranger	\$525
Arnold G. Minish Anniversary Award	Jenelle Leippi	\$525
Francis Standil Memorial Scholarship	Quinn Zwarich	\$525
Glen Proudlove Memorial Scholarship	Annika Umali	\$525
Graham Murray Memorial Scholarship	Safina Chau	\$525
Greg Zazulak Memorial Scholarship	Makayla Koropas	\$525
Howard & Sari Sinaisky Memorial Scholarship	Ken Bangi	\$1,025
Jake Yakmission Memorial Scholarship	Kimi Paglinawan	\$525
John Trevenen Memorial Award	Sophie Vermeylen	\$525
Lindsay C. Ulrich Memorial Sports Scholarship	Elizabeth Kolodziej	\$775
O. V. Jewitt Memorial Scholarship	Aleksa Dyson	\$525
R.D. Bell Memorial Award / Maltz Family Award	Cyla Alcaraz	\$525
Robert Jolly Memorial Award	Arianna Francisco	\$525
S.O.S.B. Scholarship - John Leaman Memorial Scholarship	Ryan Loewen	\$525
Seven Oaks School Board Scholarship	Laine Mussell	\$525
Seven Oaks School Division Scholarship	Hermes Ramos	\$525
Vince Leah Scholarship/A. E.Wright Memorial Award	Jethro Ramos	\$525

Seven Oaks Education Awards		
Early Years Education Scholarship	Nariah Studeny	\$525
Seven Oaks Education Foundation Creative Arts Scholarship	Yuliya Hruzinska	\$525
Seven Oaks Education Foundation Technology Scholarship	Nico Agbay	\$525
Truth & Reconciliation Scholarship	Mary-May West	\$525
Other Scholarships funded through Seven Oaks Education Foundation		
Adam Kalechyn Business Scholarship	Juliana Moreira	\$1,000
Andrew A. Ban Fedorkiw Memorial Scholarship	Siera Bernicot	\$500
Claudia Sarbit Scholarship	Ethan Pereira	\$500
CUPE 731 Scholarship	Owen Debets	\$500
CUPE 949 Scholarship	Phuong Pham	\$1,000
David Allen Ball Memorial Scholarship	Deion Taylor	\$600
David B. Oster Memorial Scholarship	Jamila Pasaraba	\$500
Devi Sharma Leadership Award, City Councillor, Old Kildonan	Vidita Thanki	\$250
Elder Mary Courchene Pow Wow Scholarship	Kierstyn Stranger	\$500
Garden City Collegiate 50 th Anniversary Reunion Scholarship	Taya Ayson	\$1,200
Garden City Collegiate 50 th Anniversary Reunion Scholarship	Gaganjit Gill	\$1,200
Irv Simmonds & Family Scholarship and in Memory of Harold, Leonard & Barry Simmonds	Adysen Baird	\$500
Jerry Maslowsky Memorial Scholarship	Leland Klassen	\$700
Julian Himick Memorial Scholarship	Evan Charney	\$1,350
Kendra Latzkitsch Memorial Scholarship	Tharra Del Mundo	\$900
Lion's Club of West St. Paul Scholarship	Liam Palmer	\$500
Lydia Hedrich Scholarship	Lana Enriquez	\$500
Miriam & Philip Maltz Memorial Scholarship in English Studies	Lana Enriquez	\$500
Mondetta Scholarship	Sarah Katchekonias	\$1,000
Mynarski Citizenship Scholarship	Shannon Moore	\$500
Nellie & Ben Zaidman Memorial Scholarship Fund	Holly Reichert	\$600
Nellie & Ben Zaidman Memorial Scholarship Fund	Rhyz Bravo	\$500
Nellie & Ben Zaidman Memorial Scholarship Fund	Guillaume Dela Cruz-Leonard	\$500
Pat Stefanchuk Scholarship	Jeffrey Murdock	\$500
Platinum Jets Scholarship	Shyla Johnson	\$2,000
R.M.of West St. Paul Scholarship	Emily Odger	\$300
Ramona Gallos	Jaxon Munoz	\$500
Ramona Gallos	Abrielle Pedrina	\$500
Ric Dela Cruz Memorial Scholarship	Maxim Samoilov	\$500
Seven Oaks Optimist Award	Jamila Pasaraba	\$300

Other Scholarships funded through Seven Oaks Education Foundation (cont'd)		
Susan Popeski Memorial Scholarship	Danica Dent	\$500
West Kildonan Curling Scholarship	Shyla Johnson	\$500
West Kildonan Curling Scholarship	Max Barrett	\$500
Zach Smith Passion Scholarship	Greyson Wood	\$500
Total		\$34,175

MAPLES COLLEGIATE

Seven Oaks Education Foundation / Seven Oaks School Board Awards:

a) Vocational	Mika Cordell	\$525
b) Faculty of Education	Gabriel Richard	\$525
c) Faculty of Arts / Science	Clyron Hernandez	\$525
Faculty of Arts / Science	Sofia Tabinga	\$525
d) University I (a first year Post Secondary Program)	Shekinah De Torres	\$525
Jake Yakmission / O. V. Jewitt Scholarship	Anshreet Gill	\$525
Jake Yakmission / O. V. Jewitt Scholarship	Stryker Smith	\$525
Ken Seaford Award	Guide Pulido	\$525
Maples Scholarship Leadership Award	Andrea Nicole Berame	\$525
Maples Scholarship Leadership Award	Arleen Kaur	\$525
Maples Scholarship Leadership Award	Juliana Romando	\$525
Maples Scholarship Leadership Award	Emma Franklin	\$525
Seven Oaks Education Foundation Classic Scholarship	Ryan Galang	\$525
Seven Oaks School Board Bursary	Jordan Tejones	\$525
Seven Oaks School Board Bursary	Joachim Valencia	\$525
Seven Oaks School Board Bursary	Jhayse Bayuga (Oliveros)	\$525
Vince Leah / Maples Letterman Sports Award	Andre Gregorio	\$525

The Seven Oaks Education Foundation Awards

a) Campus Life / Future Paths	Ariel Casey	\$525
b) Creativity in the Arts	Amylia Rodriguez	\$525
c) Technical Trades	Juliana Yazon	\$525
Next Step Scholarship	Bailey Sutherland	\$2,100

Other Scholarships funded through Seven Oaks Education Foundation

A Scholarship Named Desire (The Mel Collins Scholarship)	Duaa Mabashar	\$500
Ann Peterson Memorial Scholarship	Kassandra Carganilla	\$500
Bill McGowan Scholarship	Jordan Magnaye	\$500
Birchwood Auto Group Scholarship	Isara Hspahic	\$500
Bobbi-Lynn Haegeman Memorial Scholarship	Kevin Thomas	\$1,400
Brian O'Leary Scholarship Fund	Jonathan Ghebru	\$1,000

Other Scholarships funded through Seven Oaks Education Foundation (cont'd)

Burrows Leadership Award	Raymond Mendoza	\$300
Cody Joss Memorial Scholarship	Owen Saydack	\$500
Cory Juan Memorial Scholarship - SOFEA Inc.	Sofia Tabinga	\$200
Cory Juan Memorial Scholarship - SOFEA Inc.	Guide Pulido	\$200
CUPE 731 Scholarship	Jack Carter	\$500
Devi Sharma Leadership Award, City Councillor, Old Kildonan	Colton Eagle	\$250
Dr. Kanwal Saran Prairie Trails Medical Centre Award	May Villarin	\$500
Edie Wilde Scholarship Fund	Eli Ducak	\$500
Elder Mary Courchene Pow Wow Scholarship	Nikita Ballentyne	\$500
Elizabeth Schachter Memorial Scholarship	Nevaeh Haines	\$1,300
Elizabeth Schachter Memorial Scholarship	Cindy Huynh	\$1,300
FMAACI Music & Arts Leadership Scholarship	Justine Vitug	\$500
Friesens Printers	Ariana Ejercito	\$500
Grand & Toy Quest for Excellence	Simranpreet Sandhu	\$1,000
Gwen Birse Scholarship	Aryan Ahuja	\$500
Helen Himick Memorial Scholarship Fund	Deja Peltier	\$1,200
Jack Winters Memorial Scholarship	Hoc Khoi Tran	\$500
Lions Club of West St. Paul	Jan Krzystof Quebrado	\$500
Lifetouch	Jaismeen Jatana	\$500
Mae Mendoza Scholarship	Jaymarth Almosara	\$850
Mae Mendoza Scholarship	Jaevyh Laraya	\$850
Mae Mendoza Scholarship	David Pineda	\$850
Maples Collegiate Alumni Scholarship	Michaela Faustino	\$1,400
Mondetta Scholarship	Jazleen Redhead	\$1,000
Nellie & Ben Zaidman Memorial Scholarship Fund	Sienna Reis	\$600
Platinum Jets Scholarship	Duaa Mabashar	\$2,000
Seven Oaks Optimist Award	Cassandra Guilherme	\$300
Toby Cracknell Award	Humraj Sidhu	\$750
Verland Force Scholarship	K'mora Brillhante	\$500
William Finley Memorial Scholarship	Paramjeet Gill	\$1,500
Total		\$38,850

WEST KILDONAN COLLEGIATE**Seven Oaks Education Foundation / Seven Oaks School Board Awards:**

Arthur E.Wright Award for Technology & Applied Arts	Han Hoang	\$525
Guy De Caire Scholarship	Carla Bactol	\$525
Ian Dordick Memorial Award for English	Michael Anderson	\$525
Jake Yakmission Memorial Scholarship	Michael Anderson	\$525
James C. Anderson Award	Michael Anderson	\$525
John Leaman Memorial Scholarship	Michael Anderson	\$525
O. V. Jewitt Memorial Scholarship	Manvir Lottey	\$525
Olive & George Allen Memorial Scholarship	Tyler Tanchak	\$525
SOSD/SOEF Faculty of Arts and Science Scholarship	Alexander Kiernicki	\$525
SOSD/SOEF Faculty of Education Scholarship	Jordan Pereira	\$525
SOSD/SOEF Scholarship	Manvir Lottey	\$525
SOSD/SOEF Scholarship	Karys Buchalter	\$525
The Bailey Family Computer Science Award	Tyler Tanchak	\$525
Vince Leah Sports Award	Brady Morris	\$525
West Kildonan Collegiate Student Recognition Award	Selano Urciuoli	\$525
West Kildonan Kiwanis Club Scholarship	Sam Spence	\$525

The Seven Oaks Education Foundation Awards

Opening Doors Scholarship	Olivia Shupena	\$2,100
Seven Oaks Education Foundation Creative Arts Scholarship	Julia Miranda	\$525
SOSD/SOEF Campus Life Scholarship	Aiden Brazil	\$525
SOSD/SOEF WKCI Citizenship Scholarship	Myley Arndt	\$525
Judy Silver Memorial Scholarship	Reese Kerr	\$525

Other Scholarships funded through Seven Oaks Education Foundation

Barber Family Scholarship	Samantha Kananowicz	\$500
Claudia Sarbit Scholarship	Vitaly Bratasyuk	\$500
CUPE 731 Scholarship	Marc Truthwaite	\$500
David B. Oster Memorial Scholarship	Tyler Tanchak	\$500
Elder Mary Courchene Pow Wow Scholarship	Mya Geswein	\$500
Evelyn Myskiw Scholarship	Deacon Mutimer	\$500
Evelyne Bemben Memorial Scholarship	Oleksandr Litvin	\$1,000
General Monash Branch No.115 - Royal Canadian Legion	Emily Hart	\$500
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Lion's Club of West St. Paul Scholarship	Selano Urciuoli	\$500
Louise Evaschesen Memorial Scholarship	Alfred Laxamana	\$500
Marjorie Jean Sanders Bursary (Platinum Jets)	Ethan Salemi	\$2,000

Other Scholarships funded through Seven Oaks Education Foundation (cont'd)		
Mondetta Scholarship	Hanna Buller	\$1,000
Mynarski Citizenship Award - Councillor Ross Eadie	Quade Smeall	\$500
Nellie & Ben Zaidman Memorial Scholarship Fund	Karys Buchalter	\$600
Partridge Family Scholarship	Ella Robins	\$500
R.M. of West St. Paul Scholarship	Michael Anderson	\$300
Ray Ciwco Memorial Scholarship (CUPE949)	Julia Ysabelle Arnobit Miranda	\$1,000
Seven Oaks Optimist Award	Nathaniel Penner	\$300
Steven Hurst Creative Arts Scholarship	Natalia Groele	\$2,000
Trustee Teresa Jaworski Scholarship	Andrew Slowik	\$500
WKCI 50 th Anniversary Scholarship	Bryan Vieira	\$875
WKCI 50 th Anniversary Scholarship	Nathaniel Penner	\$875
Total		\$29,050
TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED		\$120,200