



## 2026 REFERENCE LETTER GUIDELINES

**Applicants:** Please ensure that your references receive a copy of this criteria.

### The Mark & Dorothy Danzker Scholarship for Excellence

*proudly presented by the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba and Folklorama*

An award of excellence for the preservation of ethno-cultural heritage  
Eight (8) scholarships of \$1,000 each

**2026 Scholarship Application Deadline: Friday, April 24, 2026 at noon (12:00pm)**

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In writing your letter of reference for the scholarship applicant, ***please ensure that you include the following information*** to assist the jury in making its selection:

- 1) Name of applicant, your relationship to them, and how long you have known them
  - a. Note: References must have known the applicant for a minimum of two (2) years.
- 2) Your full name, title/role, and contact information.
  - a. If writing on behalf of an organization, use the organization's letterhead, if possible.
- 3) How does the applicant preserve their ***ethno-cultural heritage*** in the community?
- 4) Provide examples of how the applicant has demonstrated leadership qualities within their community and/or in other volunteer roles.
- 5) Please identify at least one (1) specific strength/skill that the applicant possesses, with an example.

#### **Important:**

- Letters of reference should be no more than 1.5 pages in length, in size 12 font.
- Letters of reference **may not be** from a relative or immediate family of the applicant, Folklorama staff member, or member of the Folklorama Board of Directors.
- Please address the reference letter to the **2026 Scholarship Jury**.

#### **To be eligible for this scholarship, the applicant must:**

- Be accepted to or be currently enrolled in a university, college, or other recognized post-secondary institution within Canada with a full course load (as defined by the institution)
- Be between the ages of 17 and 25 years
- Be a resident of Manitoba for a minimum of the past six (6) months
- Demonstrate active involvement in preserving ethno-cultural heritage through volunteerism and/or employment
- Have achieved a minimum academic average of 70% or a cumulative 2.5 GPA
- Have not been a previous recipient of this scholarship
- Not be a Folklorama Board or staff member or immediate family of same

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#### **HOW TO SUBMIT LETTERS OF REFERENCE:**

Letters of reference are not to be submitted through the online application form. They must be emailed directly or mailed/dropped off to Folklorama.

**BY EMAIL (*preferred*):** Please send reference letters directly to Kendra Rein, Executive Assistant (term), at [krein@folklorama.ca](mailto:krein@folklorama.ca). **Please do not include/CC the applicant.**

**BY MAIL:** Please mail/drop off the reference letter with your signature across the seal to:  
**Folklorama (Attn: 2026 Scholarship Jury)**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 183 Kennedy Street  
Winnipeg, MB R3C 1S6

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*The applicant is responsible for ensuring that reference letters are received by Folklorama before the application deadline. Incomplete or late reference letters may not be considered.*