



JEWISH FOUNDATION
OF MANITOBA



Folklorama

The Jewish Foundation of Manitoba and Folklorama proudly present:
The Mark & Dorothy Danzker Scholarship for Excellence

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

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

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
 - High school applicants' academic average will be assessed based on full credit (1.0) grade 12/level 40 courses; half-credit (0.5) and pass/fail courses will not be included in the academic average.
- Have not been a previous recipient of this scholarship
- Not be a Folklorama Board or staff member or immediate family of same

Required information to be entered/uploaded to the [online application form](#) (←link):

- 1) Completed online scholarship application form (see page 3 of this document/page 2 of the online form)
- 2) Completed questionnaire (see page 4 of this document for questions)
 - Applicants must download the fillable PDF questionnaire form [HERE](#) and submit it to Folklorama by *uploading it to page 3* of the online application form once completed.
- 3) Copy of most recent transcript(s) (with name and year indicated) from current high school or post-secondary institution, *uploaded to page 3 of the online form.*
 - High school students **must** also submit a copy of their most recent report card, in order to accurately capture all marks/grades.
 - Ideally, transcripts and/or report cards will be as of April 2026 so that all grades are up-to-date.



Reference letters (*to submit separately to the Folklorama office*):

- Applicants must provide two (2) supporting letters of reference from two (2) separate individuals that are **not** from the same organization.
- Reference letters **must** follow the guidelines provided in the “2026 Reference Letter Guidelines” PDF at this link [HERE](#).
 - Please ensure that your references receive a copy of the letter writing guidelines.
 - 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.
- One (1) reference letter **must** be from an **ethno-cultural community member** who has known the applicant for a minimum of two (2) years.
- The second reference letter may be from a member of the **general community** or from a secondary ethno-cultural community member who has known the applicant for a minimum of two (2) years.
 - Examples of general community members for references include religious leaders, teachers/principals, extracurricular/volunteer activity leaders, etc.
 - If using a secondary ethno-cultural community member as a reference, the individual should be from a different organization than the first reference.
- Reference letters are **not** to be uploaded to the online form. Reference letters may be submitted to Folklorama by:
 - Emailing to Kendra Rein, Executive Assistant (term), at krein@folklorama.ca. References **should not include/CC** in the applicant. This is the preferred method.
 - Mailing to the Folklorama offices in a **sealed** envelope, with the **reference’s signature across the sealed flap**.

The Folklorama Scholarship Jury reserves the right to not award all scholarships.

Award Disbursement:

Funds will be released in September 2026 upon receipt of:

- Copy of acceptance letter from the post-secondary institution
- Proof of payment for initial fees at the post-secondary institution
- 200-word biography of the recipient

NB: If the recipient does not complete their indicated program at their post-secondary institution as per this application, the recipient must return the awarded scholarship funds to Folklorama as follows:

- 100% of the awarded funds within three (3) months of the indicated start date
- 50% of the awarded funds after three (3) months of the indicated start date

2026 Scholarship Application Form

Please fill in the application form at the form link [HERE](#). Form below is for reference only.

Please list your pronouns: _____
(IE: He/Him, She/Her, They/Them, etc.)

Full name: _____

Ethno-cultural affiliation(s): _____
(IE: Indigenous, Ethiopian, Caribbean, Ukrainian, Chinese, French-Canadian, etc.)

Mailing address: _____

City/Town: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Primary phone: () _____ Secondary phone: () _____

Email: _____

Date of birth: _____ / _____ / _____ (Note: Applicants must be under 25 years of age by end of 2026)
MM / DD / YYYY

Current high school/post-secondary institution: _____

Future post-secondary institution: _____

Faculty: _____ Program length (years): _____ # of years completed: _____

Other conferred degrees (indicate degree/graduation year):

The following questions are for information-gathering purposes only:

I would like to sign up for Folklorama's e-newsletter, Llama Tales! YES NO

Do you intend to stay in Manitoba upon graduation? YES NO

Can we contact you for future Folklorama/Team Folklorama activities? YES NO

Guidelines for applying:

- It is strongly encouraged that applicants submit their full application prior to the deadline, should the Folklorama office require additional information for their submission.
- The applicant is responsible for providing their most recent transcript and/or report card, completed questionnaire, and any other required documents to Folklorama with their application form before the deadline. References must also submit their references before the deadline. Incomplete or late applications may not be considered.

Contact:

If you have any questions about the scholarship program or the application process, please contact Kendra Rein, Executive Assistant (term) by phone: (204) 982-6214 or by email: krein@folklorama.ca

2026 Scholarship Application Questionnaire

Please fill in all questionnaire answers in the downloadable fillable PDF form, found [HERE](#). The form has been set to accept a maximum of 350 words for Questions 1, 3, and 4; ***you will not be able to continue typing if you exceed the word limit*** and will be required to shorten your response. Once you have completed the fillable PDF questionnaire, you will be required to upload it to the online application form for submission. Questionnaire responses will only be accepted in this manner.

- 1) In no more than 350 words, describe how and to what extent you have contributed to preserving and sharing your ***ethno-cultural heritage*** in the community. Please be as specific as possible when describing your activities and what role(s) you held, with emphasis on your personal involvement.
- 2) In the fields in the fillable PDF, please include any relevant volunteer and/or work experiences **in chronological order of completion**. Please see table below for examples of what to include:

<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>Activity/ Experience</u>	<u>Role(s) Held</u>	<u>Total Hours Completed</u>	<u>Start and End Dates</u>
Folklorama	Llama Pavilion	Dance instructor	50 hours	April – August, 2024
Alpacas Organization of Manitoba Inc.	Youth Committee	Youth member	25 hours	June 2024 – Present

- 3) In no more than 350 words, describe how you will preserve and share your ***ethno-cultural heritage*** in the future, personally and within the community. How will you inspire others to preserve and share culture?
- 4) In no more than 350 words, describe your ***general*** goals and plans for the next five (5) years, aside from those related to preserving and sharing your ethno-cultural heritage.
- 5) What do you plan to study at your post-secondary institution? Where have you applied and where are you presently accepted? Why have you chosen this field of study?
- 6) In the fields in the fillable PDF, please list your top five (5) awards and achievements you have received along with dates, in chronological order with your most recent awards and achievements listed first. Please indicate which organization presented the award.

For Applicant Tracking

Scholarship Application Checklist:

- Online application form
- Questionnaire answers (completed in fillable PDF and uploaded to online form)
- Transcript(s)/report card(s) (uploaded to online form)
- Reference letter #1 (sent to Folklorama)
- Reference letter #2 (sent to Folklorama)