

VIC BEGRAND MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

BACKGROUND

The Vic Begrand Memorial Scholarship honours the legacy of Vic Begrand; a lifetime of dedication to forestry that was consistently demonstrated in both his career and volunteer activities. It is an endowment made by his friends, family and colleagues.

Vic was born and raised in the farming community of Domremy, just south of Prince Albert. He obtained his forestry training at the University of British Columbia, and began his forestry career in Thunder Bay, Ontario in 1969. In 1972, Vic returned home to Saskatchewan, where he lived and worked for the rest of his life. Vic's career was comprehensive and varied – he worked for government at both the provincial and federal levels, and for forest industry, giving him a broad and unique perspective. He was an active member of the Saskatchewan Section of the Canadian Institute of Forestry (CIF/IFC), volunteering his talents as Chair/Director, as well as financial chairman for the highly successful 1988 CIF-IFC Annual General Meeting held in Prince Albert. He was also a long-time member of the Saskatchewan Forestry Association, serving in a variety of capacities, including president and Canadian Forestry Association director.

In 2001, Vic was awarded the Tree of Life posthumously for his many contributions to forestry and to the CIF-IFC Saskatchewan Section. He was highly regarded by all of his industry and government friends and colleagues for his infectious enthusiasm and outstanding professional leadership.

The Vic Begrand Memorial Scholarship was established shortly after his untimely death in 1997.

OBJECTIVE:

The scholarship is intended to recognize a full time post-secondary student enrolled in a CIF-IFC accredited program (see [university programs](#) or [college programs](#)) forest technician/technology program or forestry degree program, who has demonstrated both knowledge in forestry and community involvement.

THE AWARD:

The award comprises a five hundred dollars (\$500) annual scholarship. The intent is to award a single scholarship each year, however the Section reserves the right not to designate a recipient in any given year when applications are deemed unsuitable.

AWARD CRITERIA:

Category	Criteria Description
Education	1. Applicant must be a full-time student in a CIF-IFC accredited program (see university programs or college programs). 2. Must be a graduate of a Saskatchewan high school.
Transcript	3. Please provide one of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Official transcript, b. Unofficial transcript, c. Letter of acceptance, or d. Conditional letter of acceptance.
Cover Letter	4. Provide a covering letter describing your career choice, your plans for the future along with any community and/or school volunteer involvement.
Reference or Essay	5. Provide a letter of reference from your current supervisor, program instructor or community leader, OR 6. Submit an essay (no more than 500 words) on a topic of your choice that is related to forestry in Saskatchewan.
CIF-IFC Membership	7. Since the objective of this award is to recognize forestry/natural resource students involved in their community, preference will be given to applicants with a current membership (student or regular) in the Canadian Institute of Forestry.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:

The deadline for submissions is the Tuesday immediately following the Thanksgiving weekend of each year. Announcement of the recipient will take place in November at the CIF-IFC Saskatchewan Section’s discretion.

Applications should be emailed to:

Canadian Institute of Forestry / Institut forestier du Canada
Attention: Scholarship Committee
 Email: cif.sask@gmail.com

SELECTION COMMITTEE:

The CIF-IFC Saskatchewan Section will nominate three of its members to review applications and award the Vic Begrand Scholarship.

The Saskatchewan Section of the CIF-IFC reserves the right to publish the recipient’s name and photo in the Prince Albert Daily Herald and in the Institute’s professional journal – The Forestry Chronicle.