SAMS Quick Tips

We have compiled quick tips responses to common questions to help you fill out your awards application and give you the best opportunity for success in each competition. Additional Information & Help is also available on our website at http://www.uregina.ca/safa/awards/SAMS/Help.html. If you need additional assistance, we are glad to help! You can email us at scholarships@uregina.ca or call us at 306-585-4591 for more information.

We recommend that you navigate through your application using the “Next” button to ensure you do not miss any required sections.

Eligibility criteria
- Only apply for awards where you meet the eligibility conditions

- For the criteria listed below the Eligibility Write Up, the Yes/No refer to whether or not the award is targeted at a specific type of student. If the criteria states “No”, this simply means that this type of student is not preferred for this award but they are still invited to apply. For example:
  - If “Female = No” and “Aboriginal = Yes” this means that the award is targeted at an aboriginal student (either male or female)
  - If “Female = No” and “Aboriginal = No” this means that the award is not targeted at either female or aboriginal students, and all students (male, female, aboriginal, non-aboriginal) are eligible to apply provided they meet the criteria listed in the eligibility write-up

Application and Selection
- You can check which sections need to be filled out and whether or not there are any additional requirements for an award on the “Application and Selection” page. When you apply for an award, any required sections are added to your application. If a section is not required by any of the awards you are applying for, you will not see it on your application.
Awards I Am Applying For
- Again, we recommend that you navigate through your application using the next button to ensure you do not miss anything.
- Look for any awards that have “Other Requirement” below them and ensure you have completed/responded to these sections.

If you are required to provide reference letters, please keep the following in mind:
- References will not be accepted as part of your online application. They must be sent in by mail, email or fax directly from your referee.
- If you will be using the same letter for multiple awards, please have your referee include the names of all awards on the reference letter.
- Please ask your referee to include your name in the reference letter.
Sections I must Complete for this Application
- Any sections that appear under this heading MUST be completed for your application to be complete. You may see the same section multiple times if you have applied for awards with either a residency or high school requirement. You must complete ALL of these sections.

Financial Disclosure
- Only include the resources you plan on using for the current semester (Entering students: if you have an RESP worth $10,000, only put down how much you plan to use from the RESP for the upcoming Fall semester).
- Faculty (for new students): if you have not yet determined which Faculty you are entering, pick the one that is your first choice
- Registered Credit hours (for new students): one class is typically equivalent to 3 credit hours, and you can usually take a maximum of 5 classes. Enter in the number of credit hours you are currently planning to take in the upcoming Fall semester.

Extra-Curricular Involvement and Community and Volunteer Service
- Start working on this section prior to working on your personal statement. This will give you a skeleton to build on in your personal statement.
- On-campus involvement is the same as involvement in your high school.

Personal Statement
- Should include information on your leadership activities/experience, career goals, volunteer activities, extra-curricular involvement, etc... that relate to all of the awards you are applying to. Please refer to the Eligibility Write Up for each award for more information.
- Only one personal statement will be accepted for ALL awards you are applying for. If an award has a specific essay requirement, there will be an “Other Requirement” for the award with instructions.

Transcripts
- No transcript is required with your scholarship application.
- We use your admission average (as calculated at the time of admission) to determine your eligibility for entrance awards. Please ensure your transcript has been sent to the U of R Admissions office.