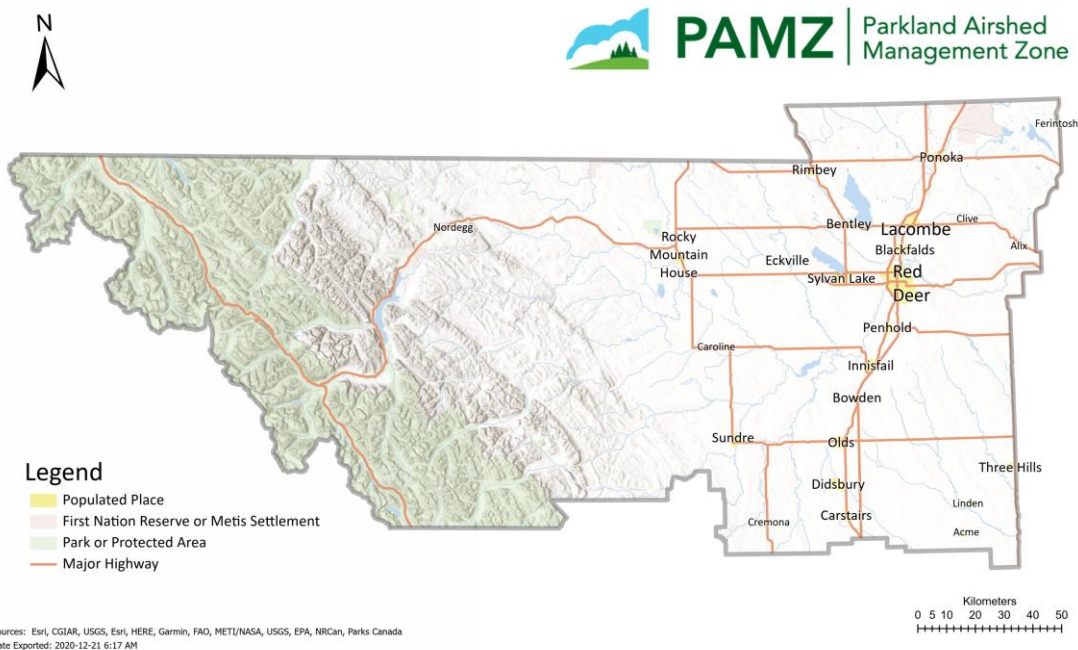


Dr. Martha Kostuch Environmental Education Fund

This scholarship celebrates the legacy of environmental advocate Dr. Martha Kostuch, recognized for her significant efforts and ability in stakeholder collaboration. Dr. Martha Kostuch was a founding member and director of Parkland Airshed Management Zone (PAMZ). During her 30-year career as an environmental advocate, she made a significant impact on how environmental management policy was developed in Alberta.

Martha passed away in 2008 and to honour her memory, the Dr. Martha Kostuch Environmental Education Fund was permanently established to help students from the PAMZ region pursue an education that will benefit the environment. **This award will be given annually to a deserving student in recognition of their outstanding service and leadership, as well as their potential for future achievement in environmental stewardship and/or environmental leadership.**

Since 2009 PAMZ has awarded more than \$25,000 in scholarships and is looking forward to many more years supporting the legacy of Dr. Kostuch.



Background of PAMZ

PAMZ is a multi-stakeholder, non-profit society made up of representatives from industry, local and provincial government, NGOs and the general public. Established in 1997 in response to concerns regarding air quality issues within the zone, the organization monitors and develops strategies to manage air quality in central Alberta. The PAMZ region encompasses 40,000 square kilometers from the Rockies in the west to Highway 21 in the east, from the towns of Rimbey and Ponoka in the north to just north of Crossfield in the south.

Scholarship Criteria

- Any student who has a passion for the environment may apply. Applicants must be able to demonstrate enrollment in a post-secondary institution, preference will be given to those enrolled in a field related to the environment. **(This institution is not required to be in the PAMZ area).**
- **A full-time high school student who is currently graduating in the PAMZ region will receive priority.** Others from the PAMZ region will be considered if they have been out of high school for no more than one year.
- **See map above to determine if you are located in the PAMZ area and for more information, please visit our website at www.pamz.org.**

Expectations

- The scholarship recipient may use the award to defray necessary expenses of advanced education, such as tuition, living expenses, books, or supplies.
- Within seven months of the award announcement, a short (up to one page) report will be required of the scholarship recipient to the Selection Committee so they may learn about the accomplishments and activities of the recipient.
- By accepting the scholarship, the recipient acknowledges permission for PAMZ to publish or use their name and responses to the long answer questions as they see fit.
- Recipient will make him/herself available for a photo opportunity when receiving the scholarship monies, which PAMZ will use in promotional material.

Please submit the following:

- A cover letter which includes your:
 - Name
 - Telephone number
 - E-mail address
 - Mailing address
 - Expected quarter and year of graduation from high school

****Aside from your name, this information is for PAMZ use only and will not be shared externally****
- Three letters of recommendation, including permission for PAMZ to contact your references (i.e. from teachers, employers, community leaders and/or character references).
- A current copy of your high school transcripts. A Detailed Academic Report is sufficient.
- Proof of your enrollment or letter of acceptance at a post-secondary institution.
- Your resume.
- Your response to the following questions:
 1. What are your educational goals and career aspirations? (limit 250 words)
 2. Describe your contributions to civic, community or environmental organizations. If these experiences have influenced your decision to pursue education in an environmentally related field please describe how. (limit 250 words)
 3. In your opinion, what is the most important issue related to air quality in the PAMZ region and what should be done to mitigate it? (limit 250 words)

PAMZ will begin accepting applications on December 15, 2023. Applicants must submit the requirements listed above before midnight, May 31, 2024. No additional information will be accepted after that time.

Applicants are encouraged to engage with PAMZ on social media.

All applicants will be contacted by June 30, 2024.

Value of scholarship: \$2500

For more information, please contact comm@pamz.org or call Kevin Warren, PAMZ Executive Director at 403-862-7046.

Applications can be sent by mail or email but must be received no later than May 31, 2024. (*Preference is that it be sent by email*).

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