

Dowhan Family Enrichment Award



CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS
OF MANITOBA FOUNDATION INC.

Deadline for Submissions: March 1, 2024

Award Description

In recognition of the profound importance of sustainability and innovation and their impact on our communities in Manitoba, the Dowhan Family Enrichment Award, led by Gordon Dowhan, FCPA, FCA, and his late father, Allen Dowhan, FCPA, FCMA, recognizes one candidate, student or recent high school graduate who actively enriches their communities in a positive and meaningful way through innovation and sustainability.

Award Criteria

The applicant must be a 2023 Manitoba high school graduate who demonstrates an interest in obtaining the CPA designation or a candidate or student who is currently enrolled in the CPA Program and is in good standing with the CPA Western School of Business. Applicants are required to demonstrate how they have made positive contributions and enhancements in their community, professional, academic or volunteer positions through sustainability or innovation.

Preference will be given to those candidates or students who are from a rural community.

Application Information

Surname: _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Employer Name (*if applicable*): _____

Employer Address (*if applicable*): _____

Position/Title (*if applicable*): _____

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Cover Letter

Applicants must submit a cover letter as an attached document. Please include any sustainability or innovative-oriented initiatives you have demonstrated in your community, professional, academic, or volunteer positions that make the applicant uniquely worthy of consideration. In a minimum of 300 words, the letter should expand on:

- The applicant's sustainability or innovative-oriented initiatives that include responsibilities, accomplishments, timeline of involvement, and impact to the community;
- Demonstrated interest in obtaining the CPA designation; and
- The importance of this award to the applicant.

For guidance in preparing a well-written cover letter, applicants are encouraged to review the CPA Manitoba Foundation's [Tips for Application Success](#) and the sample cover letter below.

Submission Details

A completed application, along with an attached letter, should be returned to:

Alexis Sutherland
Executive Assistant
CPA Manitoba Foundation Inc.
Email: foundation@cpamb.ca

Application deadline is March 1, 2024.

If you have any questions about the award or application, please contact Alexis Sutherland at foundation@cpamb.ca.

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Sample Cover Letter

Jane Smith
123 Main Street
City, Province, Postal Code

February 20, 2024

The CPA Manitoba Foundation
1675 – One Lombard Place
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 0X3

RE: Dowhan Family Enrichment Award

To whom this may concern,

I am writing to express my sincere interest in being considered for the Dowhan Family Enrichment Award and to demonstrate why I am qualified for this prestigious recognition. As a dedicated advocate for sustainability and innovation, I have consistently integrated these principles into my academic pursuits and professional endeavours, making me a standout candidate for this award.

Throughout my academic journey, I have consistently pursued initiatives that promote sustainability and innovation. While pursuing my Bachelor's degree at XYZ University in Accounting, I took on the role of Treasurer in the university's Sustainability Club. In this capacity, I developed and executed financial strategies that ensured the club's long-term sustainability, including securing grants for renewable energy projects and organizing fundraising events to support local environmental initiatives. I also collaborated with fellow students to launch a campus-wide recycling program, reducing waste by 30% within the first year.

My commitment to sustainability and innovation has extended beyond the academic sphere. In my professional career, I have actively sought opportunities to integrate sustainable practices into financial decision-making processes. As a financial analyst at ABC Company, I led a cross-functional team in implementing a sustainable procurement policy, resulting in a 15% reduction in the company's carbon footprint and significant cost savings. Additionally, I spearheaded the adoption of innovative accounting software that streamlined financial reporting and reduced paper consumption by 50%.

My dedication to sustainable practices aligns seamlessly with my aspiration to obtain the CPA designation. I believe that accountants play a pivotal role in shaping the financial landscape of organizations and can drive positive change by prioritizing sustainability and innovation. I am currently pursuing the CPA designation to gain the expertise necessary to embed these principles in financial decision-making processes and contribute to building a more sustainable future.

Receiving the Dowhan Family Enrichment Award would be a tremendous honour and would provide invaluable support as I continue my sustainability-oriented initiatives, my passion for obtaining the CPA designation, and dedication to making a positive difference in the world through innovative financial practices make me a worthy candidate for the Dowhan Family Enrichment Award.

Sincerely,

Jane Smith