

Nomination for the Thomas Sill Community Service Award



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OF MANITOBA FOUNDATION INC.

Deadline for Submissions: March 1, 2024

Award Description

The Thomas Sill Community Service Award was established, in partnership with the [Thomas Sill Foundation](#) to honour Mr. Sill's professional and charitable legacy. This \$1,500 Thomas Sill Community Service Award annually recognizes up to two candidates, students or recent graduates who demonstrates a passion for leadership through volunteering in Manitoba. The selected recipient(s) will also have the opportunity to award up to \$7,000 of support to a charity of their choice.*

* Please note: award recipients must select a Manitoba charity that is consistent with the Thomas Sill Foundation mandate and granting guidelines. More information on the Thomas Sill Foundation can be found [here](#).

Individuals may self-nominate, or nominate another candidate, but all nominations must be seconded. Note: Nominators are not required to be CPAs.

Award Criteria

The nominee must be a Manitoba CPA preparatory student, PEP candidate or recent graduate (CPA graduate within the last three years) that demonstrates excellence in the following areas:

- **Academic Accomplishment:** must be a student or graduate in good standing; and
- **Community Involvement:** contributions to community service or volunteer organizations.

Nominee Information

Surname: _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____

Primary Email: _____

Employer Name: _____

Employer Address: _____

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Position/Title: _____

Business Phone: _____

Business Email: _____

Nominator Information

Nominated by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Business Phone: _____

Business Phone: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

Using the space below, outline your community accomplishments and specify the position details, responsibilities, accomplishments and timeline of involvement.

Community Involvement:

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Cover Letter

Individuals must also submit a cover letter as an attached document. Please include any experiences that make the applicant uniquely worthy of award consideration. In a minimum of 300 words, the letter should expand on:

- The applicant's community leadership accomplishments;
- Why community leadership through volunteering is important; and
- What charitable organization the applicant would like to support and why.

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

February 1, 2022

The CPA Manitoba Foundation
Attention: Alexis Sutherland, Executive Assistant
1675 – One Lombard Place
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 0X3

RE: The Thomas Sill Community Service Award Application

To whom this may concern,

I am proud to submit an application for the Thomas Sill Community Service Award and am confident that I demonstrate the academic excellence and community involvement to be a worthy candidate for this award.

Regarding community involvement, for the last seven years, I have volunteered at Big Brothers Big Sisters as a mentor helping young children overcome adversities and helping them doing better in life – physically, mentally, socially, emotionally, and academically. Throughout the last seven years, I have successfully mentored three children however, my most memorable moment was from the first match I ever made. At the beginning of the mentorship, the Little would hardly say more than two words to me or other mentors and was extremely anxious in individual or group settings. After two years of connecting with her at a large group event, the Little ran up to me and gave me her school photo, while thanking me for being "the best role model ever". Her parents had also brought a homemade cake to thank me for being a Big for their child and making a difference in her life. This experience really touched me to the core.

With this experience as an example, I believe community leadership is important because as the Greek Philosopher Aristotle once said the essence of life is "to serve others and do good." Meaning, volunteering is essential as it offers help to worthwhile causes, people in need and serves the wider community as a whole. While I strongly believe that volunteering improves the community at large, it also provides a sense of personal purpose, connectivity with others and improves my self-esteem and confidence.

Because of this realization and the positive impact volunteering has brought me, I would be honoured to support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada if I am selected for this award. 2020 has been a difficult year for Big Brothers Big Sisters and through it all, they have pivoted and continued to connect with mentors and families across Canada. However, while moving outings to online platforms and video calls I have seen firsthand that there is still a lot of work to be done and assistance needed demonstrated by the rise of social justice issues and financial impacts experienced this year.

With that said, I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to be considered for this award and would be honoured to be able to support a local organization that has given me and other families in our province so much.

Sincerely,

Jane Doe