

Lookmanjee's Sportsman Mobile Home Park Scholarship

Purpose and Nature of the Scholarship

Taher & Umeima-Parviz Lookmanjee value hard work and dedication to their community. Taher was born and raised in a Hamlet called RUVU in Tanzania. The tropical vegetation bonded him with nature (birds, trees and fruits), leading him to a career in veterinary medicine.

Taher came to Canada to practice Veterinary Medicine in 1971. His vision of excelling in his profession took him from Meat Inspection to becoming an instructor in the Western College of Veterinary Medicine to a farm and pet Veterinary Practice in Drayton Valley. He practiced in Drayton Valley for 28 years where he raised his family.

Taher's love for smaller towns made him look for investment opportunities in them. His wife Umeima-Parviz, an early childhood teacher, saw an opportunity in 1982 for a day care in Drayton Valley. Her love for childcare inspired her to open centres in Hinton, Edson and Edmonton.

In 1985 Taher built a 100-unit Mobile Home Park. An opportunity came for him to buy the Sportsman Mobile Home Park in Bonnyville in 1995 and to add storage facilities in 1997. It was huge challenge to increase occupancy in the Sportsman Mobile Home Park from eight homes to 142 homes. The town and the people of Bonnyville were very encouraging and supportive of his entrepreneurial activities.

The Lookmanjees have three children and six grandchildren. Their daughters live in Texas and their son has an airplane repair and maintenance facility in China. The Lookmanjees have contributed to various community projects in Drayton Valley, Hinton and Bonnyville. They love travelling, hiking, nature, the ocean and people.

In appreciation for the welcoming nature of the Town of Bonnyville, this scholarship is presented by Taher & Umeima Lookmanjee to encourage students who reside in the Sportsman Mobile Home Park to enter a college or university.

Qualification Criteria for the Lookmanjee's Sportsman Mobile Home Park Scholarship

Priority will be given to those applicants who are:

- Best qualified to enter the college or university, preferably in a faculty related to Science.
- A potential student for college or university but do not have the sufficient resources available.

The two annual scholarships will consist of:

- A cash award of \$2,000.00 each
- A certificate

Qualification Criteria

1. Criteria:

- a. The student must be a current graduate of high school and can only apply in his/her graduating year.
- b. The student must meet the admission requirements of the post-secondary program.
- c. The student must be a current tenant at the Sportsman Mobile Home Park during their graduating year.
- d. The student must be entering a recognized post-secondary program and must provide proof of registration and acceptance.
- e. The student must provide a letter of recommendation from the Principal of the high school.
- f. The student must provide a letter of recommendation from a teacher or community member who can attest to the students' character and involvement in extra-curricular activities, including community services.

2. If more than two candidates meet the criteria, the award shall be given to the student with the greatest financial need as determined by the selection committee.

3. The recipient shall satisfy the entrance requirements of the recognized post-secondary institution. If the student is not immediately attending this institution, he/she shall have until one year from their graduation to satisfy this requirement. If this is the case, payment of the scholarship shall be held in trust by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Northern Lights Public Schools for a period not to exceed one year from their graduation date until post-secondary attendance can be confirmed.
4. Submission for consideration of this award should be made no later than June 15th of the student's graduating year. The winner will be notified by mail and the award made at the annual awards night in September.
5. Scholarship funds will only be released after the scholarship recipient provides the assistant superintendent with proof of attendance at an accredited post-secondary institution. Submit proof of attendance to:

Associate Superintendent -Teaching and Learning
Northern Lights Public Schools
6005 – 50th Avenue
Bonnyville, AB T9N 2L4

E-mail: learning.services@nlsd.ab.ca

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee will consist of:

1. Dr. Lookmanjee or the Sportsman Mobile Home Park Manager
2. Mr. Joe Kopala
3. A Sportsman Mobile Home Park Tenant, as appointed by Dr. Lookmanjee
4. One representative from Northern Lights Public Schools

APPLICATION FORM
Sportsman Mobile Home Park Scholarship

Full Name: _____

Date of Application: _____

Phone Contact: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address:

Name of post-secondary institution to which you have been accepted:

Date your program starts _____

Remember to attach:

- An Official transcript of high school marks from Alberta Education;
- A letter of acceptance from the accredited post-secondary institution;
- Two or three paragraphs describing yourself, your aspirations, goals, and financial needs;
- A letter of recommendation by the High School Principal and a teacher which can attest to your talent and aptitude to successfully pursue a career in a post-secondary institution.

Mail or email the entire application package to:

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