

Algoma Family Services 25th Anniversary Scholarship Package \$2,500 Post-Secondary Education Award

1. Scholarship Description

Algoma Family Services (AFS) proudly celebrates 25 years as an amalgamated agency, established in 2001 to provide high-quality mental health, addictions, and family support services across the Algoma District. Over the past quarter-century, AFS has become a trusted leader in therapeutic counselling, youth services, substance-use programs, and collaborative community initiatives. Through programs such as the Algoma Youth Wellness Hub, Rebound North, Live-in Treatment, and school and community-based services, AFS continues to advance mental wellness and strengthen families throughout the region.

In honour of this milestone anniversary, AFS is pleased to introduce the Algoma Family Services 25th Anniversary Scholarship, a \$2,500 award supporting a graduating high school student entering a post-secondary helping profession. This scholarship recognizes youth who have shown leadership in mental health advocacy, substance-use awareness, and community well-being, and who aspire to contribute to the future of the social services sector.

2. Eligibility Criteria

Academic Requirements

- Graduating from high school in the current academic year in the district of Algoma
- Accepted into one of the eligible programs:
 - Child and Youth Care
 - Social Services Worker
 - Bachelor of Psychology
 - Bachelor of Social Work

Advocacy & Community Engagement

Applicants must demonstrate involvement in at least one area related to:

- Mental health promotion
- Substance use harms or addictions awareness
- Online gambling awareness
- Youth empowerment or advocacy

Examples of qualifying involvement:

- Algoma Youth Wellness Hub Youth Advisory Committee
- New Northern Mentality Initiative
- Rebound North (e.g., Table Coach)
- Mayor's Youth Advisory Council
- Any youth-serving or advocacy-focused committee or council
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Priority will be given to applications where candidates are:

- First in family to attend post-secondary education (First generation student).

3. Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by the AFS Scholarship Selection Committee.

Evaluation Rubric:

- Advocacy & Community Involvement – 40%
- Personal Statement – 30%
- First-Generation Status – 20%
- Reference – 10%

4. Application Deadline & Submission Instructions

Deadline: Friday, May 16, 2026 at 4:30 PM

Submit via email: scholarships@algomafamilyservices.org addressed to the AFS Scholarship Selection Committee

Or by mail/drop-off: 205 McNabb Street, Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6B 1Y3

5. Scholarship Application Form

Applicant Information:

Full Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
High School: _____
Graduation Year: _____

Post-Secondary Information:

Program Accepted Into:

- Child and Youth Care Program
- Social Services Worker Program
- Bachelor of Psychology
- Bachelor of Social Work

Institution: _____

Proof of Acceptance Attached: Yes

Eligibility Questions:

1. First in family to attend post-secondary? Yes No
2. Describe committees or initiatives involved in:

3. Describe your contributions (250–500 words):

Personal Statement:

Explain why you chose this field, your goals, and how this scholarship will help (250–500 words).

Reference Information

Name: _____
Role/Relationship: _____
Email: _____
Phone Number: _____

Permission & Release

By submitting this application, I authorize AFS to contact references, verify information, and publicly announce my name/photo if selected.

Signature: _____
Date: _____