**Statement of Financial Need**

Your statement of financial need is a concise (**one page maximum**), compelling, personal explanation of who you are and why you would benefit from being awarded a scholarship.

Introduction: Briefly (two or three sentences) introduce yourself to the scholarship review committee. Describe who you are and your relevant family circumstances: Are you the first of your family to attend university or graduate school? Do you experience personal or family circumstances that place you at a disadvantage? If you are a member of a qualified diversity group (Indigenous person, person with a disability, member of a visible minority)?

Second paragraph: Outline how you are currently paying for your studies and living expenses. Describe your financial situation. Describe other sources of funding/support: Have you applied for/received student loans? Are you employed full-time? Part-time? Are you eligible for professional development funds from your employer?

Third Paragraph: Explain why you are applying for this scholarship/award. Have you taken an unpaid leave to complete your degree? Have you had to leave your home to attend the University of Regina? Do you have dependents (children, elderly parents) who you must also care for? Are you a single parent? Has there been a recent change in your circumstances that has negatively impacted your finances or your ability to pay for your education unaided?

Closing paragraph: Explain difference/effect it would have to your studies if you were to receive this scholarship. For example, would this scholarship result in you taking on fewer hours of work, thereby allowing you to concentrate on your studies? If you are close to completing your program of study, could this scholarship make the difference in completing your degree? Thank the scholarship review committee for considering your application.