

The Saskatchewan Rotary Youth Foundation's My Future is Here Initiative

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**\$74,000 in funding for youth to build a future in Saskatchewan announced**

**April 18, 2007/SASKATOON** – The Saskatchewan Rotary Youth Foundation (SRYF), under its My Future is Here Initiative (MyFiH), announced \$74,000 in scholarships and business capital funding for youth today. The funds will be directed to young people who plan to build a future in Saskatchewan and contribute to our province's success.

Applications are available online now and will be accepted until June 30<sup>th</sup>. Young people aged 34 and under who plan to attend an accredited post-secondary institution in Saskatchewan, or start or expand a business in Saskatchewan may apply.

These funds are provided by sponsoring Rotary clubs and Saskatchewan businesses. Saskatchewan Credit Unions, with 320 branches in 269 Saskatchewan communities, is the largest contributor, funding seven scholarships of \$2,500 each. The provincial department of Industry and Resources (IR) also contributes \$150,000 annually to the My Future is Here Initiative for communications and operations. IR has supported the program since its inception in 2004.

The Saskatchewan Rotary Youth Foundation envisions a successful Saskatchewan future built by youth. Programming includes the delivery of scholarships and business capital funds; education and career development resources to help young people build a future in Saskatchewan via [www.myfutureishere.ca](http://www.myfutureishere.ca); and communications activities that focus on the strengths of our province as a place to work, live, learn, and play. Young people from across the province are engaged as volunteers and are encouraged to celebrate their communities and have their say via [www.myfutureishere.ca](http://www.myfutureishere.ca)'s *MyTimes* – an online magazine that promotes life in Saskatchewan.

Also announced today was the winner of MyFiH's 2007 Rant Warz contest. A.J. Keller, a native of Wilkie, won the contest by submitting a rant about why his future is here. A.J.'s prize was to have his rant produced as the MyFiH 2007 television commercial, including the starring role. The ad airs today through June 30, 2007.

“Saskatchewan is teeming with exemplary young people who possess enthusiasm, an innovative and global perspective, and solid Saskatchewan values,” said Marla Morrison, a Rotary club member who co-founded SRYF and sits on the board of directors. “People like A.J. Keller and the members of our Youth Representative Squad and Advisory Councils inspire the program, contribute as leaders and messengers, and embody SRYF's vision for a successful Saskatchewan future built by youth.”

Particulars on youth funding announced today, including sponsors, are attached. For more information or to arrange an interview please contact:

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## My Future is Here 2007 Scholarship & Business Capital Offerings

Together with its many sponsors, My Future is Here is pleased to offer the following opportunities for scholarships and business capital funding to young people aged 34 and under who plan to build a future in Saskatchewan.

Sponsor	Number of Scholarships/Funds Available	Scholarship Amount
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### Scholarships

Saskatchewan Credit Unions	7	\$2,500 each
Saskatchewan Research Council	2	\$5,000 each
First Sask Credit Union	2	\$2,000 each
Airline Hotels & Resorts	1	\$3,000
Saskatchewan Government Insurance	1	\$2,500
Rotaract Club of Saskatoon	1	\$2,500
Rotary Club of Saskatoon	1	\$2,500
Rotary Club of Saskatoon – Meewasin	2	\$1,250
Rotary Club of Saskatoon – Nutana	1	\$1,500
Prairies North	1	\$1,000
Rotary Club of Saskatoon North	1	\$1,000
Jubilee Ford Saskatoon	1	\$1,000

### Business Capital Funds

Saskatchewan Rotary Youth Foundation	1	\$10,000
Women Entrepreneurs of Saskatchewan	1	\$10,000
First Sask Credit Union	1	\$5,000

<b>Totals</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>\$74,000</b>
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**That's \$74,000 in funding for youth who plan to build a successful future in Saskatchewan!**  
Please see [www.myfutureishere.ca](http://www.myfutureishere.ca) for eligibility and application details.

### The Saskatchewan Rotary Youth Foundation Funding Partners



**Saskatchewan  
Credit Unions**

In its first three years the Saskatchewan Rotary Youth Foundation, together with its sponsors, awarded \$160,000 in scholarships and business capital funds, helping five business ventures get off the ground or expand and twenty two young people pursue a post secondary education in Saskatchewan.