

# Western Manitoba Science Fair 2026 Official Special Awards Winners List

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## 3 Farm to School - Manitoba Association of Home Economists Award

These awards are for projects relating to Food and Nutrition

### *Chew on This*

Camdyn Lancaster	\$50	Kirkcaldy Heights 3-4
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### *Super Muffin*

Clara Zadorozny	\$50	Carberry Collegiate 5-6
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### *Energy Chargers*

Adah Hofer	\$25 each	Acadia Colony 9-10
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Kara Hofer	\$25 each	Acadia Colony 9-10
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## 4 Energy & You Awards (Manitoba Hydro)

Best project related to energy

### *Solar Powered Devices*

Cooper Rabe	\$25 each	Waverly Park School 3-4
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Brooklyn Hunter	\$25 each	Waverly Park School 3-4
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### *How Solar Panels Work*

Liam Fortier	50.00	Boissevain School 5-6
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### *Wind vs Water*

Nathan Ramirez	\$25 each	École New Era School 7-8
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Dara Odetunde	\$25 each	École New Era School 7-8
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## 6 Medical Laboratory Technology Awards

Awards are presented to the projects demonstrating an interest in the field of medical laboratory science.

### *What is Really on our Hands?*

Ruby Klaassen	\$25.00 each	Valleyview Centennial School 5-6
Paige Sykes	\$25.00 each	Valleyview Centennial School 5-6

### *Bacteria that outsmart antibiotics*

Natalie Maltseva	\$50.00	Valleyview Centennial School 7-8
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### *The 5 Second Rule!*

Brooke Collins	\$25.00each	Waverly Park School 7-8
Paisley Mercure	\$25.00each	Waverly Park School 7-8

### *Selective Synergy in Melanoma Drugs*

Abereham Moges	\$50.00	Vincent Massey High School 9-10
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## 8 The Hazel Skuce Memorial Award

Awarded to a student in Grades 1-6 who has demonstrated the value of caring for our environment by illustrating a curiosity for and knowledge of flora and fauna.

### *Sucking The Life Out Of The Planet*

Julia Blair	\$100	Earl Oxford 3-4
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## 11 Brandon Emergency Support Team - Emergency Preparedness Award

Award is given to the best projects showing an idea or concept relating to emergency preparedness or disaster prevention. This relates to large scale events impacting a significant geographical area and/or large numbers of people in an area. All hazards that can affect people and property may be considered.

### *Dam It!*

Valor Ford	\$100	Brookdale School 3-4
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### *Cooking With the Sun*

Celina Li	\$50 each	Waverly Park School 5-6
Tayla Hillman	\$50 each	Waverly Park School 5-6

### *Breaking the Flow*

Skylar Pratt	\$50 each	Ochre River School 7-8
Jade Pratt	\$50 each	Ochre River School 7-8

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### 13 Science of Health Care Award

Awarded to the best project which demonstrates the role of science innovation in health care and pharmacy

#### *Sugar! Sugar?*

Madelyn Whyne	\$25 each	Kirkcaldy Heights 3-4
Madi Kopeechuk	\$25 each	Kirkcaldy Heights 3-4

#### *Can You Taste the Rainbow?*

Jean-Christine Lampman	\$50	Linden Lanes 5-6
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### 19 Samson Engineering Award

This award is presented to the best individual project related to the field of engineering.

#### *Hydraulics: Turning Pressure Into Power*

Amelia Perry	\$100	O Kelly School 3-4
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#### *The Hydraulic Robotic Arm*

Idichinma Chibuzo	\$50 each	Waverly Park School 5-6
Teniola Osore	\$50 each	Waverly Park School 5-6

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### 20 Science Without Borders Award – Advancing Exploration and Travel

This award recognizes a project that uses science to improve how people explore and interact with the world. Projects may focus on areas such as sustainable tourism, transportation, environmental protection of travel destinations, or scientific research that deepens our understanding of places and ecosystems around the globe. The project should demonstrate creativity, strong scientific thinking, and a clear connection to exploration beyond the local community.

#### *How Could The Titanic Have Avoided Sinking*

Beckett Malazdrewicz	\$20.00 each	École New Era School 3-4
Archer Bakker	\$20.00 each	École New Era School 3-4

#### *Flight! How Do Airplanes Fly?*

Peace Odewole	\$40.00	Valleyview Centennial School 5-6
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### 24 Christie Office Plus Award

This award is in grateful recognition of the time and effort contributed by an instructor in order to support the quest of youths in their pursuit of knowledge and excellence in STEM.

#### *Christie's Office Plus Award*

Cailee Plante		École La Source 1-2
Jillian Creasor		Riverview School 1-2
Cailee Plante		École La Source 5-6
Jillian Creasor		Riverview School 5-6

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## 26 Rotary Club of Brandon - Sunset Awards

Awarded to the two projects that best relate to the following two areas of focus of Rotary International: 1) Water and sanitation, 2) Disease prevention & treatment.

### *From Dirty to Clean*

Riley Johnston	25 each	Riverheights School 3-4
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Harry Aribisala	25 each	Riverheights School 3-4
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### *What's the PH?*

Jace Phillips	50	Forrest Elementary 5-6
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## 27 Brandon Chamber of Commerce Award

An award given to the best project demonstrating entrepreneurial concept

### *Saliva Duel*

Daniela Aquino	\$100	St. Augustine School 7-8
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## 28 Climate Change Action Award

Awards will be presented to the best projects demonstrating “environmental awareness” based on the big moves from the City’s climate change action plan: alternative transportation, renewable energy, waste diversion, and conserve and protect nature.

### *Sucking The Life Out Of The Planet*

Julia Blair	\$50.00	Earl Oxford 3-4
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### *Scraps to Soil*

Davi Ramalho	\$50.00	St. Augustine School 5-6
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### *The Resilient Super Power of My Pollinator Garden*

Camila Rondoy Daqui	\$50.00	St. Augustine School 5-6
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### *Microplastics*

Elliot Pelland	\$50.00	Riverheights School 7-8
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## 29 Prairie Electric Award

Awarded to the best project on solar energy, or an electrical related project.

### *Solar Powered Devices*

Cooper Rabe	\$50 each	Waverly Park School 3-4
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Brooklyn Hunter	\$50 each	Waverly Park School 3-4
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### 30 Russ Edwards School of Ag & Environment Environmental Care Award

Two awards for projects supporting environmental care and the sustainability of the land, water, and air on which we all depend.

#### *Plant Power*

Dominion Oladotun	\$50 each	Riverview School 3-4
Athena Du	\$50 each	Riverview School 3-4

#### *Microplastics*

Elliot Pelland	\$100	Riverheights School 7-8
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### 31 Assiniboine College Innovation Award

Given to the two best projects involving technology. The projects must be innovative and of significant scientific or technological value, according to the age of entrant.

#### *Intruder Alarm*

Lucia White	\$50 each	Riverheights School 3-4
Soffia Niemiets	\$50 each	Riverheights School 3-4

#### *Buildings that Survive the Shake Beneath our Feet*

Lexan Gagnon	\$50 each	Kirkcaldy Heights 5-6
Alex Towoju	\$50 each	Kirkcaldy Heights 5-6

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### 32 Don Sumner Memorial Award

Awarded to a student who has demonstrated exemplary mathematical skills in their scientific research by recording and analyzing data in a quantitative method.

#### *Here Comes The Sun*

Amelia Melvin	\$100	École Harrison 7-8
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#### *Energy Chargers*

Adah Hofer	\$50 each	Acadia Colony 9-10
Kara Hofer	\$50 each	Acadia Colony 9-10

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### 33 Brodie Davis Alumni Award

Awarded to the project best demonstrating an understanding of the water cycle, it's integral role in the health of watersheds and how best to improve and maintain it.

#### *Breaking the Flow*

Skylar Pratt	\$75.00 each	Ochre River School 7-8
Jade Pratt	\$75.00 each	Ochre River School 7-8

#### *Microplastics*

Elliot Pelland	\$150	Riverheights School 7-8
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### 35 Land and Water Conservation Award

Awarded to the best projects relating to the development or application of practices aiming to protect water quality and/or land conservation in agricultural watersheds.

#### *Breaking the Flow*

Skylar Pratt	\$50 each	Ochre River School 7-8
Jade Pratt	\$50 each	Ochre River School 7-8

#### *Microplastics*

Elliot Pelland	\$100	Riverheights School 7-8
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### 36 Healthy Lake Award

Awarded to the project that best demonstrates the enhancement or acceleration of a natural process or processes to aid in environmental repair/recovery or augmentation of a watershed.

#### *How Do Rivers Work*

Ben Gordon	\$100	Boissevain School 1-2
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#### *Breaking the Flow*

Jade Pratt	\$50.00 each	Ochre River School 7-8
Skylar Pratt	\$50.00 each	Ochre River School 7-8

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### 37 Andrews Foot Clinic Award

Project that best relates to human physical mobility

#### *Focus While You Are Driving*

Axel Osborne	\$37.50 each	Brookdale School 5-6
Brooklyn Mitchell	\$37.50 each	Brookdale School 5-6

#### *Expire! Inspire!*

Bryelle Simard	\$37.50 each	École La Source 7-8
Lelynd Houle	\$37.50 each	École La Source 7-8

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### 38 Charlee McLaughlin Bender Alumni Award

To be awarded to a deserving student or students from grade 7-12 whose project best relates to developing a new innovation, sustainability method, management practice and/or an environmental protection project within the agricultural and rural development field.

#### *The Spore Score; Can you stop the spoilage?*

Nia Smith	\$100	Crocus Plains 11-12
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### 39 Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba Award

This award is presented by the Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba to the best project related to the fields of either engineering or geoscience.

#### *The Big Shot*

Hosea Hofer \$50 each Acadia Colony 9-10

#### *The Big Shot*

Ben Hofer \$50 each Acadia Colony 9-10

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### 41 Flatland Drugs Award

Awarded to the two best projects in the field of entomology (the study of insects).

#### *The Resilient Super Power of My Pollinator Garden*

Camila Rondoy Daqui \$50 St. Augustine School 5-6

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### 42 Shad Awards

The Community Changemaker Award (credit toward the Shad program fee) recognizes students whose science fair projects demonstrate curiosity, creativity, and perseverance, along with the potential to apply their ideas to create meaningful impact in their communities.

#### *Grow Big or Go Home*

Jag Andreychuk \$250 Credit towards S Kirkcaldy Heights 7-8

#### *Soil Erosion*

Aker Phillipott \$750 Credit towards S École Harrison 7-8

#### *Microplastics*

Elliot Pelland \$250 Credit towards S Riverheights School 7-8

#### *Naviguer aimer répéter*

Mirae Chabot \$750 Credit (each) to École La Source 9-10

Cedar Hall-Vermette \$750 Credit (each) to École La Source 9-10

#### *Selective Synergy in Melanoma Drugs*

Aberham Moges \$750 Credit towards S Vincent Massey High School 9-10

#### *Optimizing Herbal Acne Therapy*

Angelina Zhang \$750 Credit towards S Neelin High School 9-10

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## 45 Brandon University Award

This Award is given to the best overall individual project in grades 10 - 12. Cash Award of \$200 plus a tuition credit for one term of Undergraduate level courses at Brandon University, excluding student fees.

### *Optimizing Herbal Acne Therapy*

Angelina Zhang	\$200	Neelin High School 9-10
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## 46 Behavioral Science Award

Sponsored by Dr. AnnaMarie Carlson. Awarded to the best project(s) in the area of Human Behavioral Science; including but not limited to the effects of social, cultural, and psychological factors on human behaviour, physical and mental health, preferences, beliefs, etc.

### *How the brain reacts in different scenarios*

Mia Richards	\$25.00 each	Riverheights School 5-6
Ava Stokes	\$25.00 each	Riverheights School 5-6

### *Mission multi-tâche*

Daniella O'Gilvie	\$25.00 each	École La Source 7-8
Eli Lewis	\$25.00 each	École La Source 7-8

### *L'effet d'une fenêtre brisée*

Raphaëlle Desgagné	\$50.00	École La Source 9-10
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## 48 Trip to Canada Wide Science Fair

Runner(s) up receive a trip to the Canada Wide Science Fair in Edmonton, AB, May 23 - 30, 2026

### *Breaking the Flow*

Jade Pratt	Ochre River School 7-8
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### *Optimizing Herbal Acne Therapy*

Angelina Zhang	Neelin High School 9-10
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### *The Spore Score; Can you stop the spoilage?*

Nia Smith	Crocus Plains 11-12
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## 50 Best of Fair

Best of Fair - top project receives a trip to the Canada Wide Science Fair in Edmonton, AB, May 23 - 30, 2026

### *Selective Synergy in Melanoma Drugs*

Aberham Moges	Vincent Massey High School 9-10
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