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Student and Caisse populaire Vermillon member
receives a Desjardins Foundation scholarship
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Chelmsford, October 18th 2016 — Caisse populaire Vermillon is pleased to announce that Simon Rousseau is the happy winner of a $1000 Desjardins Foundation scholarship.

Simon's goal is to study electrical engineering at the college level. His schedule is pretty full: he is a volunteer coach for many young athletes from the elementary and secondary level, he has a part time job and takes care of his sister!

Simon was selected from 4,757 candidates who submitted an application to Desjardins Foundation in 2016. What an honour! "These applicants all show so much promise. You can't help but be positive about the future. We can be sure of one thing: Ontario and Quebec schools are doing a great job preparing the next generation," says Diane Derome, Executive Director of Desjardins Foundation.

This scholarship reflects Caisse populaire Vermillon's community involvement and commitment to supporting academic success. Every year, Desjardins Foundation scholarships encourage hundreds of young people to find their passions and pursue their dreams. Caisse populaire Vermillon is very proud to recognize these inspiring students contributing to the economic and social well-being of their community.

The caisse board of directors, general manager and entire staff want to congratulate Simon Rousseau and wish him all the best in the future.

About Desjardins Foundation

Founded in 1970, Desjardins Foundation is a charitable organization that contributes to young people's academic success by awarding prizes and scholarships and making donations. This year, the Foundation will distribute over $1.9 million in Quebec and Ontario. As a component of Desjardins Group, Canada's leading cooperative financial group, Desjardins Foundation also supports various projects promoting cooperation and democracy.

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