

UNIVERSITY STUDIES - RICK JACKSON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

The Rick Jackson Fund, held at the Comox Valley Community Foundation, was established to support the educational pathways of Comox Valley high school graduates through annual scholarships. Please complete and <u>submit this form and documents to your high school</u> before the deadline to be considered.

Deadline: February 27, 2026

- 1. To be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must be:
 - a. A Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada
 - b. A student graduating from School District No. 71
 - c. Pursuing University Studies at any public post-secondary institution off Vancouver Island (within Canada), as specified in the Fund.
- 2. Attach a current copy of your transcripts.
- 3. Two signed letters of reference (from non-relatives) must be included

Consideration for this scholarship will be given to applicants with demonstrated financial need, higher grades, those underrepresented in their field of study, and individuals involved in extra-curricular or community programs. Please complete all areas of the application fully to the best of your ability. There are no wrong answers. Thank you for applying!

APPLICANT	
Name (First/Last):	Preferred name:
Email address:	Phone number:
Address:	
High school name:	
Are you a Canadian Citizen or Permane	nt Resident of Canada? □ Yes □ No
Have you included letters of reference	e? □ Yes □ No
Have you included a copy of your hig	h school transcripts? ☐ Yes ☐ No
What is your current average grade (9	6)?

AREA OF STUDY

In this section, please tell us about your educational and career goals.

Planned area of study (program or pathway):

Name of intended post-secondary institution:

Please tell us about your chosen program, what you're looking forward to learning, and the career you hope to pursue after completing:

ABOUT YOU

In this section, please tell us about some of your interests, hobbies, achievements, or experiences. If you participate in scheduled extra-curricular activities or community programs, you can list them here. You can also tell us about any other interests or ways you like to spend your time.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

This section helps reviewers better understand your financial circumstances and living situation. This information will only be used for the purpose of evaluating financial need. Please only report on your primary residence – where you have lived most of the time during this school year.

1. Please describe your current living situation, including guardians and siblings you live with: Example, I live with my mom, step-dad and two siblings and stay with my dad every second weekend. Or another example, I live with both my parents and am an only child.

2. We are using the "green bottle method" to help applicants determine their financial need status. Check one of the jars in the illustration below that best represents your family's household financial picture. This method is an economic justice sliding scale tool based on 4 criteria: Ability to Meet Basic Needs, Debt, Employment and Income Stability, and Savings. Which jar do you identify with? If you select Jar 2, 3, or 4, you will complete a financial need statement. For a larger version of this graphic, see page 6 of this application.











3. Financial Need Statement: Is there any information about your family's situation that is not captured in the questions above that you wish to provide? For example, has the family experienced a significant drop in income since last year (e.g., job loss or reduced work hours)? Are there other family members attending post-secondary education? Are there extraordinary expenses impacting the family's ability to contribute (e.g., legal fees, caregiving costs)?

Consider including details about your income, expenses, financial responsibilities, and any support you receive (such as family contributions, scholarships, or government assistance).



OPTIONAL INFORMATION

This award seeks to recognize and remove barriers to education and support equity, diversity, and inclusion. As such, responding to the following question is optional but helps to recognize those who are "underrepresented".

Please mark all that apply to you:
\square I am the first in my family to attend college or university
☐ I self-identify as black, indigenous or a person of colour
\square I am/have been in foster care and/or have a court-appointed guardian
☐ I self-identify as a member of the 2SLGBTQI+ community
☐ I have a documented disability or chronic health condition
□ I am an immigrant to Canada
☐ English is not my first language
Any responses provided are strictly confidential and only reviewed by the scholarship adjudicators. Reference: Admissions Policies and Practices for Underrepresented Groups of Students www.bccat.ca/underrepresentedgroups
Comox Valley Community Foundation – Privacy and Information Use Statement
All information collected through this application is protected under the <i>Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act</i> (FOIPPA). The personal data provided will be used solely for the purpose of adjudicating awards at the Comox Valley Community Foundation (CVCF).
The Comox Valley Community Foundation is committed to maintaining the confidentiality and security of all application information. Your data will not be shared, sold, or used for any purpose beyond the adjudication and administration of the awards.
All application data will be securely stored and subsequently destroyed within one calendar year of submission, in accordance with privacy regulations and organizational policy.
By signing this document, you confirm that you have read, understood, and agree to these terms of use.
Applicant Name:
Signature:



Jar 1

I am comfortably able to meet all my basic needs

I may have some debt by it does not prohibit attainment of basic needs

I own home or property OR I rent ahigher-end property

I own a car

I am employed or do not need to work to meet my needs

I have access to financial savings

I have expendable income

I can afford holidays or take time off

Jar 2

I am a able to meet my basic needs

I may have some debt but it does nor prohibit attainment of basic needs

I own a home OR rent a property

I own a car

I am employed of self employed

I might have access to financial savings

I might have access to financial savings

I have some expandable income

I can take a vacation annually or every few years without financial burden

Jar 3

I may stress about meeting basic needs & don't always achieve them

I have some debt

I am employed or self employed but work part-time

I have limited financial savings

I have limited expandable income

I have to actively save in order to take a holiday

I own a car, but struggle to cover tax and insurance

Jar 4

I frequently stress about meeting basic needs & don't always achieve them

I have debt and it sometimes prohibits me from meeting basic needs

I rent lower-end properties or have unstable housing

I do not have a car and/or have limited access to a car but I am not always able to afford gas

I am unemployed or qualify for government assistance

I have no financial savings

I have no or very limited expandable income

I cannot afford a vacation or have the ability to take time off without financial burden

