



**GEORGES P. VANIER
BURSARIES
&
SCHOLARSHIPS
2026**

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A. INTRODUCTION

There are three main sources of financial aid for students who are planning to continue to post-secondary education or training:

1. **SCHOLARSHIPS** – are offered to students of high academic and technical achievement. Criteria will also include leadership, creativity, community and school involvement, potential, citizenship, etc.
2. **BURSARIES** – are offered on the basis of student financial need, achievement, and other requirements.
3. **CANADA STUDENT LOANS, BC STUDENT LOANS AND BC GRANTS**
These loans and grants are accessed through a single application process. Eligibility is based on need and other criteria. Applications and details about Student Aid BC are available at: <https://studentaidbc.ca/>

B. DISTRICT/AUTHORITY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The District/Authority scholarship is awarded to 5,500 high school graduates who have demonstrated excellence in their chosen area. GP Vanier Secondary usually hands out approximately 50 of these scholarships each year.

The Ministry of Education and Child Care sets core eligibility requirements and general guidelines; local scholarship committees determine awarding criteria and select their conditional recipients.

The Ministry confirms that the selected students have met basic criteria and then sends these confirmed recipients a **\$1,250 scholarship** voucher. They may redeem this voucher with the Ministry to be reimbursed for tuition paid after they are attending a post-secondary institution that is designated by the Province of B.C. (i.e., approved for Canada Student Loans) or a program provider that is approved by SkilledTradesBC.

Students have five years to redeem their District/Authority scholarship vouchers; an expiry date is printed on each voucher and extensions are not possible.

To apply for the District/Authority Scholarship students will need to fill out the application form which can be found online on our website here: [District Authority Scholarship application form](#) (or navigate to our Grad tab – Bursary & Scholarship information). A hard copy is also available in the counselling office.

C. YOUTH WORK IN TRADES

Youth Work in Trades provides skill development through practical, hands-on work experience.

Students enrolled in these courses go to work and attend high school at the same time. That means they have found an employer who is willing to take them on (and pay them) as an apprentice and are at least 16 years of age.

Students will become eligible to apply for the Youth Work in Trades \$1000 scholarship once they have:

- Been registered with SkilledTradesBC as a Youth Apprentice
- Currently enrolled in high school in BC in Grade 10-12.

- Successfully complete WRK 11A, WRK 11B, WRK 12A, and WRK 12B
- Reported a total of at least 900 hours to SkilledTradesBC by December 31 of the school year the student turns 19 **

* Note: A student's graduation transcript only includes the courses the student passes. The Youth Work in Trades Scholarship uses all Grade 12 numbered courses in the calculation of the grade point average.

** To be eligible for a Youth Work in Trades Scholarship, a student must complete 900 hours of work-based training by December 31 of the school year the student turns 19. The December 31 date ensures the scholarship applications are ready for distribution during that school year. In some cases, students are unable to complete the required hours by December 31 due to circumstances beyond their control. To accommodate these students, a second cycle to verify work-based hours occurs in early September of the following school year. Those school-aged students who met the

eligibility criteria on or before June 30 but were unable to complete or report their hours to SkilledTradesBC by December 31, may still receive the scholarship if they accrue the required work-based hours by August 31.

If you have any questions about the Youth Work in Trades program, please see the Careers Office in Room 130.

D. LOCAL BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Group 1 - Vanier Selected

Recipients are chosen by the Vanier Bursary Committee. The steps in the process and the list of bursaries and scholarships available are in this booklet. Use the checklist to choose the bursaries you would like to be considered for.

Group 2 - Donor Selected

Recipients are chosen by local donor families / organizations. The steps in the process and the list of bursaries and scholarships available are in this booklet.

Group 3 - Online Donor Selected

Recipients are chosen by local donor organizations. Each organization has its own unique application form, different requirements, and sometimes different timelines. You are required to submit your application directly to the donor either online or by email. Please take note of application deadline specific for each bursary.

E. RESOURCES

- ✓ www.scholarshipscanada.com
- ✓ www.scholartree.ca/
- ✓ www.educationplannerbc.ca/
- ✓ <https://studentaidbc.ca/>

F. GETTING READY TO APPLY

1. Obtain at least one letter of reference from teacher, member of the community, and/or employer.
2. Type a letter of introduction:
 - a) introduce yourself,
 - b) explain your post-secondary plans,
 - c) summarize your interests, activities, involvements, accomplishments etc.,
 - d) comment on your financial circumstances (if appropriate),
 - e) closing comment thanking committee for considering your application.
3. Obtain a copy of your transcript from MyEdBC or see Shannon in the counselling office for a copy **after Feb 9**.
4. Optional: Include your resume. This may be added to the application packages for Donor Selected applications.

G. GROUP 1 - VANIER SELECTED – HOW TO APPLY

STEPS

1. Open our Bursary Booklet available online.
2. Complete the Group 1 – Vanier Selected bursary application form **in full**. A fillable PDF application form can be found on the Vanier website, or a paper copy can be picked up from the Counselling Office.
3. Read the description of each bursary/scholarship in the Vanier Selected category. ***Make note of the ones for which you meet the criteria.***

4. On the Bursary Check List located on the front page of the application form, put a “✓” in the box next to the title of the bursary/scholarship for which you want to be considered.
5. Staple your application package together in this order:
 - the **Vanier Selected** application form (you only need to complete **one** application form which covers all of the bursaries on the checklist). Make sure you check off the bursaries you wish to be considered for.
 - a copy of your letter of introduction – addressed to the Vanier Bursary Committee
 - one copy of your reference letter(s)
 - a copy of your transcript (pick up from Shannon after February 9, or print one from MyEdBC.
6. Submit the stapled package to the Vanier Counselling Office by **Friday, February 27th, 2026 at 3:15 pm.**

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

H. GROUP 2 - DONOR SELECTED – HOW TO APPLY

STEPS

1. Read the descriptions of all Donor Selected Bursaries and Scholarships in our Bursary Booklet available online.
2. Determine which donor selected bursaries you will apply for.
3. For **each** Donor Selected Bursary/Scholarship you are applying to, complete one of the Group 2 – Donor Selected bursary application forms.
4. Some of the donor selected bursary/scholarships have an additional application form that **must** be completed and attached to your donor selected bursary package. If a special application form is required for a donor selected bursary, it will be mentioned in the description in the bursary booklet and you can find the form in the counselling office.
5. Edit your original Letter of Introduction, creating a copy for each individual organization (ie. Addressed to the organization and properly edited).
6. Make the appropriate number of copies of your letter of reference, transcripts, etc.
7. Staple your application package(s) together in this order:
 - Special application form (if applicable – refer to Bursary Booklet)
 - Vanier Group 2 - Bursary Application Form with organization or bursary title filled in at top
 - Your letter of introduction
 - Your letter(s) of reference
 - A copy of your transcript (pick up from Shannon after Feb 9) or print one from MyEdBC.
 - (optional) – a copy of your resume
8. Submit the stapled package to the Vanier Counselling Office by **Friday, February 27th, 2026 at 3:15 pm.**

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED



GROUP 1

VANIER SELECTED BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

ARDEN SPIRIT AWARD

The Arden Elementary School Parents Advisory Committee is pleased to offer a scholarship award of \$500.00 to a former Arden Elementary graduate who is enrolling in a post-secondary institution. The successful candidate must also be a Vanier graduate with a "B" average and evident good citizenship and community/school involvement.

AMOUNT: \$500

ARTHUR & PHYLLIS RAMSELL BURSARY

This bursary is provided from a fund established by Arthur & Phyllis Ramsell and administered by the Comox Valley Community Foundation. This award is intended to provide financial support to students pursuing a career in health care through post-secondary studies at a college, university, or school. Preference will be given to those pursuing nursing, and thereafter any career in general health care.

AMOUNT: \$1,525

BEECHER DEVELOPMENT LTD. FUND BURSARY

This bursary is available thanks to the Beecher Development Ltd. Fund, administered by the Comox Valley Community Foundation, and is offered to students pursuing academic or trades studies at a post-secondary institution. The successful candidate must ordinarily reside within the Comox Valley School District. Preference will be given to candidates with financial need.

AMOUNT: \$1,100

BEULAH A. ROSS BURSARY

This bursary is provided from a fund established by the late Beulah A. Ross. Grade 12 students from Hornby Island are eligible. If no student applies, the award will be given to the Hornby Island School Library.

AMOUNT: \$100

BEV SKWERNUIK MEMORIAL BURSARY

The Bev Skwernuik Memorial Bursary is a \$500 scholarship awarded to a graduating high school student of the Comox Valley School District who will be attending post-secondary education, and who has persevered through significant adversity during high school. An adverse event can be any of the following (but not limited to): death of a loved one; serious illness, injury, addiction, or acquired disability; dealing with abuse; significant disruption in family life.

AMOUNT: \$500

BOWSER LEGION #211 BURSARY

Both the bursary and scholarship are open to graduating students of Georges P. Vanier Secondary School who

- Reside in the Qualicum Bay, Bowser, Deep Bay, Fanny Bay, Union Bay, Denman Island and Hornby Island areas, and whose parents or grandparents (natural or legal) meet one of the following guidelines:
 - War veteran or member of the Armed Forces, or
 - Active member of RCL #211 Bowser.

Should there be no candidates that meet the geographical qualification, the Royal Canadian Legion # 211 will leave it open to the discretion of the school. Our objective in this endeavor is to help the graduating generation to the best of our ability to carry on a high standard of citizenship.

Bursary: Applications will first be judged based on financial need followed by qualities of leadership in the school and community; and qualities which indicate special achievement or promise.

Scholarship: Applicants will be chosen based on scholastic achievement (minimum 3.85 GPA) and have demonstration of community leadership.

The candidates must be proceeding to a Canadian university, BCIT, a registered school of nursing, or a vocational school. This award must be utilized by December of the next year following graduation.

AMOUNT: \$1,000

BRAD HARRIS MEMORIAL BURSARY

The recipient of this bursary has attended Royston Elementary School for a minimum of 4 years. Carrying with them the spirit of Royston Elementary School and its community throughout their school career.

The recipient will be community minded and contribute to their chosen community in a memorable way.

AMOUNT: \$500

CAREY MEMORIAL BURSARY (R.N. NORRIE)

Mrs. Ruth E. Donaldson has established a perpetual bursary in memory of her late husband, R. N. (Norrie) Carey. It is to be awarded to a disadvantaged student, whether that be physical, emotional, or financial, who has demonstrated perseverance in the face of adversity, and is limited to students pursuing academic or vocational training.

AMOUNT: \$750

CITY OF COURTENAY BURSARY

The City of Courtenay recognizes that youth have unlimited potential, and those who put forth efforts to make Courtenay a better place, need to be encouraged, recognized, and celebrated. By providing a bursary fund, the City intends to encourage community involvement and assist young people in their pursuit of further education including lifestyle development training. Bursaries are for graduating students in grade 12 attending one of the following schools: Nala'atsi Alternate School, Glacier View Secondary, Mark R. Isfeld Secondary, Georges P. Vanier Secondary, Navigate (NIDES), and Gaglardi Academy. Students should demonstrate community involvement, volunteerism, successful academic standing and positive work habits.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.
- Must not have previously received a bursary from the City of Courtenay Bursary Program.
- Must be a student from one of the schools listed above.
- Must be a City of Courtenay resident.
- Community involvement, volunteerism, participation in extra-curricular activities (i.e. athletics, drama, special interest clubs, successful academic standing and positive work habits).
- Students who demonstrate a financial need will be given priority.
- The student is to be awarded based on the previous year's achievements, contingent on continued positive involvement in the community and citizenship.

AMOUNT: \$1,000

COMOX DISTRICT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION GRAD BURSARY

The Comox Valley Teachers' Association are teachers in School District No.71, who offer a bursary for graduating students. There is one \$500.00 award to a G.P. Vanier graduate, with a preference given to a student who intends to proceed into a Teacher Education Program.

AMOUNT: \$500

COMOX VALLEY LIONS CLUB #7970 BURSARY

The Comox Valley Lions Club, chartered in 1966, is proud to be one of over 46,000 Lions Clubs comprised of over 1.4 million members throughout the world.

The bursary program is one of many local community commitments, and is an integral aspect of the Lions Motto, "We Serve".

This bursary will be given to a graduating student who is proceeding on to a trades or technical vocation. In keeping with the Lions International Motto "We Serve", the successful student must exhibit exemplary citizenship and public/community service.

Enrolment at a recognized post-secondary institution by May 31st of the following year is required to access the funds.

AMOUNT: \$1500

COMOX VALLEY PRINCIPALS & VICE-PRINCIPALS ASSOC. BURSARY

The Comox Valley Principals & Vice-Principals Association is pleased to award two bursaries of \$750.00 each to Vanier graduates. These bursaries will be awarded to students proceeding to a college, university or vocational institute.

Guidelines for selection are:

1. The student must be proceeding to an approved post-secondary institution.
2. The student must have made a contribution of service to the school or community at large.
3. Graduates will have up to 24 months to claim their bursary.

AMOUNT: \$750 x 2 (academic/vocational)

COMOX VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT BURSARY

The Comox Valley Regional District encourages and supports educational pursuits in the area of water services, wastewater services and environmental studies.

1. Proof of registration and attendance at a relevant Canadian accredited post-secondary institution in one of the following programs:
 - Environmental Operators Certification Program training
 - Environmental Engineering
 - Environmental Sciences
2. Involvement in extra-curricular activities.

AMOUNT: \$1,000

COMOX VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT BURSARY – CHRISTOPHER KLEIN-BEEKMAN

The Comox Valley School District offers a bursary to a student who is pursuing a full-time program of studies at a post-secondary or skills training institution. Criteria will include academic standing, financial need, and demonstration of service to the school or community at large.

AMOUNT: \$1,000

DELORES WOODIE BURSARY

This bursary is provided to support students in the Comox Valley pursue post-secondary education at a public university or college of their choice.

AMOUNT: \$1,850

FILBERG HERITAGE LODGE & PARK ASSOCIATION BURSARY

This bursary is to be presented to a graduating student entering studies at a B.C. college or university in the field of History and/or Horticulture. This award is made possible by the generosity of our members.

AMOUNT: \$500

GEOFF LONGLAND ENGINEERING BURSARY

For a deserving student whose ordinary residence is in the Comox Valley, who is attending G.P. Vanier Senior Secondary, and who is pursuing or entering a course of post-secondary study in Engineering at University of British Columbia.

AMOUNT: \$900

GEORGE T. COCHRANE SCHOLARSHIP

In favour of one or more deserving students who attended GP Vanier Secondary School and will be attending post-secondary studies in the field of Education.

AMOUNT: \$500

GEORGE HACKING MEMORIAL BURSARY

This Bursary was created to honour the memory of George Hacking. George's estate represents many years of hard work as a marine mechanic and engineer. He was an avid car and motorcycle mechanic and builder. He was a lifelong learner, committed to developing skills and knowledge in his trade, automotive interests and related fields. He was generous in sharing his skills and knowledge, believing that knowledge is of the greatest value when shared. He would be pleased to offer a young tradesperson an incentive to pursue their skills and knowledge, to begin their life of learning.

AMOUNT: \$500-1000/student

GLENDA & PAUL WILSON TRIPLE S AWARD

The Triple S (Scholarship, Service, and Sport) Bursary has been established by Glenda Wilson (nee Ash) Courtenay High grad 1960, and Paul Wilson, Cumberland High grad 1959, in gratitude to the School District for the positive schooling, memories, and accomplishments of themselves and their children.

The \$2000 award is open to pupils finishing their secondary education and residing in School District 71, who will be pursuing post-secondary education at an accredited institution. The successful applicant must demonstrate proficiency in the three areas of scholarship, service, and sport.

AMOUNT: \$2000

HAROLD W. HEMSWORTH MEMORIAL BURSARY

This bursary is provided by the estate of the late Harold W. Hemsworth. Harold, together with his parents, George and Elsie Gwen Hemsworth, moved to Royston in 1937. He attended Royston Elementary School and completed his education at Courtenay High School. Harold's main interests were music and hiking. He played the piano and saxophone and had a dance band in his early years. Harold hiked all of the trails in the surrounding area. Harold had an interest in automotive mechanics and drove a district school bus for a number of years, as well as a public transportation bus. Later, he worked as a service station attendant at Anchor Garage and then as a store clerk until retirement. He was a lifelong learner and had an extensive library of books and music. He loved to quiz his family and friends about important dates in history.

AMOUNT: \$1,000

HORNBY ISLAND NEW HORIZONS SOCIETY BURSARY

Hornby Island New Horizons Society offers an annual bursary of \$1000.00 to a grade 12 graduate of School District #71, Comox Valley. The recipient will have attended a minimum of 2 years at Hornby Island Elementary School and will be enrolled in a post-secondary institution in a program leading to a diploma or degree.

New Horizons will issue a cheque to the recipient, upon receipt of proof of registration at an appropriate institution. Acceptance of this bursary may be deferred for up to one year upon written request to the New Horizons Board.

AMOUNT: \$1,000

JAMES SMALL MEMORIAL BURSARIES

These bursaries are provided from the estate of the late James Small. The funds are in appreciation of the medical team who treated him after a massive heart attack. This estate represents many years of hard work in Vancouver Island forests. It is intended to assist a student whose aim is to become a progressive leader in promoting good health so the public will receive maximum benefit from Jim Small's hard-earned fortune. Applicants must:

1. Be applying to a recognized public post-secondary institution within Canada or the United States to pursue a specific program in the medical field.
2. Be graduating from Vanier and demonstrate academic performance, particularly in science-related disciplines.
3. Be free of involvement with illicit drugs or other criminal activity.
4. Possess a high level of interpersonal skills including good communication skills and a flexible and co-operative attitude & demonstrate commitment to hard work and a dedication to start and complete tasks.
5. Demonstrate the need for financial assistance.

AMOUNT: \$2,500 x 2

JOE CLARKE MEMORIAL BURSARY

This bursary is provided as a memorial to the late Joseph Clarke. Mr. Clarke was a long-time resident of the Comox Valley and active in the Knights of Columbus, both 3rd and 4th degrees. Mr. Clarke took a great interest in the community and his fellow man and for this, received a number of recognitions including the "Family of The Year" award from the Knights of Columbus. This bursary will be awarded to a student with a high academic standing, actively involved in school and/or community affairs, and financial need will be an important consideration. This bursary will be awarded annually.

AMOUNT: \$500

LESLEY LANE BURSARY

This bursary is presented in memory of Lesley Lane. It is to be presented to a Vanier graduate with a focus in Business. The recipient should be an overall well-rounded student who gives their best to their studies, the school, and their family and community.

AMOUNT: \$100

LORNE IRWIN BURSARY

This bursary will be awarded to a student who is proceeding to a post-secondary institution and attended Cumberland Community School.

AMOUNT: \$250

MCNISH FAMILY BURSARY

This bursary is designed to carry on our family tradition of participation in the community. The bursary will be awarded to the graduating student who best exhibits the attributes of citizenship and who participates and, if necessary, leads in community/school activities voluntarily and with interest.

AMOUNT: \$500

MEGAN DALZIEL MEMORIAL BURSARY

This bursary was created in memory of Megan Dalziel. Megan was an outstanding multi-sport athlete and a star basketball and volleyball player for three years at Vanier. She followed that up by helping UVIC win two CIAU national championships in four years (1998 & 2000). After university Megan taught and coached at York House. She is a member of the Vanier Athletics Hall of Fame. Megan was disarmingly humble, and her smile lit up all those around her. Her friendly disposition and inclusive positivity made her a favorite teammate wherever she went. She had time for everyone and is fondly remembered as one of the best people possible, and as an inspiration for all who met her.

This bursary will be awarded to the graduating Vanier female student who meets the following criteria:

- Has shown excellence in athletics and academics,
- Is pursuing post secondary education,
- Preference is given to students reflecting the personal attributes shown by Megan.

AMOUNT: \$1,000

NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE – DR. ALLAN DUNCAN PRITCHARD LEGACY BURSARY

Through his historic legacy gift to students, Dr. Pritchard is encouraging the next generation of students to enrich their lives, careers, and well-being through education. A lifelong learner and educator, Dr. Pritchard was also an accomplished writer, historian, cited expert on architecture, world traveler and philanthropist, but most of all, he was a kind and modest man. Today, the Pritchard legacy fund bursaries will support any student enrolled in any program at NIC.

This \$1,000 bursary will be awarded to a student who will be attending North Island College (NIC) between September 2026 and February 2027. The recipient will be enrolling in post-secondary level courses (not upgrading) and will have maintained a minimum C+ average in their Grade 12 year. The funds will be applied to tuition upon registration.

AMOUNT: \$1,000

PIERCY'S FUNERAL HOME MEMORIAL AWARD

Piercy's Funeral Home is pleased to offer this award annually in memory and in honour of those they serve. The successful candidate must be a graduate of G.P. Vanier who is proceeding directly to a recognized post-secondary institution in full-time enrolment. The applicant must be a well-rounded student who shows good academic achievement and be active in school and civic affairs.

AMOUNT: \$500

PUNTLEDGE PARK ALUMNI ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

This bursary will be awarded to a student who has attended École Puntledge Park Elementary and who demonstrates a keen understanding of environmental issues. Ideally the recipient will have showcased their commitment to environmental issues by initiating or participating in environmental clubs or outdoor programs within the school and/or the community.

AMOUNT: \$500

RANDY RAWSON NIGHTHAWK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The 409 Squadron and friends of the late Randy Rawson have provided a bursary as a memorial to Randy. Randy was born in Comox on March 26, 1965 and lived in several Canadian provinces before the family returned to the Comox Valley where Randy completed his grade 12 graduation with honours from Vanier in June 1983. Randy was very active in school and community activities, including being a paper boy, a scout, a CRA volunteer, and a member of minor hockey and church youth groups. He joined the military services as an officer candidate and attended the Electrical Engineering Faculty of the University of Alberta in Edmonton. The whole community was shocked and saddened by his sudden death in a car accident on June 29, 1984. The bursary is awarded to a Vanier graduate who closely matches the personal attributes that Randy demonstrated.

AMOUNT: \$200

RICHARD JOHN SCOTT MACDONNELL MEMORIAL BURSARY

Family and friends of the late Scott MacDonnell, a Vanier graduate in 1992, have established a bursary to be awarded annually to a student proceeding to post-secondary education. The recipient of this bursary should be an active, positive member of the school community. He or she should be enrolled in a post-secondary institution within 27 months of high school graduation.

AMOUNT: \$500

ROYAL LEPAGE IN THE COMOX VALLEY

Royal LePage in the Comox Valley is pleased to award a graduating grade 12 student pursuing post-secondary studies with this bursary. This award is made possible by the generosity of realtors at Royal LePage.

AMOUNT: \$500

RYAN VENDING BURSARY

This bursary will be awarded to a student pursuing post-secondary education in the field of business or marketing.

AMOUNT: \$500

VANCOUVER FOUNDATION/ROTARY CLUB OF COURTENAY BURSARIES

The Vancouver Foundation, in conjunction with the Courtenay Rotary Club, offers scholarships/bursaries to graduates of the Comox Valley. The selection criteria includes academic achievements, character qualifications including leadership, community involvement, participation in extra-curricular activities and vocational excellence. The bursaries must be used within 2 years following graduation.

AMOUNT: \$3,000 x 2 academic / \$2,000 x 2 vocational

VANCOUVER ISLAND REAL ESTATE BOARD BURSARY

The Vancouver Island Real Estate Board, on behalf of the members of the Comox Valley, offers a \$1000 bursary to each of the Comox Valley high schools. The bursaries will go to successful graduating students planning on taking building-trade related courses.

Amount: \$1,000

WESTVIEW FORD TECHNICIAN BURSARY

This bursary is offered by Westview Ford. It is to be awarded to a graduating Grade 12 G.P. Vanier Secondary School student pursuing Automotive service technician training. Criteria will be based upon:

- Financial need
- Aptitude, interest and effort
- Intention to pursue a career in the Comox Valley

Amount: \$500



GROUP 2

DONOR SELECTED BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

ADAM JOHN BRODIE BURSARY

After graduation from G.P. Vanier secondary School., Adam attended B.C.I.T. and specialized in Computer Control Systems. Employed by Spartan Controls he worked on many large projects as an automation specialist.

A bursary of \$1,000 is open to any graduating Comox Valley School District student enrolling in postsecondary education in Computer Technology or Computer Control fields.

In addition to the application, students should include a short paragraph describing their future plans in terms of program and anticipated educational institute. They should also include a budget and an outline of anticipated expenses as financial need will be a consideration.

AMOUNT: \$1000 x 1 district wide

ANDERTON THERAPEUTIC GARDENS SOCIETY BURSARY

The bursary is offered annually by the Anderton Therapeutic Garden Society. ATGS operates a two-acre garden originally developed by Joy and Bill Georgeson who aspired to create a space where people's physical, emotional, and mental wellbeing could be enhanced. The bursary is to be awarded to a graduating Grade 12 student who is pursuing a post-secondary education in the field of horticulture.

Guidelines for selection are FIRSTLY financial need, and further qualified by:

- School achievement, and
- Volunteer in school and/or community activities

AMOUNT: \$500 x 1 district wide

ANNE GIBBON MEMORIAL BURSARY (HOPE AFLOAT CANADA)

The Anne Gibbon Memorial Bursary (Hope Afloat Canada) is offered to a student in the Comox Valley School District entering the field of health sciences in the next academic year at any accredited post-secondary Canadian Institution in British Columbia.

Criteria includes:

1. Financial need.
2. Academic excellence.
3. Involvement in extracurricular activities.
4. Two reference letters.

SPECIAL APPLICATION FORM REQUIRED FROM THE COUNSELLING OFFICE.

AMOUNT: \$750 x 2 district wide

BAYNES SOUND LIONS – IRENE FUDGE MEMORIAL BURSARY

This bursary has been provided by the family of Irene Fudge. It has been established and maintained by the Baynes Sound Lions Club, serving the areas of Buckley Bay, Denman Island, Hornby Island, Fanny Bay and Union Bay.

Any student residing in one of these communities who wishes to further their education in a post-secondary or vocational school is welcome to apply. Students applying for this bursary can already be a graduate from any recognized school associated with School District 71. The following criteria must be met in order for this bursary to be awarded:

- Students must include their school, volunteer, sports and community activities in their application
- Recipients must be proceeding to a post-secondary or vocational school within 27 months of being chosen for this bursary
- Students must be a full-time resident of one of the communities listed above.

(The Donor Group may elect to divide the maximum annual amount of the bursary between eligible candidates)

AMOUNT: FROM \$500 - \$1,000 (depending on program of studies - ex. certificate, diploma, degree)

BRANCH 17 – COURTENAY OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BURSARIES

The Royal Canadian Legions have extensive scholarships and bursary programs for local students. Bursaries are awarded on the basis of personal and family need. The bursary listed below is provided to graduates proceeding to a university or

equivalent in British Columbia. Military affiliation is a consideration. All details requested on the special application form should be included. Failure to complete the application in its entirety will result in the application NOT being considered. Applicants must be planning to attend the institution of their choice in the year the bursary is awarded.

They will offer 3 x \$1000 Bursaries where financial need is the prime consideration.

They will also offer the POPPY FUND BURSARY (\$1,000.00): Where Financial need is the prime consideration for this bursary and is primarily for a student who is a child or grandchild of a current or former military member.

SPECIAL APPLICATION FORM REQUIRED FROM THE COUNSELLING OFFICE.

AMOUNT: \$1,000 x 4

CEP CHINOOK LOCAL 630 BURSARY

CEP Chinook Local 630 represented the paper workers at Elk Falls Mill in Campbell River from 1952 until the mill closure in 2010. As a result of no longer having an active membership, Chinook Local 630 has created a bursary fund for students going in to any post-secondary or vocational education program. Commencing in June 2014, and continuing for 25 years, a bursary in the amount of \$1000 will be awarded to a graduating candidate that demonstrate financial need, and successfully answer the following essay question:

“What does the labor movement mean to me?”

This bursary is open to any student graduating from School District 71. Preference will be given to qualified candidates that can prove a hereditary relationship to a former CEP Chinook Local 630 member.

SPECIAL APPLICATION FORM REQUIRED FROM THE COUNSELLING OFFICE.

Amount: \$1000 x 1 district wide

COMOX VALLEY MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY – INTERCULTURAL AWARDS

Comox Valley Multicultural Society is a non-profit volunteer-based organization that has been promoting multiculturalism in the Comox Valley for more than 20 years. The Intercultural Award will be given to four graduating students (\$500 per student), whose families and/or parents are either members of CVMS or immigrants from countries where English is not the official language. The award is to recognize the academic accomplishment the students have made through years of hard work while adapting to Canadian society. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale to be eligible.

AMOUNT: \$500 x 4 district wide

COMOX VALLEY NATURE BURSARY

This Bursary is awarded to a graduating student in the Comox Valley who is planning a career in the natural or environmental sciences. To be eligible, students must:

1. Have a career goal in biological or environmental sciences.
2. Enroll in a relevant post-secondary academic program.
3. Indicate financial need and claim the bursary within 15 months of graduation.
4. Have been actively involved in environmental or natural history-related activities, either at school or with CVN or other environment-related organizations.
5. Have high academic standing in relevant science courses.

SPECIAL APPLICATION FORM REQUIRED FROM THE COUNSELLING OFFICE.

AMOUNT: \$1000 x1 district wide

COMOX VALLEY UNITED SOCCER CLUB BURSARIES

The Comox Valley United Soccer Club provides six \$500.00 bursaries, provided there are applicants that we deem match the criteria. The bursaries are awarded for soccer involvement, not by attendance at a particular school.

The following five criteria are required in order to be considered for one of the bursaries:

1. Significant history of involvement with the CVUSC.
2. Possesses the profile/qualities of a highly motivated, well-rounded soccer athlete.

3. Contribution to the club other than as a player.
4. Family contribution to the club.
5. Provides proof of attendance at an accredited post-secondary institution for the following September.

AMOUNT: \$500 x 6 district wide

COMOX VALLEY UNITED SOCCER CLUB - DARRIN MCLEOD LEGACY BURSARY

The bursary will be awarded to a female/non-binary athlete who consistently demonstrates commitment through reliable attendance and personal accountability. This individual leads by example, both on and off the field, fostering a positive environment by uplifting teammates, promoting equality, and encouraging accountability. They embody the joy of participation and a passion for the sport, inspiring those around them to elevate their game.

Criteria: A true leader:

Attendance - an athlete who will always do their best to show up.

Accountability - an athlete that takes responsibility for themselves.

Attitude - A player who elevates those around them.

1. a player who leads with or without the ball, on and off the pitch.
2. a player who elevates their game and those around them.
3. a player that promotes equality and holds their peers accountable for their actions
4. a player that embodies the enjoyment of, and participation in, the sport of soccer. (CVUSC mission statement)

AMOUNT: \$1,000 x 1 district wide

CONSERVANCY HORNBY ISLAND BURSARY

Conservancy Hornby Island offers an annual bursary of \$1000.00 to a grade 12 graduate of School District #71, Comox Valley. The recipient will have attended the Hornby Island Community School and will be enrolling in a post-secondary program related to biology, ecology, conservation or environmental management. Conservancy Hornby Island will issue a cheque to the recipient, upon receipt of proof of registration at an appropriate institution. Acceptance of this bursary may be deferred for up to one year upon written request to the Conservancy Hornby Island Executive Director.

AMOUNT: \$1,000

COURTENAY ELKS LODGE B.P.O.E. BURSARY

The Courtenay Elks is pleased to offer a bursary to graduating students who enroll for full courses of study in a post-secondary institution. Guidelines for selection are FIRSTLY financial need, and further qualified by:

- School achievement, and
- Citizenship and involvement in school and/or community activities.

AMOUNT: \$1,000

COURTENAY & DISTRICT FISH & GAME PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

This organization is active in the community in promoting wildlife management. The members are very interested in the youth of the community and offer four bursaries to graduates of GP Vanier, Highland, or Mark Isfeld who qualify in at least one of the two following criteria:

- A student furthering their education in the field which Courtenay and District Fish & Game Protective Association promotes. Eg. Conservation, Environment, Forestry, Fisheries. This student does not necessarily have to be a club member dependent.
- A student furthering their education who is a dependent of a Fish & Game Protective Association member but not necessarily going into the conservation/environmental field. Dependents of members of Courtenay and District Fish & Game Protective Association means, child or grandchild.

SPECIAL APPLICATION FORM REQUIRED FROM THE COUNSELLING OFFICE.

AMOUNT: \$2,500 x 4 district wide

COURTENAY LITTLE THEATRE BURSARIES

Courtenay Little Theatre is pleased to offer up to three awards to assist Comox Valley high school graduates to further their studies in the field of theatre, both technical and performance. In order to be eligible, students must intend to pursue theatre courses following graduation and have successfully participated in a school or extracurricular program that focuses upon drama. Criteria for selection will include participation in school and community theatrical activity, academic achievement, written recommendations, and contribution to Courtenay Little Theatre. When two or more candidates meet the four main criteria equally, financial need will be taken into consideration.

Proof of registration in a theatre program of the student's choice will be required prior to the receipt of these bursaries. Should no appropriate application be received from students in the field of theatre, consideration may be given to applications from students entering other disciplines in the performing arts.

AMOUNT: \$1,000 x 3 district wide

COURTENAY ROTARY CLUB - PAST PRESIDENTS BURSARY

The bursary will be awarded to an active member of the G.P. Vanier Rotary Interact Club (preferably a 2 year member) who has been guided by the objectives of Rotary, these being:

- The application of the ideal of service in community life
- High ethical standards towards their work and school
- The development of acquaintances as an opportunity for service
- The advancement of goodwill, and peace through a world of fellowship with those united in the ideal service.

The bursary must be used within 2 years following graduation.

AMOUNT: \$1,000

COURTENAY ROTARY CLUB - FRED BOSSOM MEMORIAL BURSARY

The bursary will be awarded to an active member of the G.P. Vanier Rotary Interact Club (preferably a 2 year member) to honour Fred Bossom, a Past President of Courtenay Rotary.

Extremely supportive of education, Fred served as an excellent model for youth in the Comox Valley for many decades. In keeping with Fred's principles, selection criteria includes academic achievement and character qualifications, specifically leadership, community involvement, and participation in extra-curricular activities. The bursary must be used within 2 years following graduation.

AMOUNT: \$1,000

COURTENAY ROTARY CLUB - HAROLD WOODLAND MEMORIAL BURSARY

The bursary will be awarded to an active member of the G.P. Vanier Rotary Interact Club (preferably a 2 year member) to honour Harold Woodland, a Past president of Courtenay Rotary and a Past District Governor. This prestigious award is given annually to the student who is determined to best exemplify the Rotary International Motto, "Service Above Self" within their school, local or global community. The bursary must be used within 2 years following graduation.

AMOUNT: \$2,000

COURTENAY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BURSARY

This bursary, funded by the Courtenay Volunteer Fire Department Fund, is to support legal, dependent children of the current regular members of the Courtenay Fire Department moving on to post-secondary education or pending accepted post-secondary applications. Applicants must have graduated or be graduating from high school and pursuing any trades, technical or academic program at the college or university level. In addition to an application, applicants must submit their educational and career goals and their involvement in extracurricular school and/or community volunteer activities.

AMOUNT: \$2,000 x 1 District Wide

C.U.P.E. LOCAL # 439 MEMORIAL BURSARY

The Local shall fund \$2000.00 annually for The CUPE 439 Memorial Bursary to be awarded in June of each year. To qualify any graduating Gr. 12 School District #71 student must be the child/grandchild of a current member in good

standing of CUPE Local 439 or child/grandchild of a retired member of Local 439, or the child/grandchild of a member who passed away while they were a member of CUPE Local 439. Each year the Committee will determine whether the bursaries will be two \$1000 or four \$500 bursaries.

SPECIAL APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE COUNSELLING OFFICE.

AMOUNT: \$2,000 divided between recipients-district wide

C.U.P.E. LOCAL # 439 MARGARET ZARUK MEMORIAL BURSARY

The Local shall fund \$2000.00 annually for The Margaret Zaruk Memorial Bursary to be awarded in June of each year. To qualify any graduating Gr. 12 School District #71 student must be the child/grandchild of a current member in good standing of CUPE Local 439 or child/grandchild of a retired member of Local 439, or the child/grandchild of a member who passed away while they were a member of CUPE Local 439. Each year the Committee will determine whether the bursaries will be two \$1000 or four \$500 bursaries.

SPECIAL APPLICATION FORM REQUIRED FROM THE COUNSELLING OFFICE.

AMOUNT: \$2,000 divided between recipients-district wide

DEBORA KRUEGER MEMORIAL BURSARY

Debora faced adversity early in life and left school at a young age. Years later, she overcame the hardships she faced by getting her GED, then her degree in education. After many years teaching, Deb furthered her education when she trained in a cutting-edge reading technique. She then facilitated workshops, trained others, and was able to make a significant impact on struggling readers.

Debora dedicated her teaching career to helping students who needed extra support. She was committed to ensuring equitable access and opportunities to all. She loved her Arden school family and community passionately and would be honored to know that this bursary in her name will be awarded to this past Arden student.

This bursary will be awarded to a former Arden Elementary School student graduating from GP Vanier who plans to pursue the education field post-secondary.

AMOUNT: \$800

DENMAN ISLAND FIRE RESCUE BURSARY

The Denman Island Volunteer Fire Department is pleased to offer this bursary to a grade 12 graduating student from G.P. Vanier Secondary School. Criteria include:

1. Applicant is a current resident of Denman Island attending G.P. Vanier;
2. Applicant is planning to continue post-secondary education at a recognized community college or university.

The successful applicant will receive the bursary when proof of registration is received.

SPECIAL APPLICATION FORM REQUIRED FROM THE COUNSELLING OFFICE.

AMOUNT: \$500

DONALD WILLIAM TAYLOR BURSARY

Donald William Taylor attended Beaufort School for his elementary schooling and spent his teen years in the Woodland Residential School in New Westminster. As an adult he was a strong advocate for people with disabilities.

The Donald William Taylor Bursary is to be given annually to a student in School District No. 71 who is proceeding to post-secondary education in a field related to working with people with disabilities.

The student must have shown an interest in working with children or adults with intellectual, physical, or development disabilities through related employment or volunteer work during the secondary school years.

AMOUNT: \$400.00 x 1 district wide

DR ROBERT E. CLARKE BURSARY

This bursary is awarded on the basis of scholarly and community merit, strength of character and sportsmanship as well as financial need, to a student pursuing a career in the health sciences. This bursary is paid in equal installments per year over 2 years.

AMOUNT: \$2,275.00 x 2 district wide

DR TERRY JAMES BURSARY

The successful applicant will demonstrate a commitment of service to others, for example, through community service or volunteer work. The successful applicant will be pursuing a career in human services and preference will be given to a student entering the Human Service Worker diploma course or a related field.

Applications will be accepted from graduating students from Highland, Mark Isfeld, and G.P. Vanier. One bursary will be awarded annually. Preference will be given to family members of CUPE 439, especially to the son or daughter of a Teaching Assistant.

AMOUNT: \$500.00 x 1 district wide

EDGETT EXCAVATING BURSARY

One bursary is offered to a Comox Valley School District student who meets the following criteria:

1. Focus will be on need, effort, interest, as well as academics.
2. The bursary will be awarded to a graduate furthering their education at a post-secondary institution in BC with preference given to those pursuing industry related programs (civil engineering, heavy equipment training, heavy duty mechanical or similar).
3. A letter detailing educational plans, goals, and the reason for seeking the bursary must be included with applications.

AMOUNT: \$500 x 1 district wide

G.P. VANIER MUSIC PARENTS' GROUP BURSARY

The Vanier Music Parents' Group offers a bursary to a student graduating from Vanier who will be pursuing post-secondary education in the field of music and/or musical theatre, or taking a minimum of two accredited music / musical theater or drama courses. Guidelines for selection are:

1. Actively involved in Grade 12 Vanier Music Program
2. Recipients must go into a post-secondary institution within 24 months
3. Academic standing
4. Financial need
5. Letter of application from the student

AMOUNT: \$1,000

HAKAI ENERGY SOLUTIONS BURSARY

This bursary will be awarded to a graduating grade 12 G.P. Vanier Secondary School student pursuing post-secondary studies in engineering or technology in the field of renewable energy. The application must include a summary of the students' interest and activities in regard to the field of study. The bursary will be presented directly to the recipient upon receipt of enrolment and tuition paid to a post-secondary institution.

SPECIAL APPLICATION FORM REQUIRED FROM THE COUNSELLING OFFICE.

AMOUNT: 2 x \$500

HARMONY REBEKAH LODGE NO.22 BURSARY

Independent Order of Odd Fellows Cumberland Harmony Rebekah Lodge #22 is pleased to offer a bursary to a graduate of G.P. Vanier Secondary School. Preference will be given to a member's child. The bursary will be paid to the student upon verification of registration at a post-secondary institution.

AMOUNT: \$300

HILARY BROWN MEMORIAL BURSARY

Hilary Brown lived on Hornby Island for nearly 70 years until her death in 2007 at the age of 98. Hilary passionately participated in global movements for social justice and peace. On Hornby she helped found many community institutions including the co-op store, credit union, library, and seniors housing. She was first Chair of the Islands Trust from 1974 to 1976. To preserve and protect her Heron Rocks property Hilary and friends created the Heron Rocks Friendship Centre Society (HRFCS) in 1989. The Society works to sustain Hilary's visions including support for Hornby Island youth pursuing further education to become active community members. To that end the HRFCS created the Hilary Brown Memorial (HBM) Bursary.

To receive the HBM Bursary the student must attend an accredited post-secondary program at a public university or college (vocational or academic). They must live on Hornby Island now or have taken a significant portion of their earlier schooling on Hornby. The awarded HBM Bursary is available for two years allowing for a gap year. The bursary may be paid when registration for the program is complete or directly to the post-secondary institution.

AMOUNT: \$750

HORNBY ISLAND CO-OP MCPHERSON BURSARY

The "McPherson" Bursary has been established to recognize the commitment of students from Hornby Island wanting to complete their high school education and go on to trade school, college or university. The Hornby Island Co-op has chosen to acknowledge the dedication and service that Lorna and Moffet McPherson gave to the Co-op by naming this bursary in their honour. The recipient may postpone entry into post-secondary education for a maximum of 12 months past graduation.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Applicant or immediate family is an active member of Hornby Island Co-op.
2. Applicant is either a Canadian citizen or a landed immigrant.
3. Applicant has resided (either currently or previously) on Hornby Island for a minimum of three years.

Selection Criteria:

1. Academic record.
2. Community involvement and personal interests.
3. Financial need, as revealed in the applicant's financial plan for further education.
4. Educational plans and career goals.

AMOUNT: \$2,500

JAMES D. AITKEN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This scholarship is provided to honour the memory of Dr. James Aitken, a Denman Island resident and an outstanding Canadian geologist. The recipient must be a Denman Island resident and a graduating student who has achieved scholarship excellence and who intends to pursue post-secondary studies.

AMOUNT: \$500

JEFF STEWART MEMORIAL FINE ARTS BURSARY

The Fund will support a student graduating from School District No. 71, who is pursuing performing or fine arts education at a public, post-secondary institution. Within their applications, applicants should demonstrate the qualities of community-mindedness, creativity, determination, innovative thinking, and a passion/"Spark" for the fine arts, all of which Jeff Stewart embodied. Jeff believed that the future of humanity rests on the universal right of all girls and women to a full education. He also believed in the critical nature of inclusiveness. As such, preference

will be given to female, female-identifying, non-binary, gender non-conforming, and/or LGBTQIA2S+ applicants. Applicants must also demonstrate financial need and may choose to defer the award for up to one year.

AMOUNT: \$750 x 1 district wide

KARMEN REMPEL'S G.P. VANIER ALUMNI BURSARY

This bursary is offered by Karmen Rempel. It is to be awarded yearly to a graduating Grade 12 G.P. Vanier Secondary School female student pursuing post-secondary studies, who demonstrates financial need.

In selecting a recipient for this bursary, preference may be given to:

1. Someone who can demonstrate how they have empowered a woman in their life (whether at work, at school or in their personal lives) or when another woman has empowered them.
2. Someone who is pursuing a career in architecture, computational design, computer science, construction, data science, economics, engineering, finance, real estate, software engineering, statistics, urban planning, or similar field to any of those listed.
3. Someone with an 80% + grade point average.
4. Someone who has included the link to their personal LinkedIn profile.

50% of the bursary will be presented directly to the recipient upon receipt of enrollment and tuition paid to post-secondary institution and the other 50% will be provided upon successful completion of the 1st semester and receipt of enrolment and tuition paid to a post-secondary institution for a 2nd semester.

AMOUNT: \$1,000

LACASSE CONSTRUCTION BURSARY

Lacasse Construction is pleased to offer a \$2500 bursary to a Comox Valley School District graduate attending BCIT in any field of study. Lacasse Construction values the programs and job ready skills that BCIT provides to its students. In order to be eligible, students must be registered and accepted into BCIT the following fall. A letter detailing educational plans, goals, and the reason for seeking the bursary must be included with application and the candidate will be selected by Lacasse Construction management. Proof of registration and attendance in a BCIT program will be required prior to receiving the funds.

Amount: \$2,500 x 1 district wide

MOSAIC FOREST MANAGEMENT BURSARY

Awarded to a School District 71 Indigenous graduating grade 12 student who is pursuing studies in the field of forestry at a post-secondary institution (degree, diploma or trades). Recipient must demonstrate strong leadership qualities. Alternately, award can be made available to an Indigenous student pursuing post-secondary studies in fisheries or other natural resource management related fields.

AMOUNT: \$1,000.00

NOLAN LEWIS OSTGARD MEMORIAL BURSARY

This Bursary was created in memory of Nolan Lewis Ostgard, a grade 11 student at GP Vanier who passed away in January 2017. Nolan's greatest passion in life was music, and his plan was to study music therapy at Capilano College after graduation. A member of Vanier's Rhythm and Blues and Jazz bands, Nolan felt most comfortable when he was lost in playing his guitar, and he could often be found playing in some corner of the halls during lunch hour. In Nolan's own words, music "is humanity's greatest achievement." Funded largely by an outpouring of support from family, friends and members of the community, as well as Nolan's own savings, this bursary will ensure that Nolan's name lives on, and his love and passion for music will be shared with others for years to come.

This bursary will be awarded to a graduating GP Vanier student who meets the following criteria:

1. Attendance in good standing.
2. Has shown excellence and passion in their musical or art pursuits.
3. Is proceeding to a post-secondary institution in the field of music, art, or vocation related to mental health.
4. Strong preference will be given to the student demonstrating kindness toward others.

5. Applicant must submit a short essay (250-500 words) describing who they are, what music or art means to them, and indicating their musical or art pursuits and goals.

AMOUNT: \$1,000

PATRICK AND DULCIE ROGERS MEMORIAL BURSARY

Dulcie Rogers was a passionate and dedicated teacher who cared deeply about her students. As a well-respected female teacher, she was a firm believer in education and equality and strongly encouraged higher education. She was also a very active community member who volunteered tirelessly at a variety of causes around the Comox Valley.

This bursary is intended for female students who plan to pursue a career in the sciences. Short list candidates will be requested to submit a short essay (~300 words) describing their career goals and the education path that they will pursue as well as outlining personal interests or community service.

The ideal recipient would demonstrate aptitude in the sciences and show an ability to balance education with community involvement and/or personal growth.

To apply please email a completed application form with introduction letter, transcript, reference letter(s) along with the essay described above to: dulcierogersmemorialbursary@gmail.com * do not drop this application off in the counselling office.

AMOUNT: \$1,500

RAINBOW YOUTH THEATRE – BETTY DIXON MEMORIAL BURSARY

Betty and her husband, Harry, were spectators during the first season of Rainbow Youth Theatre but became enthusiastic supporters thereafter. Betty was a member of RYT for many years serving on the board, behind the scenes, and on stage. When Betty passed away in Early December of 2000, Harry and the family requested that donations in her memory be made to Rainbow Youth Theatre. This generous bequest has allowed RYT to offer a bursary each year to one of its members graduating from high school and continuing on to post secondary education in the Arts.

AMOUNT: \$500

RAINBOW YOUTH THEATRE – THELMA OLIVER MEMORIAL BURSARY

Rainbow Youth Theatre was proud to announce in 2011 that it was introducing another bursary to graduating students in the Comox Valley. This bursary is available to graduating students embarking on post-secondary education in the Arts. The bursary has been made possible thanks to the generous support of Thelma's family and friends.

AMOUNT: \$500

RAINBOW YOUTH THEATRE – MIKE BUTLER BURSARY FOR TECHNICAL THEATRE SKILLS

Mike Butler is one of the founding members of Rainbow Youth Theatre Society and the longest serving member on the RYT board of directors. He was the President of RYT for 20 years. Mike is a tireless volunteer who has provided his skills and expertise in the areas of lighting design and technical production for over three decades. The RYT board honors Mike's selfless dedication to our youth focused organization and the general Arts community in the Comox Valley with a \$500 bursary. This bursary is intended to support a graduating student who plans to pursue a career in sound, lighting, set design, props and prop making, set painting, stage management and directing.

AMOUNT: \$500

RICK JACKSON FUND SCHOLARSHIP – UNIVERSITY STUDIES

Through Rick's extraordinary gift of one million dollars to the Comox Valley Community Foundation, the Rick Jackson Fund will provide scholarships for students in the Comox Valley for generations to come. This scholarship will be awarded to students graduating from School District 71 with high achieving grades who are pursuing University Studies at any Post-Secondary Institution off Vancouver Island (within Canada). Consideration will be given to those who must

leave Vancouver Island to attend post-secondary and who have a clearly articulated career path. Other donor-designated preferences set out in the application will be taken into consideration in choosing a recipient.

IMPORTANT: The donor **does not** require our Vanier Bursary Application Form to be completed, **only their specific application form needs to be handed in** with the other required documents. There is a fillable application form on our website or paper copies in the counselling office.

AMOUNT: \$20,000 x 1 district wide

RICK JACKSON FUND SCHOLARSHIP – FOUNDATION TRADES

Through Rick's extraordinary gift of one million dollars to the Comox Valley Community Foundation, the Rick Jackson Fund will provide scholarships for students in the Comox Valley for generations to come. This scholarship will be awarded to students graduating from School District 71 who are pursuing Trades training from Foundation to Red Seal certification at any Post-Secondary Institution in Canada and will be distributed over five years. Consideration will be given to those with high grades. Other donor-designated preferences set out in the application will be taken into consideration in choosing a recipient.

IMPORTANT: The donor **does not** require our Vanier Bursary Application Form to be completed, **only their specific application form needs to be handed in** with the other required documents. There is a fillable application form on our website or paper copies in the counselling office.

AMOUNT: \$20,000 x 1 district wide

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 28 CUMBERLAND BURSARIES

These bursaries are offered to students who are graduating from School District 71 and whose primary residence is in the Cumberland / Royston area. Consideration for a variety of post-secondary educational pursuits will be considered. Applicants must have family roots with the Canadian Forces, R.C.M.P., or Merchant Navy.

SPECIAL APPLICATION FORM REQUIRED FROM THE COUNSELLING OFFICE.

AMOUNT: \$750 x 2 district wide

RYAN WEST MEMORIAL BURSARY

This bursary was created by Ryan's family and friends, to honour his memory and legacy by supporting a graduating student who is pursuing post-secondary studies and has been an active participant in the Comox Valley United Soccer Club and who is moving on to pursue post-secondary studies. The deserving student also shares Ryan's passion for all aspects of the sport and values the friendships fostered from competition. Preference will be given to those with high year-over-year participation in the soccer club both as a player and in other areas of club involvement such as officiating, mentoring, coaching, or other volunteer duties. The area of study is open.

AMOUNT: \$1,000 x district wide

SANDY STAPLES MEMORIAL BURSARY

This bursary is provided as a memorial to the late Sandy Staples. Sandy had a lifelong passion for dance and the performing arts. This bursary will be awarded to a graduating student in SD#71 pursuing post-secondary education or vocational training in the performing arts. Financial need will be a consideration.

AMOUNT: \$500 x 1 district wide

SID WILLIAMS THEATRE SOCIETY BURSARY

The Sid Williams Theatre Society (SWTS) gives out financial bursary awards at the end of each school year to local students who are pursuing post-secondary education or training in the performing arts. The bursary award program is guided by the SWTS mandate and core values. This bursary will be awarded to the applicant upon confirmation of enrolment.

Applicants are encouraged to attach letters of reference supporting the criteria below.

Criteria:

- Applicants must be graduating in the year of application from: G.P. Vanier Secondary School, Highland Secondary, Mark Isfeld Secondary, Nala'atsi Alternate School, Glacier View Secondary, Ecole au Coeur-d'Ile, Gaglardi Academy, or Navigate North Island Distance Education.
- The SWTS Bursary Committee will consider applications submitted by Comox Valley residents graduating from another Grade 12 equivalency program (must be a program recognized by the province of British Columbia), if all other award criteria are met.
- Applicants must be continuing their studies at a post-secondary institution in a field related to the performing arts or entertainment industry (including film/video). See also "Special Criteria" below.
- Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to theatre arts (live performance including spoken word, cultural use performing arts, film, video, or other entertainment/performance genres, or theatre technology).

Preferred indicators of commitment:

- Applicants who have contributed a minimum of 20 hours of volunteer effort per year within the past 2 years with either the Sid Williams Theatre Society or a Comox Valley-based non-profit organization using the Sid Williams Theatre for their events.
- Applicants who have invested a minimum of 40 hours per year within the past 2 years to either training or community/cultural practice in the Comox Valley region in the theatre arts (as described above).
- Applicants who have resided in the Comox Valley less than 2 years, but meet the graduation criteria above, who are able to demonstrate the other above criteria in another community may also apply.

For students whose special circumstances do not fit the criteria above, there are **Special Application Criteria** available on the SWTS website:

<https://www.sidwilliamstheatre.com/support/student-bursaries/>

AMOUNT: \$500 (minimum)

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL CLUB OF COURTENAY BURSARIES

The successful applicant will demonstrate a commitment of service to others, for example, through community service or volunteer work. The successful applicant will be pursuing a career in human services and preference will be given to a student entering the human service worker diploma course or a related field.

Applications will be accepted from graduating students from Highland, Mark Isfeld, and G.P. Vanier. One bursary will be awarded annually. Preference will be given to family members of CUPE 439, especially to the son or daughter of a teaching assistant.

SPECIAL APPLICATION FORM REQUIRED FROM THE COUNSELLING OFFICE.

AMOUNT: \$500 x 1 district wide

STEW SAVARD ROBOTICS / S.T.E.A.M LEADERSHIP AWARD

Thanks to the incredible generosity of Stew Savard, a former Navigate NIDES teacher with a passion for bringing robotics Comox Valley youth for many years, this leadership award is offered to inspire and encourage SD No. 71 high school graduates who are pursuing studies in STEAM (Science, technology, engineering, aesthetics, mathematics), with an interest in robotics, at any public post-secondary institution in Canada. Consideration will be given to applicants' leadership involvement in extra-curricular and community programs as demonstrated through the application's leadership survey.

SPECIAL APPLICATION FORM REQUIRED FROM THE COUNSELLING OFFICE.

AMOUNT: \$10,000 x 2 district wide

STUART FODEN MEMORIAL BURSARY

The Comox Valley Children's Daycare Society - Stuart Foden Memorial Bursary is a district-wide bursary, available for a graduating student of School District #71. The criterion for this bursary is:

- The recipient will be entering the Early Childhood Care and Education program at North Island College full time. The person will be selected by a committee from the Comox Valley Children’s Daycare Society as this is a district wide bursary.

AMOUNT: \$500 x 1 district wide

SUSAN STOYLES G.P. VANIER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BURSARY

The G.P. Vanier Alumni Association offers a bursary to a graduating student from G.P. Vanier Secondary who is proceeding to further education at a university/college or vocational level.

Criteria for the successful candidate is:

1. Attended G.P. Vanier for grades 10-12;
2. Has demonstrated a positive impact on G.P. Vanier school culture;
3. Has demonstrated a wide variety of volunteer activities and/or provided assistance to numerous school-based events throughout their time at G.P. Vanier;
4. Attendance is in good standing;
5. Work habits are in good standing;

Candidates should provide a comprehensive list of volunteer activities and the impact each has had on school culture. The bursary will be paid to the recipient upon proof of enrollment at a post secondary institution. The bursary must be used within two years of the successful candidate’s graduation from G.P. Vanier Secondary.

AMOUNT: \$500

SYSCO VICTORIA BURSARIES

This bursary will be presented to students in the Cafeteria Program who display a strong work ethic and commitment to the program. First preference will be given to students proceeding to a college level cooking program.

AMOUNT: \$500

TIMOTHY BURNS BURSARY (ALICIA BURNS BEQUEST FUND)

This generous support is provided by the Alicia Burns Bequest Fund. The Timothy Burns Bursary was created in honour of Alicia Burns' brother to support a graduating student who has participated in athletics, has a good sense of humour and demonstrates compassion and kindness to others.

This bursary is to be given out for more than just academic achievement. It is to be given to students who were involved with athletics, but not just “jocks”; who participated in student government and other activity clubs; and who were raised by a single parent or faced other challenging backgrounds. Also, its importance is to help a student who is adventurous and wants to push their limits by seeking to move their horizons beyond the familiar grounds of the Comox Valley. Both Alicia and Tim felt it was essential that we should experience and learn from those outside our normal circle of family, friends and community.

AMOUNT: \$4,000

TODAY ‘N’ TOMORROW PROGRAM BURSARY

This bursary is for a young parent involved in the Today ‘N’ Tomorrow program and proceeding to a post-secondary institution after leaving G.P. Vanier. This bursary must be redeemed within five years of graduating.

AMOUNT: \$300

TRADES EXCELLENCE AWARD

For students pursuing a career in the trades with a demonstrated focus on quality and craftsmanship, with priority given to carpenters or welders.

AMOUNT: \$500

UNION OF NATIONAL DEFENCE EMPLOYEES (UNDE) LOCAL 21007 BURSARY

Local 21007 Union of National Defense Employees offers a \$500 bursary to a graduating student from each of the secondary schools in the Comox Valley who is proceeding to any post-secondary training. The successful applicants must

have at least a C average and demonstrate practical ability. This bursary is only available to those individuals who have a working relative that belongs to UNDE or PSAC. Please include the members' name and where they work on the application form.

AMOUNT: \$500

VANIER TRADES LEGACY AWARDS

For GP Vanier students pursuing a career in the trades industry. Preference will be given to candidates with financial need.

AMOUNT: \$1000 x 2 (one male and one female student)

VERN THOMPSON BURSARY

This award was established to honour Vern Thompson, who was a dedicated Mathematics teacher at G.P. Vanier Secondary School for over 20 years. Throughout the years that Vern taught at Vanier, he encouraged academic excellence and a love and appreciation of mathematics. Vern exemplified the strength and compassion given by so many dedicated professionals throughout their own careers in this district at all levels of a child's development.

The bursary is to be awarded to a graduating student who has demonstrated excellent work in the mathematics courses taken, both in school performance and in-home study.

AMOUNT: \$500

WESTVIEW FORD EXCELLENCE BURSARY

This bursary is offered by Westview Ford. It is to be awarded to a graduating Grade 12 G.P. Vanier Secondary School student pursuing post-secondary studies in any field, that has shown:

1. High levels of academic achievement
2. Involvement in athletics and sport
3. Service to community

AMOUNT: \$6,000



GROUP 3

ONLINE BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

**Each Group 3 donor has specific instructions on how/when to apply for these awards. These applications go directly to the donors. They are not handed in to the school.*

**Please note that some of the awards in this group may not be available every year. Double check the websites before starting your application.*

BCGEU SCHOLARSHIP

The BC General Employees' Union offers scholarships for post-secondary studies undertaken by BCGEU members, staff and their families. More details can be found online at www.bcgeu.ca/scholarhips

Amount \$1500 – \$2500

DEADLINE: February 15, 2026

BC SCHOOL SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

BC School Sports is pleased to provide over \$20,000 in scholarships available to student-athletes this year.

BC School Sports Scholarships reward excellence in both scholastic and athletic pursuits. The successful applicants will be student-athletes who have balanced their high academic achievements with significant success as school athletes and contributions to their community.

Scholarships shall be awarded to students enrolled in member schools who apply, and who meet all of the criteria. Keep an eye on the link below as they open up their booklet in late January.

See <https://www.bcschoolsports.ca/member-services/scholarships> for more details.

BC SCHOOL SUPERINTENDANT ASSOCIATION (BCSSA) GRADE 12 SCHOLARSHIP

In selecting the recipients for this year's awards, the scholarship committees will consider demonstrated distinctive leadership that has made significant impacts to the social, ethical and collaborative fabric and practice of school(s) and community. Letters of reference will be required affirming the applicant's accomplishments and efforts to improve the quality of life and foster diversity, equity and inclusion. The applicant must submit a short description (450 words maximum) of how their leadership has made a difference in the life or lives of others in their school and/or community. Leadership examples may include, but are not limited to, the following domains: arts, trades, physicality, scholastics, social justice, equity, well-being, diversity, advocacy, and cultural responsiveness.

Students wishing to be considered for a scholarship must be currently enrolled in their final year of studies at a public secondary school in British Columbia and expected to graduate in June 2025. One recipient will be chosen from each of the six BCSSA provincial chapters (Fraser Valley, Kootenay-Boundary, Metro, Vancouver Island, Northern, Thompson Okanagan). Each recipient will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

To apply, visit this link: <https://bcssa.claroapps.ca/form/go/2025-scholarship>

CCFCC – NORTH VANCOUVER ISLAND CULINARY ASSOCIATION BURSARIES

The CCFCC-North Vancouver Island Chef's Association offers several bursaries towards culinary arts training.

Students must be attending a local college to pursue their career. Funds will be released upon confirmation of enrollment in programming. Priority will be given to a student that has taken foods in high school and has shown an interest in the Culinary Arts.

Visit <https://www.northvancouverislandculinary.com/scholarships-2> for more information.

CMHA SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

Canadian Mental Health Association BC has been helping people with mental illness further their pursuit of post-secondary education through our several scholarship and bursary programs. We are committed to lowering access barriers and would like to ensure that these scholarships and bursaries are available to anyone in British Columbia with lived experience who is pursuing higher education.

Visit <https://bc.cmha.ca/programs-services/scholarships-and-bursaries/> for information on awards offered this year.

COMOX VALLEY FARMERS INSTITUTE AND DEMONG FAMILY BURSARY

The Selection for this bursary will be made by the Directors of the Comox Valley Farmers Institute Bursary Committee. Applicants are to complete the application form which should be in the hands of the Comox Valley Farmers Institute Bursary Committee no later than **August 1, 2026 either by mail or email**. Visit <https://cvfarmersinstitute.com/bursaries/> to download the 2025 application form or pick one up in the counselling office.

This bursary is available to students registered in post-secondary studies at a university, college, technical school or similar institution in September 2025.

Criteria:

1. The applicant must:
 - Reside, or their family must reside within School District 71.
 - Be a student registered/enrolled in post-secondary studies at a university, college, technical school or similar institution in September 2025.
2. Preference will be given to a student who is intending on or pursuing further agricultural studies/education and who is likely to contribute to agriculture/farming.
3. While acceptable academic performance is required, the award will not necessarily be made based on academic standing. The successful candidate will be of good character and practical ability.
4. Funds will be awarded only after proof of registration/enrollment for September 2025 at a university, college, technical school or similar institution has been confirmed. Letter of acceptance from post-secondary institution is acceptable for first year students.
5. Applicants may receive the bursary only one time.
6. Applicants must provide a transcript detailing courses taken and marks achieved from last institution attended.
7. Applicants to please fill in the attached questionnaire to the best of their ability.

SPECIAL APPLICATION FORM REQUIRED - SEE THE COUNSELLING OFFICE.

AMOUNT: \$1,000

DEADLINE: August 1, 2026

CUPE LOCAL 556 BURSARY (FOR ALL MEMBERS & CVRD MEMBERS)

CUPE policy supports a truly public post-secondary education system – one with no economic barriers to education. Until that happens, some CUPE locals have set up bursary programs for their members children to help them attend a college or university. See the website for applications and deadlines. <https://556.cupe.ca/scholarships-and-bursaries/>

EDUCATIONAL FACILITY MANAGERS ASSOCIATION

The Educational Facility Managers Association of British Columbia is pleased to offer five \$1,000.00 bursaries to graduates of the 2024/2025 school year. Our association is comprised of administrative and management personnel of school districts who are responsible for construction, maintenance and custodial services, etc.

These bursaries are offered to secondary students completing their grade 12 year who will enter a recognized post-secondary educational institution in the 2025/2026 term. Bursaries will be awarded on the basis of academic achievement and/or special needs.

Preference will be given to students entering the fields of engineering, architecture, or building technology. Should there not be suitable applications received in these fields, students in other courses of study will be considered, however, **all applicants MUST be dependents of school district employees in the school facilities area (i.e. Maintenance or Custodial).**

Must complete the EFMA application form found on their website. <https://efmabc.com/bursaries/>

GIRL GUIDE BC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year BC Girl Guides' scholarship program recognizes our members' many achievements by supporting their educational goals and diverse career paths. Scholarships are open to youth and adult members who are pursuing post-secondary education at a recognized college, university, or trades program. See [Girl Guide scholarships](#) for more information.

M'AKOLA DEVELOPMENT SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARIES

M'akola Development Services offer several, generous bursaries to Indigenous students across BC. Obtain more information and an application forms here: <https://makoladevelopment.com/scholarshipsbursaries/>

PARKSVILLE QUILT HOUSE QUILTERS' GUILD 24/25 SCHOLARSHIP

The Parksville Quilt House Quilters Guild is offering Scholarship/Bursary awards to two students from the school district most affiliated with our membership. This includes Nanaimo, Parksville, Qualicum, Port Alberni and Courtenay/Comox or be a member, spouse, child or grandchild of a member in good standing with the guild. This award is \$1,500.00 and is to be given to deserving students who plan to attend post-secondary programs within 18 months of presentation of the award. Students can be attending university, college, technical or art school and must be pursuing a degree in textile arts or fashion design. Degrees in Fine Arts and Graphic Design will be considered if the candidate demonstrates that these will be related to fibre/textile arts or fashion design.

Students can also demonstrate, by means of a portfolio, their interest in fibre/textile arts or fashion design. Students can currently be at, or have identified, a program at an accredited Canadian post-secondary institution. The applicant preferably will have completed a course of study in textiles or fashion design.

The successful applicants must provide proof of registration to our Guild treasurer before the funds will be released. In addition to meeting the criteria, the candidate must provide a copy of transcripts for grade 11 and 12, a letter of recommendation from a teacher, and a letter from the applicant indicating why he/she deserves the scholarship, plans for their education and subsequent career, and if any plans for affiliation with the Guild. Must complete the Parksville Quilt House Quilters Guild application form that can be found online here: <https://quilt house.ca/content/scholarships> or pick up a copy from the counsellors office and then emailed scholarships@quilt house.ca or mailed to the Guild by April 4, 2025.

SPECIAL APPLICATION FORM REQUIRED FROM THE COUNSELLING OFFICE

AMOUNT: \$1,500

DEADLINE: April 7, 2026

PEARL ELLIS GALLERY AWARD

Established in 1977, the Pearl Ellis Gallery of Fine Arts (PEG) in Comox is non-profit, volunteer-run society with a mandate to showcase and support local artists. In an effort to assist in the development of students with ambitions for a career in visual arts, the Gallery will provide two \$1,000 bursaries, in 2025, to two grade 12 students in the Valley. Interested School District 71 students should submit a completed High School Bursary program application, along with a copy of the application to the post-secondary program of their choice and photographs of their work to the PEG Board by April 15, 2025.

Criteria and applications for the High School Bursary Program can be found on the Pearl Ellis Gallery website at: <https://www.pearlellisgallery.ca/artist-resources/highschool-bursary-program>

AMOUNT: \$1,000 x 2 district wide

DEADLINE: April 15, 2026