



Highland

Secondary

School

BURSARIES
&
SCHOLARSHIPS
2025-2026

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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. They may or may not require written exams. Criteria will also include leadership, creativity, community and school involvement, potential, citizenship, etc. Applications are available on-line or in the counselling centre.
2. **BURSARIES** – are offered based on 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

District Authority Scholarships recognize graduating BC students for excellence in their chosen areas of interest or strength. These scholarships are intended to help students pursue post-secondary education. The Ministry will allocate 5500 scholarships pro-rated to schools based on their September 30th Grade 12 enrolments. Recipients receive a \$1250 voucher that can be used towards post-secondary education tuition.

To receive a scholarship, a student must [District Authority application](#) form and identify the focus area to be considered:

1. Meet the following basic eligibility requirements:
 - o Must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident (landed immigrant) at the time of registration in the school year for which the scholarship is awarded
 - o Must be a BC resident
 - o Must be a Highland student in grade 12.
2. Meet criteria determined by the local scholarship committee, which requires a student to demonstrate outstanding achievement in any of the **following focus areas**:
 - o **Indigenous Languages and Culture**, demonstrated at school or in the community
 - o **Fine Arts** (e.g., Visual Arts, Dance, Drama, Music)
 - o **Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies** (e.g., Business Ed, Technology Ed, Home Economics, Information Communication Technology)
 - o **Physical Activity** (e.g., Athletics, Dance, Gymnastics, not limited to Physical Education)
 - o **International Languages from the International Languages Curriculum or External Assessments**, including AP and IB courses
 - o **Community Service** (Volunteer Activity), which includes awareness of local, global, and cultural issues
 - o **Technical and Trades Training** (e.g., Carpentry, Automotive, Mechanics, Cook Training)

3. Fulfill the BC graduation requirements of either the 2023 Graduation Program or the Adult Graduation Program by August 31st of the student's graduating year.

C. SECONDARY SCHOOL APPRENTICESHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Available to students who participate in the Secondary School Apprenticeship Program and meet selected criteria. See the Work Experience office for more information.

D. LOCAL BURSARIES & SCHOLARSHIPS

Highland Selected

Recipients are chosen by the Highland Bursary Committee. Applications, the steps in the process and the list of Bursaries and Scholarships are in this booklet. The "Highland Selected" application form is used.

Donor Selected

Recipients are chosen by local donor organizations. The applications and the steps in the process are in this booklet. The "Donor Selected" application form is used. (A few exceptions are noted in the bursary description.)

Donor Selected - Online

Recipients are chosen by local donor organizations. Each organization has its own unique application form, different requirements, and different timelines. Some applications are available in the Counselling Centre; most are online at the individual websites of the donor group. Students are responsible for researching these opportunities on their own.

E. NATIONAL & PROVINCIAL AWARDS

National & Provincial Awards

All recipients are chosen by the donor associations, clubs, corporations, societies, special interest groups, unions, and organizations, etc. Deadlines vary across the calendar year. Specific criteria and special affiliations are often necessary. Many, but definitely not all, applications are available in the Counselling Centre. Students are responsible for researching these opportunities on their own and have been informed of their availability throughout the school year.

F. RESOURCES

We highly recommend that students access the following Canadian Internet site resources:

- ✓ www.scholarshipscanada.com
- ✓ www.canlearn.ca
- ✓ www.educationplanner.bc.ca
- ✓ www.debtfreegrad.com
- ✓ www.bced.gov.bc.ca/awards

GETTING READY TO APPLY

STEPS

One letter of reference

- from a teacher, or
- from a member of the community, or
- employer

Type a letter of introduction:

- introduce yourself,
- explain your post-secondary plans,
- summarize your interests, activities, involvements, accomplishments etc.
- comment on your financial circumstances (if appropriate),
- closing comment thanking committee for considering your application
- don't forget to **SIGN** your letter.

Go to the main office for copies of your transcript.

Optional: Include your resume or Scholarship resume. This may be added to the application packages for Highland Selected and Donor Selected.

Note: Successful candidates must provide proof of admission to an eligible post-secondary institution with proof of payment and registration.

HOW TO APPLY – HIGHLAND SELECTED

STEPS

- A. Complete the front side of the Highland Selected application form (at the back of this booklet). A fillable version of this form is also available to download on our school website.
- B. Read the description of each bursary and scholarship under "Highland Selected". Make note of the ones for which you meet the criteria.
- C. On the back side of the Highland Selected application form, put a "✓" in the box next to the title of the bursary/scholarship for which you want to be considered.
- D. Staple your application package together **in this order**:
 1. the Highland Selected application form;
 2. a copy of your letter of introduction – addressed to the Highland Bursary Committee;
 3. one copy of your reference letter;
 4. a copy of your transcript (from the office);
 5. scholarship resume – optional

Submit the stapled package to the Counselling Centre by: **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2026, BY 3:30PM**

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

HOW TO APPLY – DONOR SELECTED

STEPS

- A. Complete the Donor Selected application form (at the back of this booklet), but **do NOT fill** in the name of the Bursary/Scholarship or organization at the top. A fillable version of this form is also available to download on our website.
- B. Read the descriptions of all Donor Selected Bursaries and Scholarships.
- C. Determine to how many you will apply for.
- D. Make the appropriate number of copies of your completed Donor Selected application form.
- E. For each Donor Selected Bursary/Scholarship you are applying to, complete one of the Donor Selected application forms by writing the name of the organization or bursary/scholarship at the top.
- F. Edit your original Letter of Introduction, creating a copy for each individual organization. (ie. addressed to the organization and properly edited)
- G. Make the appropriate number of copies of your letters of reference, transcripts, etc.
- H. Create an application package for each organization.
- I. Staple each application package together **in this order**;
 1. Donor Selected application form with organization or bursary title filled in at the top;
 2. Special application form (if applicable – see bursary description/counselling centre);
 3. Letter of Introduction (edited);
 4. Letter of reference (copied);
 5. A copy of your transcript (from the office);
 6. (Optional) – resume or scholarship resume

Submit the stapled package to the Counselling Centre by: **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2026, BY 3:30 PM**

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED



HIGHLAND SELECTED

LOCAL BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

**Selected by the Highland Bursary Committee
Use the Highland Selected Bursary Application
Form
(At the back of this booklet.)**

ALEX SALMON MEMORIAL AWARD

Alex's career aspirations were in mechanical engineering or computer sciences. He loved music. He loved sports activities with an emphasis on fun and fitness. Most of all, he loved his friends and family. Alex was known for his generosity, loyalty, good humour and the way he made people feel better. He looked for the good in others and respected himself and others. In a Grade 11 psychology assignment he wrote: "I always look out for my friends, and they can count on me". In keeping with Alex's love of life, this award comes with sincere wishes for a full and happy life.

AMOUNT: \$1,000

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 are 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

CHARLIE PETRIE

Charlie had a true zest for life. He wanted to do great things and experience everything that held a thrill, yet he also knew his limitations and so always exercised a healthy balance between caution and courage. At the same time, Charlie did not let others' opinions, nor his own personal obstacles prevent him from pursuing what he wanted out of life. He sought after goals/dreams that were unique to him, and he did so with both confidence and humility. Charlie was also a very compassionate person, especially toward animals (from the furry to the scaly), but also toward any person who he saw might be struggling in life. He exuded enthusiasm and playfulness and made those around him smile. Because of this he had many friends, some very close and very important to him. Despite its all too short duration, the life he lived was full and happy, and he will never be forgotten by those who knew him.

With Charlie's character in mind, I envision the student receiving this bursary to exhibit similar traits, fulfilling the following criteria:

- is pursuing a career/path for which they carry a passion for.
- is pursuing a career/path in a field which encompasses compassionate care for animals or fellow human beings.
- is someone who has / is working to overcome personal adversity (financial, loss/grief, personal health issues etc.)

AMOUNT: \$1,000

CINDY LYNN PATRICK BURSARY

A bursary has been established in memory of Cindy Lynn Patrick (formerly Hartley), a graduate of Highland Senior Secondary School who passed away on July 31, 1992. The bursary will be open to Highland students planning to pursue post-secondary education. The donor of the bursary has stipulated that the recipient must be one who has struggled to reach success in school and life.

AMOUNT: \$250

COMOX DISTRICT TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION BURSARY

The Comox District Teachers' Association (CDTA) offer bursaries for graduating students. There is one \$500 award to Highland graduates with a preference given to a student who intends to proceed into a Teacher Education Program.

AMOUNT: \$500

COMOX KIWANIS L. HARTMAN BURSARY

Highland graduates who will enter post-secondary engineering or technology programs are eligible to apply for a bursary established in the memory of L. Hartman, a long-time businessperson, school trustee and Kiwanis Club member.

AMOUNT: \$500

COMOX MASONIC LODGE No.188 BERNARD TARLING MEMORIAL BURSARIES

Comox Masonic Lodge is pleased to be providing these bursaries to young men and women who are highly motivated and possess a strong desire to achieve greater skills. Each of the two bursaries will be awarded to graduating students from Highland Secondary School who will be attending post-secondary studies in the Trades Vocations. Selection will be based on financial need, personal application and academic achievement.

AMOUNT: 2 x \$1,000

COMOX VALLEY LIONS CLUB BURSARIES

The Comox Valley Lions Club, providing community service since 1966 in the Comox Valley, is proud to offer three bursaries of \$1,500.00 each to the deserving graduates at Highland Secondary School. We are looking for students with an interest in pursuing the arts for two of the bursaries, while the third is for a student expected to go on with trades training. Open to both male and female students, we are looking for students with a high academic standing and in need of financial support.

AMOUNT: 3 x \$1500

COMOX VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT BURSARY

The Comox Valley Regional District would like to encourage and support 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.

3. Letter of introduction as stipulated by the respective school's bursary application process.

4. Two letters of reference from a non-relative.

AMOUNT: \$1,000

COMOX VALLEY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS' ASSOCIATION BURSARY

The Comox Valley Principals and Vice Principals Association awards bursaries to 2 students who are pursuing a full-time program of studies at a post-secondary or skills training institution. Award must be used within 27 months of graduation.

AMOUNT: 2 x \$750

COMOX VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT BURSARY

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

CYNTHIA DAVIES MEMORIAL BURSARY – FILBERG HERITAGE PARK & LODGE

Cynthia was a long-time educator and counsellor in School District # 71. After her retirement, she volunteered in the community including with the Filberg Lodge and Park, serving as a Director for six years with the Association. She was a dedicated and passionate advocate who worked tirelessly to ensure that the historic setting of the Lodge and Park be preserved for all to enjoy.

This bursary is to be presented to a graduating student entering studies at a BC college or university in the field of history and/or horticulture.

AMOUNT: \$1,000

DOLORES WOODIE BURSARY

To support students in the Comox Valley, pursue post-secondary education at a public university or college of their choice.

AMOUNT: 1,850

HAMILTON MACK LAING SCHOLARSHIP

Given annually to a Highland graduate who will pursue a post-secondary education majoring in botany, biology, or environmental studies. This bursary will only be awarded once the recipient provides proof of registration in the required field of study. The Hamilton Mack Laing Scholarship recognizes the legacy of one of Comox's pioneers.

AMOUNT: \$500

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

JAMES DENTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This bursary is awarded in honour of James Denton, a 2009 graduate of Highland Secondary School, who tragically lost his life. James was an all-around gentleman and was just starting his adult life with BC Hydro. This bursary is designed for a student entering post-secondary studies in the trades or in engineering.

AMOUNT: \$1,000

KOMOUX MASTERS BASEBALL BURSARY

This bursary is offered through the generosity of the players of the Komoux Masters Real Baseball League. The preferred recipient will be interested in continuing their education in the field of recreation, athletics, or sports physiotherapy.

AMOUNT: \$500

MARK HUGHES MEMORIAL BURSARY

Mark was killed in a car accident while returning on weekend leave from Royal Roads Military College. As a student at Highland, he was known for his perseverance and dedication. He was not an exceptional student but had the desire and drive that allowed him to win a full ROTP scholarship. He was a member of the high school basketball, volleyball, and track and field teams. He inspired his teammates with his unselfish, aggressive play. This award is given to a graduating individual who most exhibits the personal attributes that Mark showed.

AMOUNT: \$200

MIKE LAWLESS BURSARY

Mike Lawless was an inspirational and dynamic man. As an alumnus of Highland Secondary School, Mike exemplified being a team player through his pursuits in volleyball, basketball and track and field. He excelled academically while in high school and later at Simon Fraser University. He demonstrated his belief in criminal justice through his work as a Saanich Police Officer. Mike embodied team spirit during his many years as a rider and later as the Crew Boss for the Tour de Rock. He was selfless and

empathetic in his volunteerism in his community. Finally, Mike was a loving dad to Tanner and Ethan and a devoted husband to Krista.

The recipient of the Mike Lawless Bursary would reflect Mike's passion for academics, sport, community service and school involvement. The recipient ideally will have an interest in the criminal justice system with a focus in either policing or law.

AMOUNT: \$500

NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE - DR. ALLEN 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 BURSARY

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 Highland Secondary School who is proceeding directly to a recognized post-secondary institution in full-time enrolment. He/she must be a well-rounded student who shows good academic achievement and be active in school and community involvement.

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

Ryan Company Ltd. awards a bursary annually to a Highland student pursuing post-secondary education in the field of Business or Marketing.

AMOUNT: \$500

SHARON BLACKLOCK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Sharon Blacklock was a well-loved doctor who served the Comox Valley for many years. She was the first female physician in Comox and was the Canadian Family Physician of the year in 1993. This scholarship has been established in her memory and will be awarded to a graduating female who is pursuing a degree in biological sciences.

AMOUNT: \$1,000

STRATHCONA SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB BURSARY

Two bursaries are offered to Highland graduates who intend to continue their post-secondary education. Two awards are given in the following categories:

1. students proceeding to career and business
2. students proceeding to vocational training
3. students proceeding to a post-secondary institute who demonstrate financial need.

Bursary recipients must show proof of enrollment in a post-secondary institution by October of the same calendar year.

AMOUNT: 2 x \$1,000

THOMAS COOPER MEMORIAL BURSARY

The Thomas Cooper Bursary is to be awarded to a student who has excelled in Science courses in their graduating year and has plans to go on to post-secondary education.

AMOUNT: \$600

THOMAS H. CALDWELL BURSARY

The Thomas H. Caldwell Bursary is to be awarded to a student who has plans to go on to post-secondary education in the health care field or trades.

AMOUNT: \$500

TRIPLE S BURSARY

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, Michelle, Vanier grad 1982, and Jim, Vanier grad 1987. Michelle received the Triple S award given by Courtenay Junior High School in 1980 while Jim received the Courtenay Junior High School Academic

Award in 1985. Michelle served the community as a member of the Girl Guides while Jim learned sign language in grade 4 at Puntledge Park Elementary which was a major factor in the formation of Jim's compassionate nature. He later volunteered to assist people suffering from schizophrenia. Michelle was an accomplished badminton player while Jim excelled in ice hockey, track and rugby. The \$2,000.00 award is open to pupils finishing their secondary education and residing in School District #71

AMOUNT: \$2,000

VANCOUVER FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Vancouver Foundation, on behalf of The Robert & Florence Filberg Fund, and in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Courtenay, offers scholarships/bursaries that must be used within the following two years to graduates of Highland, Vanier, and Isfeld. The selection criteria include academic achievements, character qualifications including leadership, community involvement, participation in extra-curricular activities and vocational excellence.

AMOUNT: 2 Academic Awards of \$3,000

AMOUNT: 2 Vocational Award of \$2,000

VANCOUVER ISLAND REAL ESTATE BOARD BURSARY

This bursary is be awarded to a Highland graduate who is pursuing a career in the building trades including Civil Engineering. The bursary must be used in the current year.

AMOUNT: \$1,000

W.E. BILL & PHYLLIS G DAVIS MEMORIAL BURSARY

This scholarship is in honor of Bill and Phyllis Davis and is to be awarded to an individual pursuing a post-secondary degree in fine arts; preferably, vocals.

\$500



DONOR SELECTED

LOCAL BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

**Selected by Local Donor Organizations
Use the Donor Selected Bursary Application
Form
(At the back of this booklet.)**

(A few Donor Selected bursaries require donor specific application forms to be used in place of the school application form. These are noted in the bursary description.)

ADAM BRODIE MEMORIAL 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 post-secondary 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: \$1,000

ANDERTON THERAPEUTIC GARDENS SOCIETY BURSARY

This 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:

- a) school achievement, and
- b) volunteer involvement in school and/or community activities.

AMOUNT: \$1000

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

AMOUNT: 2 x \$750

Please complete the Anne Gibbon Memorial Bursary (Hope Afloat Canada) application form available on our website www.hopeafloatcanada.ca or at the Counselling office.

BEN BELLAMY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This award is provided from a fund established by the Bellamy Family administered by the Comox Valley Community Foundation. Ben Bellamy was a Grade 11 academic gold honour role student at Highland School. He was tragically killed by a reckless driver on February 21, 1998. Ben was a kind, gentle boy who

wanted to become a physician like his father. In a letter of consolation to Ben's parents, one of his fellow students described Ben as the backbone of the class, bright, hardworking, funny, caring, friendly. The scholarship will be awarded annually, to the Grade 12 student at Highland School who, in wishing to pursue postgraduate education at a university, most exhibits the personal attributes that Ben showed high academics, sportsmanlike attitude and a kind, caring personality. This award will be paid out in equal installments over four years.

AMOUNT: \$6,100 - divided into 4 annual payments of \$1,525/year

Application deadline is Mar.2/26

BETTY DIXON MEMORIAL BURSARY & THELMA OLIVER MEMORIAL BURSARY

Betty and her husband, Harry, were spectators during the first season of Rainbow but became enthusiastic supporters thereafter. Betty was a member of Rainbow 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 Rainbow 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.

To be eligible, students must:

- * be graduating from grade 12
- * be a Rainbow member; (or was a member during the previous theatre season)
- * plan to pursue further education in the arts and
- * exemplify the spirit of Rainbow Youth Theatre, Betty Dixon and Thelma Oliver

AMOUNT: \$500

CEP CHINOOK LOCAL 630

The CEP Chinook Local 630 represented the papermaker workers at the Elk Falls Mill in Campbell River, and they are wrapping up their business due to the mill's closure. The bursary fund has been created for students going into any post-secondary or vocational education program. The bursary will be awarded to a graduating student in SD #71, who has financial need and successfully answers the following essay question: "What does the labour movement mean to me?" Preference will be give to qualified candidates that can prove a hereditary relationship to a former CEP Chinook Local 630 member.

AMOUNT: \$1,000

COMOX FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION BURSARY

CVFD offers a bursary in honour of Mr. Norm Pratt, to a Highland graduate who will proceed to post-secondary education and who is in of financial need. Affiliation with Comox Fire Rescue will be considered.

AMOUNT: \$500

COMOX LEGION BRANCH #160 – POPPY FUND BURSARIES

This bursary will be awarded to a SD #71 a graduate attending a BC university, college, trade, or technical institute full-time for two semesters. Qualifying applicants must be descendants of Veterans or Service Personnel who are serving, or have served, in the Canadian or British Commonwealth Forces, RCMP, or Merchant Navy.

Must complete the Comox Legion Branch #160 Poppy Fund application form that is provided in the Counselling Centre.

AMOUNT: PENDING

CV CHILDRENS DAYCARE SOCIETY - STUART FODEN MEMORIAL BURSARY

The Comox Valley Children’s Day Care Society: The Stuart Foden Memorial Bursary is a district-wide bursary, available for a graduating student at School District No. 71. The criteria for this bursary are:

1. Recipient must be enrolling full time in the Early Childhood Care and Education Program at North Island College.

This bursary is intended to support students to enter the field of ECCE as there is a shortage of qualified Early Childhood Educators in this province. The recipient will be selected by a committee from the Comox Valley Children’s Day Care Society. This is a district-wide bursary.

AMOUNT: \$500

COMOX VALLEY DISC GOLF SOCIETY BURSARY

The Comox Valley Disc Golf Society is offering a bursary to members of the Comox Valley disc golf community who are graduating from valley secondary schools in 2025. There is a \$200 bursary available to a student from each of Highland Secondary, Mark R. Isfeld Secondary, and GP Vanier Secondary.

Applicant should be an active member in the local disc golf community, and someone who represents the CVDGS’s values of integrity, inclusion, fair play, and stewardship of disc golf. Extra consideration will be given to students are members of their school’s respective Disc Golf clubs or teams, as well as active CVDG members. ([Membership](#) | [CVDG Club \(cvdiscgolf.com\)](#)).

AMOUNT: \$200

Must complete the Comox Valley Disc Golf Society application form that is provided in the counselling centre.

COMOX VALLEY MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY BURSARY

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 4

graduating students 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: 4 x \$500 - shared between the three high schools

COMOX VALLEY NATURALIST BURSARY

This bursary is awarded to a graduating secondary school student in the Comox Valley. To be eligible, applicants must:

1. Have a career goal in biological or environmental sciences.
2. Enroll in a relevant academic program.
3. Indicate financial need.
4. Have been actively involved in environmental and/or natural history-related activities (eg.at school.)
5. Have volunteer experience, preferably with CVN or other environmentally related organizations.
6. Have high academic standing in relevant science courses.
7. Claim the bursary within 15 months of graduation.

NOTE: Students are also encouraged to complete the CVN-specific Bursary Application Form (which complements the generic application form and supporting documents provided by the schools that students submit to us). That form is available on the society's website: <https://comoxvalleynaturalist.bc.ca/bursary/>

AMOUNT: \$1,000

COMOX VALLEY UNITED SOCCER CLUB BURSARY

The Comox Valley United Soccer Club (CVUSC) is pleased to offer six \$500.00 bursaries, provided there are applicants that we deem match the criteria. The bursaries are awarded for soccer involvement within the school district, not by attendance at a particular secondary school.

The following five criteria are required 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: 6 X \$500 - shared between the three high schools

COMOX VALLEY UNITED SOCCER CLUB – DARRIN MCLEOD LEGACY BURSARY

The bursary will be awarded to a female/non-binary athlete in SD71 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

COURTENAY & DISTRICT FISH & GAME PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION BURSARIES

Four bursaries of \$2500 each will be presented in June 2025 to 4 students graduating from Grade 12 in the Comox Valley that qualify in at least 1 of the 2 criteria below:

1. 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 dependant.
2. A student furthering their education who is a dependant 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.

Bursary recipients will utilize the funds in the calendar year awarded (September following graduation) with no postponements.

AMOUNT: 4 x \$2500

Must complete the Courtenay & District Fish & Game application form that is provided in the Counselling Centre.

COURTENAY ELKS LODGE BPOE #60 BURSARY

This bursary is awarded to a graduating student who is enrolling in a full course of studies at a post-secondary institution. Criteria guidelines for selection are:

- 1) financial need (first priority)
- 2) academic achievement
- 3) service in school and/or community

AMOUNT: \$1,000

COURTENAY LITTLE THEATRE BURSARY

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 on 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 post-secondary 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: 3 x \$1000 - open to all grade 12 students in the Comox Valley

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

CUPE #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 a 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.

AMOUNT: \$2,000 - must complete the CUPE #439 Memorial application form that is provided in the Counselling Centre.

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. This is a district wide bursary and candidate selection will be managed by L'Arche, Comox Valley.

AMOUNT: \$400

EDGETT EXCAVATING

One bursary is offered to a school district 71 student who meets the following criteria. Focus will be on need, effort, interest, as well as academics. 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, Technology, Heavy Duty Mechanical or similar). A letter detailing educational plans, goals, and the reason for seeking the bursary must be included with applications.

Amount: \$500

FLORENCE BURNS BURSARY

The recipient is to reflect my mother and be awarded to a student who has participated in athletics, has a good sense of humour and demonstrates traits of compassion and kindness to others. Preference should be given to the pursuit of a nursing education. Students being supported by a single parent are to be given special consideration and also students who are pursuing further education or training at post high school level for university or technical study outside of the Comox Valley.

AMOUNT: \$4000

HARMONY REBEKAH LODGE #22

Harmony Rebekah Lodge No. 22 of Campbell River wish to offer a graduating student of the 2024 graduating class a bursary in the amount of \$300.00. Preference will be given to a member's child. The bursary will be paid to the student upon verification of registration from a post-secondary institution.

AMOUNT: \$300

JAYDEN R. WILSON MEMORIAL BURSARY

This bursary has been established in memory of Jayden Wilson, a graduate of Highland Secondary School in 2019, who died unexpectedly on October 26, 2022. Jayden was creative, resourceful and had big goals and dreams. Despite facing many challenges and obstacles to graduate high school, he went on to complete a carpentry program at NIC.

Jayden was exceptionally hard working, dedicated and absolutely loved his family and friends. He was known for his sense of humour, beautiful smile, detailed stories, and jokes. He loved to make everyone laugh. Jayden had a passion for nature and the outdoors. His personal interests included camping, fishing, shooting at the Courtenay Fish and Game, classic cars, riding his longboard and electric scooter. His favorite sport was baseball which he played for 12 years.

Jayden had an addictive personality and infectious laugh. He was an old soul that made friends easily. Although Jayden was incredibly mentally and physically strong, he struggled with addiction and mental health issues. He absolutely loved to listen to music which seemed to help him decompress. He saw the beauty and greatness in everyone and held no judgement. It was second nature for him to reach out and always help a friend in need.

This bursary is awarded to a graduating Highland Secondary School student who exemplifies Jayden's personal attributes and most closely meet the following criteria:

- a. Plans to pursue post-secondary education in the trades in either a Carpentry, Electrician or Welding program;
- b. Plans to attend apprenticeship training to work towards their Interprovincial (Red Seal) Certification;
- c. Is involved in extra-curricular activities; and
- d. Has persevered to reach success in school and life by overcoming any of the following (but not limited to): Mental Health, addiction, suffered trauma, or death of a loved one.

Proof of enrolment and tuition paid to a post-secondary institution is required prior to funds being awarded.

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

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

LIAM GRIMM MEMORIAL BURSARY

Liam Grimm was a Campbell River resident who had a profound and lasting influence in his community. Liam was a kind and gentle man. He helped create the Community Care Support Worker Program at Discovery Community College and cared for people with special needs; he was an independent educator offering classes in psychology, religion and spirituality and a talented jazz musician. His life ended on March 15, 2009, when he was overcome by health complications brought on by cancer. This bursary will be awarded to a deserving student who meets the following criteria:

1. The applicant is a student or previous student (currently pursuing music studies at a post-secondary institution) of the Campbell River, Qualicum or Comox Valley School Districts.
2. The applicant must include:
 - A letter of recommendation from a school or a private music teacher
 - A letter of recommendation from a community music contact.
 - A letter demonstrating his/her personal qualities that exemplify the following attributes of Liam Grimm: the joy of studying and playing music in school and, in turn, sharing one’s music talents with community organizations (combos/bands/choirs/pit orchestras/church choirs).
 - The applicant should also describe his/her future plans in continuing to study in the jazz genre.
3. The student must be proceeding to a college or university jazz music program in the same calendar year or the year thereafter.

4. The recipient of this bursary must provide the sponsor with proof of registration in a post-secondary institution. Arrangements will then be made to have the amount of the bursary forwarded to the registrar of the institution or upon proof that the recipient has already paid their registration, to the recipient directly, for reimbursement.

AMOUNT: \$1000

MARGARET ZARUK MEMORIAL (CUPE #439) 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 or a retired member of Local 439, or 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.

AMOUNT: \$2,000

Must complete the Margaret Zaruk Memorial CUPE#439 application form in the Counselling Centre

MIKE BUTLER BURSARY

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 honours 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.

To be eligible, students:

- Must be graduating from grade 12 in School District 71
- Must be enrolled in at least one Grade 12 level performing arts class (including music, choirs, band, etc) with a grade of B or higher
- Must have been an RYT member and participated in one or more RYT productions
- May choose to also list private training in performing arts, other involvement in community arts programs, and volunteering
- Must plan to pursue further education in the performing arts, including drama, dance, music, opera, magic, spoken word and circus arts.
- Should exemplify the spirit of Rainbow Youth Theatre, Betty Dixon, Thelma Oliver and Mike Butler

AMOUNT: \$500

MOSAIC FOREST MANAGEMENT

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

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.

AMOUNT: \$20,000

Must complete the Rick Jackson-Foundation Trades application form that is provided in the Counselling Centre. The "Donor Selected" application form is not required for this bursary.

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.

AMOUNT: \$20,000

Must complete the Rick Jackson-University Studies application form that is provided in the Counselling Centre. The "Donor Selected" application form is not required for this bursary.

DR. ROBERT E. CLARKE BURSARY FUND

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 x \$2,275

RYAN WEST LEGACY 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: \$1000

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

SID WILLIAMS THEATRE SOCIETY BURSARY

Application information must be submitted to the SWTS bursary committee (which may be forwarded via the applicant's school) on or before April 15, 2026. 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-l'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) **Take note of the Special Criteria on Sid Williams website.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL CLUB OF COURTENAY BURSARY

Soroptimist International of Courtenay is a professional and business women's service club which works through awareness, advocacy and action to improve the quality of life for women and girls, and to promote positive changes in society at local, national and international levels. In selecting recipients for these bursaries candidates must meet the following criteria:

- a. Show evidence of need for financial assistance
- b. Demonstrate a record of community service which is supported by letter of reference from the agencies listed
- c. Have well-defined personal, educational and career goals
- d. Produce authenticated school transcripts which verify an academic standing that allows entry into the chosen post-secondary program
- e. Their responses to two questions about Soroptimist using the official website: www.soroptimist.org
- f. Applicants must use SI Courtenay application form that is available in the Counselling Centre. It would be appreciated if applications are emailed to Soroptimist contact.

Submit your responses to the following two questions in well-crafted paragraphs of 100-150 words. Attach to your application. Go to www.soroptimist.org and select *Who Are We*. Read about us. Next, select *What We Do* and read about each of the programs of service.

1. Tell what Soroptimists do, and then tell which of the programs appealed most to you? Give reasons for your choice.

2. What do you think Soroptimist International of Courtenay should take on as a project to improve the lives of young women in our community?

AMOUNT: 4 x \$500 - shared between all three high schools.

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.

2 X \$10,000

Must complete the Stew Savard Robotics/S.T.E.A.M. application found in the Counselling Centre.

DR TERRY JAMES BURSARY

Applicants must have demonstrated a commitment of community service or volunteer work. Preference will be given to the son or daughter of a CUPE member, especially of an Educational Assistant and/or person entering the Human Service Worker diploma course or a related field.

AMOUNT: \$500

THELMA OLIVER MEMORIAL BURSARY

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

To be eligible, students must:

- * be graduating from grade 12
- * be a Rainbow member; (or was a member during the previous theatre season)
- * plan to pursue further education in the arts and
- * exemplify the spirit of Rainbow Youth Theatre, Betty Dixon and Thelma Oliver

AMOUNT: \$500

UNION OF NATIONAL DEFENSE EMPLOYEES LOCAL #21007 BURSARY

Local 21007 Union of National Defense Employees offers a \$500.00 bursary to a graduating student from any 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



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AUXILIARY SOCIETY FOR COMOX VALLEY HEALTHCARE

To be eligible to apply for the \$2000.00 Youth Volunteer Bursary students must:

- a) be graduating from Grade 12 in the Comox Valley or currently be enrolled in a Healthcare program at NIC Comox Valley
- b) be planning to attend a post-secondary institution to study in a healthcare field, AND
- c) preferably having at least 50 hours of volunteering in a Healthcare related field.

AMOUNT: \$2,000

DEADLINE: MAY 31

BC GENERAL EMPLOYEES' UNION

Our annual scholarship program of up to \$125,000 offers awards of \$2,500 for full-time students and \$1,500 for part-time students. Scholarships are funded by the dues of our members. This year we are offering new scholarships for students of Indigenous Ancestry.

For eligibility requirements see here:

<https://www.bcgeu.ca/scholarships>

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15

CCFCC-NORTH VANCOUVER ISLAND CHEFS' ASSOCIATION BURSARY

This bursary will be awarded to high school student(s) who are pursuing a career in the Culinary Arts. This student 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.

Application Process:

The application process is a letter to the Chef's Association outlining your interest in the Culinary Arts, career goals and what local college you will be using the bursary/ scholarship funds for. Also, a letter of reference is required from your teacher, employer, chef or mentor. All applications must be submitted online to info@northvancouverislandchefs.com by midnight on April 30. Any late applications will not be accepted. Recipients will be announced at the June Installation Dinner. Any bursary and scholarships not awarded or accepted may be carried over until the next year.

AMOUNT: \$250 to a maximum of \$1,000

DEADLINE: APRIL 30

COMOX VALLEY FARMERS INSTITUTE & 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 meet the applicant guidelines and criteria as detailed below and fill in the questionnaire as detailed below; the complete package should be in the hands of the Bursary Committee no later than **August 1, 2026**, either by mail or email. See Counselling Centre for application. <https://cvfarmersinstitute.com/bursaries/>

AMOUNT: \$1000

DEADLINE: AUGUST 1

EDUCATIONAL FACILITY MANAGERS ASSOCIATION

These bursaries are offered to students who will enter a recognized post-secondary educational institution in the 2026/2027 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 plant area (maintenance or custodial). This can be viewed online at <https://efmabc.com/bursaries/> Must complete the EFMA application form found on their website.

AMOUNT: 5 X \$1,000

DEADLINE: APRIL 30

EXCEL CAREER COLLEGE BURSARY

Excel Career College has offered career-targeted Diploma programs as well as individual courses and industry certifications since 1989. Excel is a unique Institution where each program is designed with the student needs and the current labour market in mind. Excel strives to continually improve their training and professional leadership and provide students with an effective, respectful, and relevant learning experience. Excel Career College is designated with the Private Training Institution Branch (PTIB), Education Quality Assurance (EQA) designated for accepting international students, an active member of the BC Career Colleges Association and the Canadian Counsel for Aboriginal Business. Excel's unique schedule and individual customization of programs makes them a perfect choice to build your career.

Excel Career College would like to take this opportunity to offer two bursaries of \$1,000 each towards the tuition of a full-time diploma program at Excel Career College, in the Comox Valley. Applications must include a one-page essay on why you would like to attend Excel, and what your current and future career goals are. Applicants must be in their grade 11 or 12 school year or have graduated within the previous school year to be eligible. Bursary award winners can start training anytime within 2 years of receiving the bursary; they are not limited to a September or January intake.

<https://excelcareercollege.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Scholarships-Eligibility.pdf>

AMOUNT: 2 x \$1,500

IAN FORD TRUST FUND BURSARY

This bursary is created in memory of Ian Ford who lost his life in a mudslide while working with the Public Works at Port Alice. It is available to a graduating Vancouver Island student who intends to enter post-secondary studies immediately in September. Email for more information: info@portalice.ca

AMOUNT: \$500

DEADLINE: APRIL 1

M'AKOLA 'JUDY BOURNE' SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was created in recognition of Judy Bourne, an inspirational woman of Cree Ancestry. Judy was a devoted wife and mother of six children who was well known for her athletic and coaching abilities, particularly as a nationally and internationally recognized volleyball coach.

Judy taught for many years in a variety of subjects at various grade levels. From 1984-1989, she was the Executive Director of M'akola Housing Society, a society responsible for developing urban Indigenous housing on Vancouver Island. Under her guidance, the society became a model for housing projects across Canada. During her tenure she (along with well-known artist Roy Henry Vickers) was chosen by the Aboriginal Nations Education Department as a role model for her contribution to the Indigenous Communities of this area.

Obtain an application from <https://makoladevelopment.com/scholarshipsbursaries/>

AMOUNT: \$2,500 (12 available)

DEADLINE: MAY 13

PARKSVILLE QUILT HOUSE QUILTER'S GUILD BURSARY

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 Quilter's Guild application form that is provided in the Counselling Centre.

AMOUNT: \$1,500

DEADLINE: APRIL 7

PEARL ELLIS GALLERY BURSARY

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 \$1,000 bursary 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, 2026.

Upon confirmed acceptance in the Bursary program, the funds will be released to the student(s). Additionally, the funds can be held for one year, if a 'gap year' is required.

AMOUNT: 2 x \$1,000

DEADLINE: APRIL 15

Criteria for recipients can be found on the Pearl Ellis Gallery website at www.pearlellisgallery.com

PENINSULA CO-OP STUDENT AWARDS PROGRAM

Peninsula Co-op is proud to support the students in our community with post-secondary scholarship opportunities. For the last 30 years we have been supporting local students through our Student Awards Program. As our company has grown over the years, we have continuously added to our Program which this year alone will award 21 scholarships, combining for a total of \$22,000.

Students should apply directly to the University of Victoria, Camosun College, Vancouver Island University, North Island College and Royal Roads University. We have made scholarships specific to these establishments because they are in our trading area.

The Peninsula Co-op Educational Scholarships provide opportunities to students pursuing post-secondary education off Vancouver Island. This was done to improve the quality of opportunities available to our members and their families.

Application information and award requirements can be found at the links below:

<https://www.peninsulaco-op.com/community/co-op-student-awards-program/>

UNITED FOOD & COMMERCIAL WORKER LOCAL 1518

For members & their families of the UFCW 1518 union we believe strongly in the importance of lifelong learning and encourage all of our members to pursue their interest in education, whether for personal growth or professional development. We are proud to support our members by offering a variety of scholarships for those attending, or planning to attend, post-secondary school in British Columbia. Good luck!

<http://www.memberresourcecentre.com/knowledge-base/scholarships/>

Amount: Various (ranging from \$1,000 to full tuition)

DEADLINE: Various

UNITED STEELWORKERS, LOCAL 1 – 1937 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

United Steelworkers Local 1-1937 offers the Bob Freer, Ernie Freer, Jack Mumm, Syd Thompson & Bill Wilson memorial bursaries, valued at \$5,000.00. There will be a minimum of 4 Scholarships awarded. The Scholarships are available to members in good standing, sons, daughters, and legal dependents of members in good standing or of retired or deceased members who were in good standing with United Steelworkers, Local 1-1937 or the legacy Local Unions (1-71,1-80, 1-118, 1-217, 1-2171) who will be graduating from secondary school and wish to further their education at a public post-secondary institution. Other criteria are:

1. Students must have completed grade 12.
2. Students must enroll at a public post-secondary institution in the September following graduation, either academic or vocational in nature.
3. Applications and documents must be completed and forwarded to the Financial Secretary of United Steelworkers, Local 1-1937 no later than May 1.
4. The winners of these bursaries must produce sufficient proof of enrolment in a recognized public post-secondary institution before receiving the bursary.
5. An essay from the applicant will be required.
6. Applications are available at www.usw1-1937.ca or local union office at #202-1509 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay, BC.

Must complete the United Steelworkers application form from the Counselling Office

AMOUNT: \$5,000 - divided as a minimum of 4 scholarships

DEADLINE: MAY 1



PROVINCIAL/NATIONAL BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

PROVINCIAL/NATIONAL

These scholarships require a special application form. The sponsors may be associations, clubs, groups, unions, corporations, governments, societies, auxiliaries, etc. Some forms are available in the Counselling Centre. Check the various web sites for most up to date information.

PLEASE NOTE:

- A) DO NOT TAKE THE LAST application form remaining in the folder.
- B) You may have to communicate with the organization to receive their most up to date application
- C) Take an application only if you meet the criteria.

This is a PARTIAL list. Complete research on available bursaries and scholarships can be done on the internet through various web sites.

AGF Financial Life Skills Scholarship
Basketball Scholarship (BCH.S.B.B.A; McDonald's)
BC Association of Healthcare Auxiliaries
BC Amateur Hockey Association
BC Government and Service Employees' Union
BC Hydro Scholarship Program
BC Parent Advisory Council – Educational Award
BC Principals and Vice Principals Association
BC School Sports
BC School Trustees Association
BC School Superintendents Association
BC Soccer Association
BC Youth Soccer Association
Beedie Luminaries
Bridges.com
Burger King
Canadian Cambridge Scholarships
Canadian Association of Principals (CAP) Senior Student Leadership Award
Canadian Golf Association
Canadian Hospitality Foundation
Canadian Intramural Recreation Association
Catholic Women's League of Canada Life Members Arts & Culture Award
Cmolik Scholarship
Coast Capital Savings
Connection IBM Canada
Credit Union – Forest Renewal
Croatian Cultural Centre Bursary
Drama Educators Association of BC
Duke of Edinburgh's Award
Flowers Canada
First Citizens Fund Bursary
Gibson's Photography
Girl Guides of Canada
Global Citizens' Awards

PROVINCIAL/NATIONAL con't

Guide Outfitters' Association of BC
Heritage Trust
Hockey, (minor) Doug Anderson Memorial
Horatio Alger Association of Canada
IBC Canada
Icelandic Canadian
Independent Order of Foresters
International Order of Boilermakers, Shipbuilders, Blacksmiths, Forgers
Kinsmen & Kinettes Bursary
Khalsa Credit Union
Millennium Scholarships
Miller Thomson Foundation - National Scholarship Program
Ministry of Education's Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship
National Union of Public and General Employees
National Collegiate Athletic Association (info only)
Official Languages Study Fellowship
Ontario Hostelry Institute
Peninsula Co-op Bursaries & Scholarships
Premier's Excellence
Professional Engineers and Geoscientists
Piolat Foundation French Bursary
Public Trustees of BC
Public Works Association of BC Road Sense Team Scholarships
RE/MAX of Western Canada Quest for Excellence Bursary Program
Scholarships Canada
School Plant Officials' Association of BC
Society for Canadian Women in Science and Technology (SCWIST)
Summer Language Bursary Program
Teachers' Savings Credit Union
Teletoon Animation Scholarship
Telus
Teal Charitable Foundation
Terry Fox Humanitarian Award
Timber West
Tourism Training Institute
Van City
Vancouver Canucks Scholarships
Weyerhaeuser Canada
Youth Citizenship Award
Zonata Club

HIGHLAND SELECTED BURSARY APPLICATION

SCHOLARSHIP & BURSARY APPLICATION FORM APPLICATION DEADLINE February 27, 2026

Be sure to answer all questions to the best of your knowledge. There are some questions of a personal nature that you may not wish to answer. If so, place the letters N/A in that space. Without a full financial disclosure, it is always a challenge for bursary committees to get a reasonable assessment of financial need. We trust the information on this application to give a true picture so that we can direct bursary money to where it is needed the most. Thank you for your honesty and diligence. The Highland Bursary Committee composed of the administration, school counsellor and teachers will use this form.

***** On the reverse of this form, check (✓) those Highland Selected bursaries for which you wish to apply. *****

NAME: _____ AG _____ AGE _____ PHONE # _____

ADDRESS: _____ SIN# _____

EMAIL: _____

MOTHER'S NAME: _____ FATHER'S NAME: _____

I LIVE WITH: BOTH PARENTS MOTHER FATHER RELATIVES FOSTER PARENTS

ON MY OWN

FAMILY OCCUPATIONS:

FATHER'S OCCUPATION: _____ F/T P/T SEASONAL

MOTHER'S OCCUPATION: _____ F/T P/T SEASONAL

NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS AT HOME (BROTHERS/SISTERS, ETC.) _____ AT POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL _____

FAMILY SITUATION – Circle the box that best describes your family's situation the best.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My family is comfortably able to meet all my basic needs • We are easily able to travel and engage in activities • We do not struggle to make ends meet • There are savings to contribute to post-secondary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My family is able to meet my basic needs • We have to save up for holidays but can still engage in activities • My family sometimes struggles to make ends meet • We have a small amount of savings to contribute
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My family struggles to maintain basic needs • We do not travel far from home and must limit activities • My family usually struggles to make ends meet • We do not have any savings to contribute 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I do not live with a family or have family support • I do not have the ability to travel/engage in activities • I struggle to make ends meet • I do not have any savings at this time

FUTURE:

CAREER GOAL(S): _____

I PLAN TO: TRAVEL/WORK FOR A YEAR ATTEND A POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION IN THE FALL

POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION(S) TO WHICH I HAVE APPLIED (IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE):

_____ ENTRY DATE (M/Y) _____

_____ ENTRY DATE (M/Y) _____

LIST ALL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, JOBS, OR VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:

GRADE 11	_____

GRADE 12	_____

POST-SECONDARY BUDGET FOR FIRST YEAR ONLY:

My savings A _____

My anticipated income (from now until your program begins) B _____

Other income (parent contributions, RESP, etc.) C _____

TOTAL INCOME (A+B+C) = _____

MY EXPENSES:

Tuition _____

Fees (student services, insurance, etc.) _____

Room, board & utilities _____

Clothing _____

Entertainment _____

Personal sundries _____

Transportation _____

Miscellaneous _____

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ _____

TOTAL NEED/SURPLUS (TOTAL INCOME MINUS TOTAL EXPENSES) \$ _____

Please check (✓) all the following HIGHLAND SELECTED bursaries for which you are applying for:

- Alex Salmon Memorial
- Arthur & Phyllis Ramsell Bursary
- Beecher Development
- Charlie Petrie
- Cindy Lynn Patrick Bursary
- Comox District Teachers Association Bursary (CDTA)
- Comox Kiwanis L. Hartman
- Comox Masonic Lodge No. 188 - Bud Tarling Founder's Bursary
- Comox Valley Lions Club
- Comox Valley Regional District
- Comox Valley School Administrators Association
- Comox Valley School District Bursary
- Cynthia Davis Memorial - Filberg Heritage Park & Lodge
- Dolores Woodie Bursary
- Hamilton Mack Laing Memorial
- Harold W. Hemsworth Memorial Bursary
- James Denton Memorial Scholarship
- Komoux Masters Baseball Bursary
- Mark Hughes Memorial
- Mike Lawless Bursary
- North Island College Foundation High School Bursary
- Piercy's Funeral Home
- Royal LePage in the Comox Valley
- Ryan Vending Bursary
- Sharon Blacklock Memorial
- Strathcona Sunrise Rotary Club
- Thomas Cooper Bursary
- Thoms H. Caldwell Bursary
- Triple S Bursary
- Vancouver Foundation Scholarships
- Vancouver Island Real Estate Board
- W.E. Bill & Phyllis G Davis Memorial Bursary

DONOR SELECTED BURSARY APPLICATION

SCHOLARSHIP & BURSARY APPLICATION FORM
APPLICATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 27, 2026

NAME OF BURSARY/SCHOLARS

Be sure to answer all questions to the best of your knowledge. There are some questions of a personal nature that you may not wish to answer. If so, place the letters N/A in that space. Without a full financial disclosure, it is always a challenge for bursary committees to get a reasonable assessment of financial need. We trust the information on this application to give a true picture so that we can direct bursary money to where it is needed the most. Thank you for your honesty and diligence.

NAME: _____ **AG** _____ **AGE** _____ **PHONE #** _____

ADDRESS: _____ **SIN#** _____

EMAIL: _____

MOTHER'S NAME: _____ **FATHER'S NAME:** _____

I LIVE WITH: BOTH PARENTS MOTHER FATHER RELATIVES FOSTER PARENTS

ON MY OWN

FAMILY OCCUPATIONS:

FATHER'S OCCUPATION: _____ F/T P/T SEASONAL

MOTHER'S OCCUPATION: _____ F/T P/T SEASONAL

NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS AT HOME (BROTHERS/SISTERS, ETC.) _____ **AT POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL** _____

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Clothing _____

Entertainment _____

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Transportation _____

Miscellaneous _____

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ _____

TOTAL NEED/SURPLUS (TOTAL INCOME MINUS TOTAL EXPENSES) \$ _____



Ministry of Education District / Authority Scholarship

Application Information/Instructions

Application Deadline – February 27, 2026, by 3:30pm

Basic Information:

Purpose: “...to recognize graduating BC students for excellence in their chosen area of interest or strength. These scholarships are intended to provide tuition assistance to the students pursuing post-secondary education.”

There are 5,500 awards distributed across BC school districts and independent school authorities.

Selected students receive a \$1,250.00 scholarship voucher to use towards their post-secondary tuition.

Eligibility:

1. Must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident. Must also be a BC Resident.
2. Student must be enrolled at Highland Secondary School this current school year.
3. Student must be in a position to fulfill the BC graduation requirements by August 31st of current graduation year.

Categories: (Students may apply for any category but can receive only ONE scholarship). Please note that involvement in these categories can take place in school and/or in the community.

- **Indigenous Languages & Culture**
- **Fine Arts** – Visual Arts, Dance, Drama, Music
- **Applied Design, Skills and Technology** – Business Ed., Technology Ed., Home Ec., Computers
- **Physical Activity** – not limited to PE courses
- **International Languages**
- **Community Service** – volunteer activity
- **Technical & Trades Training, Automotive, Robotics, Woodwork, Culinary Arts** (apprenticeship programs)

Instructions

A completed application package must include the following:

- Complete application form (below and available as a fillable form online <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/highland-secondary/grad/highland-bursaries/>)
- Evidence of student work/achievement. Information must be detailed.
- One reference (a teacher, sponsor, or community member) who can comment on your achievements in your chosen area of interest. Reference **cannot** be a family member.
- Completed form and supporting documents to Mrs. Dixon in the Counselling office.

Deadline – February 27, 2026 by 3:30pm

Return completed application to Mrs. Dixon in the Counselling Office.



Ministry of Education District / Authority Scholarship

Application Form

Due: February 27, 2026, by 3:30pm in the
Counselling Office.

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Legal Name: _____
Last Name Given Names

Date of Birth (day/month/year) _____

Personal Email Address (not school email): _____

- I am a Canadian Citizen and BC Resident
- I am a permanent resident (landed immigrant) and BC resident
- I will fulfill the BC graduation requirements by August 31st of the current gradyear.

2. Area of Interest

Please check the area(s) of interest or strength for which you are making this application.

- Indigenous Languages & Culture** – at school or community
- Fine Arts** – Visual Arts, Dance, Drama, Music
- Applied Design, Skills and Technology** – Business Ed., Technology Ed., Home Ec., Computers
- Physical Activity** – not limited to PE courses
- International Languages**
- Community Service** – volunteer activity
- Technical & Trades Training, Automotive, Robotics, Woodwork, Culinary Arts** (apprenticeship programs)

3. Evidence of Achievement:

This application requires that you provide evidence of outstanding achievement in your chosen area of interest. Please attach a one-page statement that describes, in detail, your achievements and involvement in Gr. 10, 11 & 12 courses and/or extracurricular activities related to your area of interest.

4. References:

Please indicate at least one reference (teachers and/or community members) who can attest to your achievements in your chosen area of interest. **You cannot use a relative as a reference. No reference letter is required.**

Name: _____ Position: _____

Contact Information: Phone _____

Email _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

Contact Information: Phone _____

Email _____

Your application and evidence must be handed in to the Counselling Office by February 27, 2026 by 3:30pm.

Applicant's Signature

Date