



Mark R. Isfeld Financial Aid, Local Bursaries and Scholarships



IMPORTANT DATES:

February 4 th	Bursary Information Session during TA in the Library
February 13 th , 20 th and 27 th	Bursary Information during Flex in Student Services
March 2 nd	*Comox Valley Community Foundation Applications due
March 6 th	Bursary and District Scholarship Applications Due 3:00 pm (No late applications accepted)
May 14 th	Bursary Meeting 'What to expect' during lunch in the Library
May 28 th	Bursary Recognition Ceremony MPR 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

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BURSARY AND DISTRICT AUTHORITY APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Bursary Application is now available online. Please follow these steps to complete your submission:

- **Access:** Find the form via this [Direct Link](#) or visit the "Bursary & Scholarship Information" section under the **Grad** tab on the Mark R Isfeld website.
- **Complete:** Fill out the digital form as you would a paper application. You may save your progress and edit the form as many times as needed before final submission.
- **Submit:** Once you submit the finalized version, you will receive a confirmation email containing a **PDF copy of your application** via email.
- **Distribute:** [Print and copy the provided PDF to complete your individual Group 2 - Community Donor applications.](#)

1. PREPARE AND APPLY EARLY.

- Read through your award booklet completely.
- Be organized - gather and copy all documents on good quality paper. (The school will **not** do any photocopying for students.)
- **Be realistic and read the fine print** – check that you meet the criteria for the application. Follow the instructions carefully and accurately. If an award is restricted, include detailed and precise information that identifies your eligibility for the award.

2. COMPLETE EACH INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION THOROUGHLY AND NEATLY.

The application package is your opportunity to impress the Bursary Committees. It is well worth taking time and care in preparing and proofreading your application.

Remember: False information may result in disqualification.

3. HAND IN PACKAGES – EACH BURSARY DONOR APPLICATION

- Deadline for receipt of **ALL** application packages is **Friday March 6, before 3:00 pm.** Return the completed packages to Jacqueline or Tina in the office. Be sure to specify which bursary you are applying for.
- Staple all pages together - **do not use paper clips or put into an envelope**
- **NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

BURSARY AND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:

1. Online application form printed PDF copy

GROUP 1 BURSARY – ISFELD BURSARY COMMITTEE - Fill out the **Mark Isfeld School Online Bursary Application Form – Group 1** (page 1 of the online application). Checkmark the checklist with the bursaries you are applying for. (Chosen by Isfeld Bursary Committee)

GROUP 2 BURSARY - COMMUNITY DONOR - Fill out the **Mark Isfeld School Online Bursary Application Form – Group 2** (page 2 of the online application). You will need to print off separate **application** forms for EACH group 2 bursary you are applying for. You will receive a PDF of your application for printing once submitted. Be sure to include all required documents in your application package. Hand packages in to Jacqueline or Tina in the main office. (Chosen by Community Donor Group)

Note: Some Group 2 bursaries require **special application forms** as noted in the booklet - they are available on the Mark R. Isfeld website, in the main office via Jacqueline, or at the site provided by the donor.

GROUP 3 BURSARY - EXTERNAL BURSARY DONOR - **Apply online directly to donor.** You can find additional companies that offer bursaries on the Mark R. Isfeld School website and others via websites like scholartree.ca. (Applied directly to and Chosen by Donating Group)

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION DISTRICT AUTHORITY SCHOLARSHIP – Fill out the **Mark Isfeld School Online Bursary Application Form – District Authority** (page 3 of the online application). Check all the scholarships you would like to apply for. You may apply for multiple categories but can receive only **ONE** scholarship.

There are only 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:

- must be a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident. Must also be a BC resident.
- Must be enrolled at Mark R. Isfeld Secondary this current school year.
- Must be in a position to fulfill the BC Graduation requirements by August 31st of current graduation year.

2. Letter of Introduction

In less than five paragraphs, try to provide the selection committee with a clear picture of who you are, your ambitions, and why you are the ideal candidate for this award.

Include the following:

- Introduce yourself - assume a stranger will be reading your application.
- Explain your post-secondary educational plans, the institution you plan to attend, and your ultimate career goals.
- Outline your school achievements, personal interests, community involvements, and details of volunteer opportunities in the last 3-4 years. Highlight any specific accomplishments or leadership roles you are proud of.
- Detail any special circumstances-medical conditions, single parent family, are you taking a gap year. If applicable, comment on your financial circumstances. Explain how this bursary will impact your ability to pursue your education goals.
- Thank the Award Committee members for considering your application.

3. Letters of Reference

Include at least one letter of reference from an adult (i.e., coach, community sponsor, or employer). Each letter should comment on your qualities, abilities, and tasks you performed for that organization. Allow enough time for your reference to complete the letter – Feel free to use the Brag Sheet found [here](#) or on the Mark R. Isfeld website.

Teachers may be listed as references on your resume but will not provide letters of reference. Reference letters must come from an adult (cannot be a relative) who knows you outside the classroom or school setting (Examples – Mentor, Supervisor, Coach).

4. Transcript – A PDF version will be emailed to you. If you need an additional copy see Jacqueline in the office.

FINANCIAL AID

There are two main sources of financial aid for students:

1. SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded on the basis of academic excellence, community involvement, affiliation, etc. Advertised via announcements, school website, and on the display board outside of the office. Also check www.bcscholarships.ca, and www.scholarshipscanada.com and www.studentawards.com

2. BURSARIES

Awarded based on student **financial need** and other requirements as specified such as community involvement, affiliation, etc.

STUDENT LOANS

Check websites for information and updates at www.studentaidbc.ca. Student Loan Applications open in early June.

Once you have a plan in place for your education and have picked a school and are planning on a student loan, make sure the school you would attend is designated for government funding. Some private schools are not designated for government funding.

If you are a BC Resident when you apply for student financial assistance in BC, you automatically apply on the same application for both CANADA STUDENT LOAN and BRITISH COLUMBIA STUDENT LOAN.

BC GOVERNMENT GRANTS

When you apply for student aid, you will automatically be considered for a non-repayable BC Government Grant for years two, three, and four if:

- you are in your first 136 weeks of post-secondary study, and
- you are studying at a designated BC public or private post-secondary school.

PUBLIC GUARDIAN & TRUSTEE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FUND (PGT Educational Assistance Fund)

<http://www.trustee.bc.ca/services/estate-and-personal-trust-services/Pages/pgt-educational-assistance-fund.aspx>

To be eligible, an applicant must be a former permanent ward of the Province of British Columbia and planning to study at a post-secondary level in an academic, technical, or vocational program between September 2026-August 2027.

The deadline to submit completed applications to the Public Guardian and Trustee is April 15, 2026.

HOW MUCH MONEY CAN I BORROW?

The Student Services Branch of the Ministry of Advanced Education will review the costs and income on your application form to determine how much assistance you are eligible to receive. There is a limit to the amount of assistance you may receive each year.

Application packages are available online at www.studentaidbc.ca

Financial Aid Offices at all BC public post-secondary schools are available to assist you with the application.

Apply early-it may take up to six weeks to process your application – Applications open in early June.

?? QUESTIONS ??

Ask a Counsellor or Administrator. They will be happy to assist you.

WEBSITES

www.bcscholarships.ca

www.studentscholarships.org

www.studentaidbc.ca

www.scholarshipscanada.com

www.scholartree.ca

SCHOLARSHIPS

A. GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S BRONZE ACADEMIC MEDAL

Commencing in 1984, a Bronze Academic Medal, authorized by the Governor-General, will be awarded to the student with the highest academic standing in the Mark R. Isfeld graduating class.

B. BC ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

The [BC Achievement scholarships](#) recognize the top 8,000 graduates in the province. The Ministry will determine recipients based on achievement in Grades 10, 11, and 12 courses that satisfy [BC Graduation Program](#) requirements, including elective courses. Grad Transitions will not be included.

A cumulative average percentage will be calculated and form the basis for determining winners, who receive a \$1,250 scholarship voucher to use towards their post-secondary tuition.

Students do not apply for this scholarship.

C. PATHWAY TO TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

The [online](#) application form for the 2025/2026 school year is now available.

The Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship is awarded to 20 outstanding high school graduates who have demonstrated a commitment and aptitude for a career path in K-12 teaching. Winners receive a \$5000 scholarship voucher to redeem when they are registered and attending an approved K-12 teacher education program at one of BC's nine faculties of Education.

D. DOGWOOD DISTRICT/AUTHORITY AWARDS

District scholarships are awarded to graduating students who have excelled in fields other than academics such as Fine Arts, Applied Skills, Physical Activity, Second Languages, Community Service, and Technical and Trades Training. Students who are awarded a district scholarship, will receive a \$1250 voucher to use towards their post-secondary tuition. Candidates will apply with a student application – [found here](#). They will be awarded in fall of 2026.

E. SECONDARY SCHOOL APPRENTICESHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

These \$1,000 scholarships are awarded to graduating secondary school apprentices who:

- Have been registered in a school district Secondary School Apprenticeship Program (SSA) prior to graduation,
- Successfully complete SSA 11A, SSA 11B, SSA 12A, and SSA 12B (Please note: In 2017-2018 these course codes changed to: MWRK 11A, MWRK 11B, MWRK 12A, and MWRK 12B),

- Maintain a C+ average or better in their Grade 12 numbered courses, and
- Reported a total of at least 900 hours to the ITA within six months of graduation.

There is no need to apply for Secondary School Apprenticeship Scholarships. All students who meet the criteria for the Scholarship are automatically considered for the award.

COSTS

The following is an approximate break down of the cost of ONE year at the University of Victoria (eight months) for the 2025/2026 school year (*please remember totals are approximate):

Tuition (Arts or Science)	\$6,166.00
Books & Supplies	\$1,700.00
Student fees (includes bus pass)	\$ 954.00
Residence on Campus w/ standard meal plan	\$13,934.00 +
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$22,754.00*</u>

This DOES NOT include entertainment, clothing, toiletries, parking, or trips home so students and parents can expect the annual cost to be higher than that quoted above.

GROUP 1 - ISFELD COMMITTEE BURSARIES & SCHOLARSHIPS
Successful candidates chosen by the École Mark R. Isfeld Bursary Committee

*****The École Mark R. Isfeld Bursary Committee makes their decisions without knowledge of Group 2 bursary recipients. The goal of the committee is to provide financial support to as many students as possible. *****

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.

\$1,525.00

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.

\$1,100.00

BOWSER LEGION #211 BURSARY

This award is open to graduating students of École Mark R. Isfeld Secondary who:

1. Reside in the Qualicum Bay, Bowser, Deep Bay, Fanny Bay, Union Bay, Denman Island, and Hornby Island areas, and
2. whose parents or grandparents (natural or legal) meet one of the following guidelines:
 - i) War veteran or member of the armed forces, or
 - ii) Active member of Canadian Legion #211-Bowser.

Applications will be judged based on scholastic ability as determined by the school staff, financial need, qualities of leadership in the school and community and qualities which indicate special achievement or promise.

The candidates must be proceeding to a British Columbia University, BCIT, a registered school of nursing, a regional college, or a vocational school. Mark R. Isfeld Secondary will inform Bowser Legion of the name of the selected recipient and the award will be forwarded to the secondary school for delivery to the recipient. This bursary must be utilized by December of the next year following graduation.

Should there be no candidates that meet the geographical qualification, we leave it open to the discretion of the school. Our object in this endeavor is to help the graduating generation to the best of our ability to carry on a high standard of citizenship. The remaining qualifications stand.

\$1000.00

CITY OF COURTENAY BURSARY

The City of Courtenay recognizes that youth have immense potential, and those who put forth efforts to make the 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. Bursaries are for graduating students in grade 12 attending one of the following schools: Nala'atsi Alternate School, Glacier View Secondary, École Mark R. Isfeld Secondary, George P. Vanier Secondary, Navigate (NIDES), and Phil and Jennie Gaglardi Academy. Students should demonstrate community involvement, volunteerism, successful academic standing, and positive work habits.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Must be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident.
2. Must be a City of Courtenay resident.
3. Must be a student of one of the schools listed above.
4. Community involvement, volunteerism, participation in extra-curricular activities (i.e. athletics, drama, special interest clubs, successful academic standing, and positive work habits).
5. Students who demonstrate a financial need will be given priority.
6. The student is to be awarded based on the previous year's achievements, contingent on continued positive involvement in the community and citizenship.

Money will be paid out upon proof of registration of full-time enrollment to an accredited post-secondary institution. Recipients will have 15 months after completion of grade 12 to claim the bursary.

\$1,000.00

COMOX DISTRICT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Teachers in School District 71 offer a scholarship for graduating students. There is one scholarship given to an Isfeld graduate with preference given to a student who intends to proceed into a Teacher Education Program.

The scholarship may be held for a student for up to one year if the student writes a letter requesting it to be held. Upon receiving the scholarship, the recipient shall fill in a questionnaire giving a brief

description on how they will use the funds and include a grad photo to the CDTA for the CDTA newsletter. The graduating student shall then receive a cheque from the Association.

\$500.00

COMOX VALLEY PRINCIPALS & VICE-PRINCIPALS ASSOCIATION BURSARY

The Comox Valley Principals & Vice-Principals Association is pleased to offer two bursaries of \$750 each to École Mark R. Isfeld graduates. These bursaries will be awarded to students proceeding to college, university, or vocational institute. Of the two bursaries one will be awarded for academics one will be awarded for vocational/athletics.

The eligible student:

- 1. Must be proceeding to an approved post-secondary institution.
- 2. Must have made a contribution of service to the school or community at large.
- 3. Proof of registration must be submitted by October 30, 2026.

\$750.00 x 2

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.

Eligibility: \$1000 award is available to Mark R. Isfeld Secondary School provided by Baynes Sounds-Denman/Hornby Islands (Area A) of the Comox Valley Regional District.

Application process and criteria:

- 1. Proof of registration and attendance at a relevant Canadian accredited post-secondary institution in one of the following programs:
 - a. Environmental Operators Certification Program training
 - b. Environmental Engineering
 - c. Environmental Sciences
- 2. Involvement in extra-curricular activities.
- 3. Letter of introduction as stipulated by the respective school’s award application process.
- 4. Two letters of reference from a non-relative.

\$1,000.00

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.

\$1,000.00

DEUX LANGUES DEUX MONDES BURSARY

This bursary is available to support the post-secondary journey of a French Immersion student in School District No. 71, who resides in the Comox Valley. Among eligible applicants, preference will be given to those pursuing a pathway to becoming a French Immersion teacher. The Deux Langues Deux Mondes Bursary Fund, held at the Comox Valley Community Foundation, was generously established by Ms. Verena Bryner, who pioneered the Comox Valley's first-ever French Immersion program. For all graduates, she shares that second-language learning is "a wonderful gift you have given yourself that will open so many doors, not just in the teaching profession, but in countless unexpected ways throughout your lifetime."

\$700.00

DR. ALLAN DUNCAN PRITCHARD LEGACY BURSARY - NIC

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.

\$1,000.00

DOLORES WOODIE BURSARY

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

\$1,850.00

ÉCOLE MARK R. ISFELD INTERACT BURSARY

This award is provided by the École Mark R. Isfeld Interact Club. It will be available to a grade 12 student who meets the following criteria:

1. Proceeding to post-secondary education.
2. Has demonstrated volunteer service to school and / or community.
3. Has some involvement in extracurricular activities (could include jobs, sports teams, youth groups, etc.

This award can be deferred for one year. Proof of registration at a post-secondary institution must be submitted to École Mark R. Isfeld Secondary School by Thursday, October 29, 2024.

\$500.00

ÉCOLE ROBB ROAD PAC SOCIETY CITIZENSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship has been established by the École Robb Road Elementary PAC Society in honour of students that exemplify the qualities of citizenship. This award is open to graduating students of Mark R. Isfeld who:

1. Are currently enrolled in the French Immersion program.
2. Plan to attend a post-secondary institution in any program area.
3. Demonstrate kindness and compassion to fellow students and help create a positive school culture.

\$500.00 x 2

EMILY JENKINS MEMORIAL BURSARY

This bursary was set up to honour the memory of Emily Jenkins, a very special young lady we lost far too soon. Emily brought sunshine and smiles to the lives of so many. She is greatly missed by her family, friends, classmates, and community. This bursary was created with the hope that Emily's positive attitude and kind, empathetic nature will continue to inspire future generations of Mark R. Isfeld Secondary students to bring more joy to the world!

Successful applicants should meet at least two of the following criteria, ideal applicants would meet all of the criteria. This award can be deferred for a year if no graduating students meet these criteria.

1. Financial need
2. Is a sibling of a student with special need
3. Is planning on studying special education at College or University
4. Embodies Emily's spirit – kindness, empathy, positivity, humour, and spunk!

\$1000.00

ERROL X. LAZARE MEMORIAL BURSARY

This bursary has been set up by Ellen Lazare in memory of her son, Errol Lazare, who passed away in 2014. Errol was a former Isfeld student who discovered his passion for filmmaking when he was given a chance to submit videos instead of reports in Gr. 7 and 8. In the summer after Gr. 9, Errol went to Gulf Island Film School. He switched schools during Gr. 10 so that he could enrol in the Isfeld Secondary video program, then offered by Michael Gau. Errol had the fondest memories of the weekend film slams they did at Isfeld and thoroughly enjoyed his participation in MITV. In his 3 years at Isfeld, Errol challenged himself each year to participate in the BC Student Film Festival competitions. In Gr. 12 he entered at least one film, in some cases 2 films, in each of the Film Festival's 9 categories. Never before in the history of the BCSFF had a student entered so many films and won so many medals as a result. The Art Institute recognized his achievement by granting Errol a full scholarship at the Art Institute's 18-month digital film and video program. Errol graduated with honours and his business, EXL Films, became highly regarded. He continued to enter his films in contests and won multiple awards.

Application Process and Criteria:

Pursuing post-secondary studies in digital media arts, digital film studies or cinematography (including editing, special effects and animation) and photography

- Financial need
- Personality and character– kind, humble
- Academic good standing
- Recognized achievement in their chosen field (awards) or recognition

\$2,000.00

FILBERG HERITAGE LODGE AND PARK ASSOCIATION BURSARY

This award is to be presented to a graduating student entering studies at a British Columbia College or University in the field of history and / or heritage. This award is made possible by the generosity of our volunteers. A cheque will be issued to the recipient by us once we have received verification of enrollment in a post-secondary institution.

\$500.00

HAROLD WALKER 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.

The bursary will be offered to GP Vanier, École Mark Isfeld, and Highland Secondary each year and will be awarded by the school’s Bursary Committee to a deserving student that has been accepted into a college or university.

\$1,000.00

MOSAIC FOREST MANAGEMENT BURSARY

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

\$1,000.00

PIERCYS FUNERAL HOME BURSARY

This award recognizes a well – rounded student who demonstrates strong academic achievement and active involvement in school or community life.

\$500.00

PUNTLEDGE PARK ALUMNI ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP BURSARY

This bursary will be awarded to a student who 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.

\$500.00

ROYAL LEPAGE IN THE COMOX VALLEY BURSARY

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.

\$500.00

RYAN VENDING BUSINESS BURSARY

Ryan Company Ltd. is the leading provider of vending, micro market, pantry, and office coffee service in British Columbia. Currently we provide these services to customers in the local markets of Metro Vancouver, Northern and Northwestern British Columbia, the Kootenays, Vancouver Island, and in the Thompson-Okanagan.

This award is presented to a student who is interested in business and/or a field that promotes a healthy lifestyle.

\$500.00

TRIPLE S BURSARY GLENDA & PAUL WILSON

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, GP Vanier grad 1982 and Jim, GP 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 award is open to students finishing their secondary education and residing in SD71 who will be pursuing post-secondary education at an accredited institution. The bursary is to rotate among the secondary schools and home-schooled students that reside in SD71. The successful applicant must demonstrate proficiency in the three areas of scholarship, service, and sport.

\$2,000.00

VANCOUVER FOUNDATION BURSARIES

The Vancouver Foundation in conjunction with the Courtenay Rotary Club offers scholarships/bursaries to graduates of the Comox Valley. The selection criteria include 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.

\$3,000.00 x 2 (academic)
\$2,000.00 x 2 (vocational)

VANCOUVER ISLAND HEALTH AUTHORITY – CB PARNHAM MEMORIAL BURSARY

The Cumberland Health Center offers a scholarship to Comox Valley graduates. The recipient must be continuing their education in a medical field of work.

\$250.00

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 secondary schools. The bursary will go to successful graduating students planning on taking building trade related courses. The funds must be used in the following school year and not postponed for another period.

\$1,000.00

WILLIAM G LAMB MEMORIAL BURSARY

Bill Lamb was a long-time teacher at GP Vanier and one of Highland's original teachers where he preferred teaching drama. The successful applicant will have demonstrated skills and leadership in the fields of theatre and/or the performing arts involving drama, stagecraft, or scriptwriting; a satisfactory educational standard; and a need for financial assistance.

\$250.00

GROUP 2 – COMMUNITY DONOR BURSARIES & SCHOLARSHIPS

Successful candidates are chosen by the donor organization

*****Some bursaries require donor specific application forms to be used in place of or as well as the school application form. These are noted in the bursary description.*****

ADAM JOHN BRODIE MEMORIAL BURSARY

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

A bursary of \$1000 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.

\$1,000.00

ANDERTON GARDENS THERAPEUTIC SOCIETY

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.

\$1,000.00

ANNE GIBBON MEMORIAL BURSARIES – (HOPE AFLOAT CANADA)

Hope Afloat Canada is a Comox Valley Dragon Boat team made up of people who have been diagnosed with breast cancer as well as women surviving all types of cancer. We believe that we can live full and

active lives by participating in the sport of dragon boat racing. Anne Gibbon was a founding member of Hope Afloat (Canada), a valued and energetic team.

The Anne Gibbon Memorial Bursary (Hope Afloat Canada) in the amount of \$750 is offered to a student entering the field of Health Sciences at any accredited post-secondary Canadian institution in British Columbia in the next academic year.

Criteria include:

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

Please complete the Anne Gibbon Memorial (Hope Afloat Canada) application form available in the office.

\$750.00 x 2

BAYNES SOUND LIONS' CLUB – IRENE FUDGE MEMORIAL BURSARY

This scholarship is offered by the Baynes Sound Lion's Club. The recipient will be a resident of Union Bay, Fanny Bay, Denman Island, or Hornby Island who is graduating from Mark R. Isfeld Secondary and will be proceeding to a post-secondary institution. Applicants will include a description of their long term educational or occupational goals as well as a history of their volunteerism in their community.

\$500.00 - \$1,000.00

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 into 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 who demonstrates financial need and successfully answers the following essay question:

"What does the labour movement mean to me?"

This bursary is open to any student graduating from School District No. 71. Preference will be given to qualified candidates that can prove a hereditary relationship to a former CEP Chinook Local 630 member.

Special application required, forms available in the office

\$1,000.00

COMOX FIRE RESCUE – NORM PRATT BURSARY

The Comox Fire Department is pleased to offer a bursary to a Mark R. Isfeld Secondary graduating student.

\$500.00

COMOX VALLEY CHILDREN'S DAYCARE SOCIETY – STUART FODEN MEMORIAL AWARD

The Comox Valley Children's Daycare Society – Stuart Foden Memorial is a district-wide award, available for a graduating student from School District No. 71.

The criterion for this award is:

1. The recipient will be entering the Early Childhood Care and Education program at North Island College full-time.
2. Students demonstrating financial need will be given priority.

The person will be selected by a committee from the Comox Valley Children's Daycare Society as this is a district wide award.

\$500.00

COMOX VALLEY DISC GOLF SOCIETY STUDENT BURSARY

The Comox Valley Disc Golf Society is offering a bursary to members of the Comox Valley disc golf community who are graduating from Comox Valley secondary schools in 2026. There is a \$200 bursary available to a student from Highland Secondary, Mark R. Isfeld Secondary, and GP Vanier Secondary.

Any 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 who are members of their school's respective Disc Golf clubs or teams, as well as active CVDG members. ([Membership | CVDG Club \(cvdiscgolf.com\)](#))

Special application required, forms available in the office

\$200.00

COMOX VALLEY MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY BURSARY

The 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 Bursary will be given to four graduating students in the Comox Valley whose families and / or parents are either members of CVMS or immigrants from countries where English is not an official language. The bursary

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.

\$500.00 x 4

COMOX VALLEY NATURALIST (CVN) BURSARY

This bursary is awarded to a graduating secondary school student in 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

Special application required, forms available in the office

The form is also available on the society's website: <https://comoxvalleynaturalist.bc.ca/bursary/>

\$1,000.00

COMOX VALLEY UNITED SOCCER CLUB BURSARY

The Comox Valley United Soccer Club will provide up to six \$500.00 awards, 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 awards.

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.

\$500.00 x 6

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. The bursary is awarded for soccer involvement within the school district, not by attendance at a particular secondary school.

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)

\$1,000.00

COURTENAY DISTRICT FISH & GAME PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION BURSARY

Four bursaries of \$2500 each will be presented in June 2026 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. Ex. Conservation, Environment, Forestry, Fisheries. This student does not necessarily have to be a club member dependent.
2. 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.

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

Special application required, available in the main office.

\$2,500.00 x 4

COURTENAY ELKS #60

The Courtenay Elks is pleased to offer an award to a graduating student who enrolls in a full course of studies in a post-secondary institution. Guidelines for selection are identified firstly, by financial need and further qualified by (a) school achievement and then (b) citizenship and involvement in school and/or community activities.

\$1,000.00

COURTENAY LITTLE THEATRE BURSARY

Courtenay Little Theatre is pleased to offer up to three awards to assist graduates from the Comox Valley towards further study 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 or community theatrical activity, academic achievement, written recommendations, and contribution to the 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 the theatre program of the student's choice will be required prior to the receipt of these bursaries. Should no appropriate application be received from the students in the field of theatre, consideration may be given to application from students entering other disciplines in the performing arts.

\$1,000.00 x 3

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 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. A committee of the Comox Valley Community Foundation will select recipients.

\$2,000.00

***DEADLINE March 2, 2026**

CUPE LOCAL 439 -MARGARET ZARUK MEMORIAL BURSARY

The Local shall fund \$2,000 annually for the Margaret Zaruk Memorial Bursary to be awarded in June of each year. To qualify, any graduating grade 12 School District No. 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 CUPE 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 \$1,000 or four \$500 bursaries.

Special application required, forms available in the Office
PLEASE ENSURE THE SPECIAL APPLICATION IS ON THE TOP OF YOUR BURSARY PACKAGE

2 x \$1000.00 or 4 x \$500.00

CUPE LOCAL 439-MEMORIAL BURSARY

The local shall fund \$2,000 annually for the CUPE 439 Memorial Bursary to be awarded in June of each year. To qualify, any graduating grade 12 School District No. 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 CUPE 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 \$1,000 or four \$500 bursaries.

Special application required, forms available in the Office
PLEASE ENSURE THE SPECIAL APPLICATION IS ON THE TOP OF YOUR BURSARY PACKAGE

2 x \$1000.00 or 4 x \$500.00

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.

\$2,275.00 x 2

***DEADLINE March 2, 2026**

DR. TERRY JAMES BURSARY

Applications will be accepted from graduating students from Mark R. Isfeld, Highland, GP Vanier, and Glacier View Secondary Schools. One bursary will be awarded annually. Preference will be given to family members of CUPE Local 439, especially to the son or daughter of an Educational Assistant. 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.

\$500.00

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 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.

\$400.00

EDGETT EXCAVATING BURSARY

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, Heavy Equipment Training, Heavy Duty Mechanical, or similar). A letter detailing educational plans, goals, and the reason for seeking the bursary must be included with applications.

\$500.00

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 Regulatory Unit (PTIRU), Education Quality Assurance (EQA) designated for accepting international students, an active member of the BC Career Colleges Association and Canadian counsel for Indigenous 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 four 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 Career College and should include your current and future career goals. Applicants must be in their grade 11 or 12 school year or

be within 2 years of their graduation date 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.

\$1,200.00 x 4

HARMONY REBEKAH LODGE #22

The International Order of Oddfellows, I.O.O.F. is 2007 years old in North America this year (2026). The women of Cumberland’s Rebekah Lodge have been raising money and supporting the community for 117 years. Harmony Rebekah Lodge #22 is pleased to offer an award to a graduate of Mark R. Isfeld Secondary School. Preference will be given to a member’s child or grandchild. The award will be paid to the Post-Secondary Institution upon the applicant’s verification of enrollment. You must be enrolled in a University/College within 12 months of receiving this Bursary.

\$300.00

JEFF STEWART MEMORIAL FINE ARTS BURSARY

The Jeff Stewart Memorial Fine Arts Bursary 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 had a life-long commitment to social justice issues and 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.

\$750.00

DEADLINE March 2, 2026

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.

\$2,500.00

LIAM GRIMM MUSIC MEMORIAL AWARD

The Liam Grimm Music Memorial Award (sponsored by the Georgia Straight Jazz Society) is awarded to a deserving student who meets the criteria outlined below.

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 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.

Criteria for Selection:

- 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
- The applicant must include:
 - A letter of recommendation from a community music contact.
 - A letter demonstrating 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 their plans in studying music.
- The student must be proceeding to a college or university jazz music program in the same calendar year.

\$1000.00

****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 directly to the recipient.**

MACBROS BASKETBALL BURSARY

The Macbros Basketball Camp is pleased to offer a scholarship to a graduating student that has attended the Macbros Basketball Camp in the summertime at least once over their basketball experience. This student athlete should have demonstrated a high level of commitment to Isfeld's basketball program over a 5-year career (grades 8 through 12). This student athlete should exemplify sportsmanship, integrity, volunteerism, and leadership on and off the court. Interested applicants should submit a minimum of a two-paragraph letter which outlines their involvement in these areas as well as mentioning how Macbros Basketball influenced their love of the game of basketball. Please add a coaching or teaching reference and their current contact information.

\$500.00

MOE ADACHI MEMORIAL BURSARY

This \$1,000 Bursary is established in memory of Moe Adachi, a 2020 École Mark R. Isfeld graduate, to support and encourage the continuation of her legacy of leadership, service, handwork, and kindness. As well as being an accomplished academic and athlete, Moe's service to others while at Isfeld was extensive and inspiring. On top of her countless hours spent volunteering as a scorekeeper and referee at athletic events, she was a key member of Interact club for all 5 years of high school, captain of the rugby team, a peer leader, and a peer tutor in her senior years, as well as a coach for the junior volleyball team. In Moe's own words: "What I am most proud of is my genuine desire to help others".

The recipient of this memorial bursary will be a graduating student at École Mark R. Isfeld that demonstrates leadership, is in good academic standing and puts hard work into their passion areas and service to others; someone who genuinely cares about the well-being and success of others. We are very proud to support a young person in the continuation of Moe's legacy and their goals of making the world a better place.

\$1,000.00

RAINBOW YOUTH THEATRE BURSARIES

Three annual Rainbow Youth Theatre Bursaries are available to graduating SD71 students. Rainbow Youth Theatre encourages students in the Comox Valley who are in their final year of high school to apply for one of these three **separate** bursaries (however it is possible for one student to be awarded more than one of the bursaries)

1. **Betty Dixon 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.

\$500.00

2. **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. 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.

\$500.00

3. **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 honours Mike's selfless dedication to our youth-focused organization and the general arts community in the Comox Valley with a \$500.00 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.

\$500.00

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 a 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.

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.

Special application required, forms available in the Office

\$20,000.00

***DEADLINE March 2, 2026**

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.

Special application required, forms available in the Office

\$18,000.00

***DEADLINE March 2, 2025**

ROTARY CLUB OF COMOX GENERAL BURSARY

Bursaries are offered to École Mark R. Isfeld graduates who intend to continue their post-secondary education in a program that leads to a degree or diploma in a service-related field. For example, but not limited to, teaching, health care, tourism, etc.

Preference is given each year to a male or female based on financial need. Award recipients must show proof of enrollment in a post-secondary institution within 15 months of the award.

Amount will vary depending on donations collected throughout the year.

ROTARY CLUB OF COMOX-INTERACT BURSARY

The Rotary Club of Comox recognizes that students who participate in the Interact Club make a significant contribution to their school community, their local community and to the global community. These students provide leadership and set an example for their peers that demonstrate the value of serving their communities. They give of their time and talents in an effort to improve the lives of others. The funds are designated to be applied to the tuition at a recognized post-secondary educational institution. It is anticipated that such an institution will be a trade school, institute of technology, college, or university.

Criteria for eligibility include:

1. Two-year membership (including grade 12 year) in Mark Isfeld Interact Club.
2. Leadership in a major service project within the Interact Club.
3. Attended a minimum of two Rotary Club of Comox meetings (as a guest of the club).
4. Active participation in another school or community organization.
5. Acceptance and registration in a recognized post-secondary educational program.

Application and Selection Process

Selection will be made by the Rotary Club of Comox and will include the input from the teacher sponsor of the Interact club. Applicants must submit a letter outlining their accomplishments, their educational goals, and how being a member of the Interact Club has influenced them. They must also submit a letter of support from the school or community organization other than interact.

The bursary may be deferred for one year upon receipt of a written request to the Rotary Club of Comox.

Amount will vary depending on donations collected throughout the year.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH BURSARIES

The Royal Canadian Legion have extensive award programs for local students. Bursaries are awarded on the basis of personal and family financial need. The three bursaries are provided for graduates proceeding to a university or equivalent in British Columbia. Two of which are open to all students. The third (Poppy Fund Bursary) is primarily for a student who is a child or grandchild of a current or former military member. All details required on the special application form should be included. Failure to complete the required sections on the application in its entirety will result in the application NOT being considered. Applicants must attend an institution in B.C. and payment must be made directly to the institution of their choice the following September.

Special application required; forms available in Student Services or the Office.

Branch #17 Bursary Application – Fill out Sections I, II & III

Poppy Fund Bursary Application – Fill out Sections I, II, III & IV

Students need only complete one application to be considered for all three bursaries.

The successful applicant will be contacted as per Section V of the application. All bursaries are provided through the generous donations of the community to the Poppy Fund.

Branch #17 - \$1,000.00 x 2

Poppy Fund - \$1,000.00 x 1

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, 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.

\$1,000.00

***DEADLINE March 2, 2025**

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 SD71 pursuing post-secondary education or vocational training in the performing arts. Financial need will be a consideration.

\$500.00

SID WILLIAMS THEATRE SOCIETY BURSARY

A minimum award of \$500 per approved recipient will be given out each year to be determined by the SWTS Bursary Committee. The award will be paid to the applicant upon confirmation of enrollment. Applicants must submit a complete [SWTS Award Application Form](#) to be handed in alongside application.

Criteria:

- Applicants must be a graduating student in the year of application from: Glacier View Secondary, GP Vanier Secondary, Highland Secondary, Mark Isfeld Secondary, Nala'atsi Alternate School, or North Island Distance Education, or other Comox Valley Based grade 12 institution. The SWTS will consider applications submitted by Comox Valley residents graduating from another Grade 12 equivalency program 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).
- 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).
- Applicants may attach additional letters of reference as applicable.

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).

Special criteria:

Applicants who do not meet all the criteria above (either in terms of commitment to the theatre arts/film/video or in terms of their post-secondary education plans), **but** who believe they can demonstrate a commitment to theatre arts/film/video, **and** who believe their intended future studies will prove beneficial for the community and the theatre industry, may write a **letter** of application

outlining their theatre/arts background and their intended studies, and submit it to the bursary committee by the April 15th deadline.

The letter application may be submitted in person via mail to the theatre address or by email bursary@sidtheatre.com

Special application required, forms available online [here](#).

\$500.00 Minimum

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL CLUB OF COURTENAY BURSARY

Soroptimist International of Courtenay is a 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 awards candidates must meet the following criteria:

1. Show evidence of the need for financial assistance.
2. Demonstrate a record of community service that is supported by letters of reference from the agencies listed.
3. Have well-defined personal, educational and career goals.
4. Produce authenticated school transcripts that verify an academic standing that allows entry into the chosen post-secondary program.
5. Their responses to two questions about Soroptimist using the official website: www.soroptimist.org. *
6. Applicants must use Soroptimist International Courtenay application form that is available in the office.

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

1. Tell what Soroptimists do 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?

Special application required, forms available in the office

\$500.00 x 4

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 to 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 required, forms available in the office

\$10,000.00 x 2

***DEADLINE March 2, 2025**

THUNDERBALL BASKETBALL LEADERSHIP BURSARY

This \$500 bursary is awarded to a student who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to the Thunderball Basketball program through volunteer coaching or program support. The recipient will be a graduating student who is enrolled in a post-secondary institution beginning in the fall.

Applicants must submit a short paragraph (5–8 sentences) describing how their experience with Thunderball Basketball helped strengthen their leadership skills—such as communication, teamwork, mentorship, responsibility, or confidence—and how these qualities will support them in their future goals.

\$500.00

UNION OF NATIONAL DEFENCE EMPLOYEES LOCAL 21007 BURSARY

Local 1007 Union of National Defense Employees offers a \$500 award to a graduating student from each of the secondary schools in the Comox Valley proceeding to any post-secondary training. The successful applicants must have at least a "C" average and demonstrate practical ability. Applicants must be related to a Union of National Defense Employees member presently working and must include the member's name and where they work. Preference will be given to students demonstrating financial need.

\$500.00

GROUP 3 - EXTERNAL BURSARIES & SCHOLARSHIPS

Applicant is responsible for submitting application directly to donor agency electronically. They may have different deadlines!

AUXILIARY SOCIETY FOR COMOX VALLEY HEALTHCARE BURSARY

The Auxiliary Society for Comox Valley Healthcare (Formerly St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary) was founded in 1914 to provide equipment, specialized education for staff, and day to day patient comforts such as music and art therapy, craft supplies, coffee, tea, goodies, Christmas stockings, and other items.

At present the proceeds from the Valley Gift Shop at Comox Valley Hospital and the Auxiliary Thrift Shop at the old St. Joseph's hospital provide most of our funding. We offer bursaries to students in the Comox Valley.

Eligibility:

1. Be graduating from Grade 12 in the Comox Valley or currently be enrolled in a Healthcare Program at North Island College in the Comox Valley.
2. Be planning to attend a post-secondary institution to study in a healthcare field.
3. Have at least 30 hours of volunteering time in a healthcare related field.

Application forms available in the office

Forms also found on our Website under the Grad tab – Bursary and Scholarship Information

\$5,000.00

DEADLINE MAY 15, 2026

BC GENERAL EMPLOYEES' UNION SCHOLARSHIP

The BCGEU Scholarship program seeks to foster member engagement, and provide fair, accessible scholarship opportunities for applicants. The program strives to promote diversity, inclusion, and equity to make post-secondary education a viable choice for members and their families.

Please check online for more information, application, and eligibility.

www.bcgeu.ca/scholarships

\$2,500.00

DEADLINE FEBRUARY 15, 2026

BC GENERAL EMPLOYEES' UNION INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP

The BCGEU Scholarship program seeks to foster member engagement, and provide fair, accessible scholarship opportunities for Indigenous applicants. The program strives to promote diversity, inclusion, and equity to make post-secondary education a viable choice for members and their families.

Please check online for more information, application, and eligibility.

www.bcgeu.ca/scholarships

\$2,500.00

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 their booklet in late January.

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

BC SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION (BCSSA) SCHOLARSHIP

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 2026. One winner will be chosen from each of the seven BCSSA provincial chapters (Fraser Valley, Kootenay-Boundary, Metro, Vancouver Island, Northern, Thompson-Okanagan and Indigenous). *Each winner will be awarded a \$1,500 scholarship.* The deadline for applications is March 3, 2026 at 5:00PM.

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.

Only completed applications will be accepted for the scholarship selection process:

- One-page description of how you have made a difference in the life or lives of others (450 words maximum).
- Two letters of reference.
- Demonstrated distinctive leadership by providing two examples, including a brief description, this can include an inspirational artifact, a short video, newsletter, photo, story, or other media.
- Copy of the official school transcript of your grades to date.
- Proof of application/entry to a post-secondary institution (apprenticeship, college, university).

Please check online for more information, application, and eligibility.

<https://scholarship.bcssa.org/apply>

\$1,500.00

DEADLINE MARCH 3, 2026

CAMPUS VFX

This scholarship is designed to support a passionate high school student who dreams of turning their creativity into a career in visual effects and is committed to developing their skills toward a professional career.

Campus VFX will award up to two scholarships per high school to eligible candidates. We are looking for someone with heart, dedication, and genuine curiosity, not just perfect grades.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be currently enrolled in Grade 12 at a secondary school within British Columbia, or have graduated no more than two years prior to the program start date.
- Meet the application and portfolio requirements for admission to one of Campus VFX's full-time 12-month programs in Vancouver (Compositing or FX)
- Be at least 18 years old by the program start date or have successfully graduated from high school.
- Show a clear interest in VFX, Compositing, FX/Houdini, animation, film-making, game cinematics or related digital arts.

[Click here to find out more and apply!](#)

\$4,000.00 x 2

DEADLINE JULY 19, 2026

COASTAL COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIPS

The scholarship program is open to grade 12 students planning to attend full time undergraduate study at an approved college or university, trade school or special interest school. In order to be eligible for a scholarship, we ask that you submit a plan for a project to improve your community. Look closely at your community and see where you can make a difference. Keep it simple!

Coastal community will be awarding **8 scholarships of \$2,000** each. Of those 8 recipients, **2 students** will be awarded an **additional \$1,000** to implement their project plans. Once the community project has been implemented, another **additional \$1,000** will be awarded to the applicants whose plans were implemented.

If You Are Chosen to Implement Your Project:

- You will receive an additional \$1,000 scholarship at the completion of your project.
- You will be awarded up to \$1,000 to help with the implementation of your project.
- People involved in helping implement your project must be volunteers.
- Your project must be completed by August 31 of the same year you've applied.
- You must sign a project agreement and waiver prior to your project implementation.
- Upon completion of your project, you must provide a final project report to Coastal Community.

Distribution

Eight scholarships of \$2,000 each will be awarded* to Grade 12 students across Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands. One of these scholarships will be awarded to a child or grandchild of a Coastal Community Employee.

Coastal Community will choose two scholarship recipients to implement their projects. These recipients will also receive an additional \$1,000 upon implementation of their project. Plus, up to \$1,000 to put their plan into action.

To help you prepare to fill out your application we have **provided a sample here**. Please note, you will need to answer questions regarding your community project plan, including but not limited to: the idea, budget, timeline, and resources required.

Important Information:

- Applications will continue to be assessed based on project plans that address an environmental, social, or economic need within an island community.
- For reference, a sample outline of a project plan is available on the Coastal Community website.
- Students are eligible even if they have participated in another national or international scholarship program.
- Applications must be received no later than April 1st, 2026, through our online application. Any applications received after this date will not be considered.

Please note that applications are only accepted through the online application, which can be found here: [website](#)

\$2,000.00 x 8

DEADLINE APRIL 1, 2026

CV 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.**

Applicant Guidelines and Criteria:

1. The applicant must:
 - a. resides, or his/her family must reside within the Comox Valley.
 - b. Be a student registered/enrolled in post-secondary studies at a University, College, Technical School, or similar educational institution for the 2026 school year.
2. Preference will be given to a student who is intending on or pursuing or furthering agricultural studies/education and who is likely to make a contribution to agriculture/farming.
3. While acceptable academic performance is required, the award will not necessarily be made on the basis of academic standing. The successful candidate will be of good character and practical ability.
4. Funds will be awarded only after proof of registration/enrollment in the 2026 school year at a University, College, Technical School or similar educational institution has been confirmed. Letter of acceptance from post-secondary institution is acceptable for 1st year students.
5. Applicants may receive the bursary only once.
6. Applicants must provide a transcript detailing courses taken, and marks achieved from the last institution attended.
7. Applicants, please **fill in the questionnaire available at the office, to the best of their ability.**

*The public media may be informed of the award recipient and the recipient may be requested to submit a photograph and some information to be published either in printed media and/or on social media.

For more information, please contact Niki Whittaker, Comox Valley Farmers Institute: 587-879-4245 or cvfinstitute@gmail.com

\$1,000.00

DEADLINE AUGUST 1, 2026

FIRST COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION BURSARY

Member scholarship awards are \$1,500 and are available to all members in good standing for one year or more. Applications are viewed through a diversity, equity and inclusion lens and challenges or barriers to education are considered as well as the educational connection to our areas of focus; diversity, equity and inclusion, environmental sustainability, and local economic development. We strive to invest scholarship dollars equitably across the communities we serve.

Scholarship intakes begin on May 15th, with a deadline of July 15th. Awards are announced in early August.

Due to the high volume of requests, only those selected for a scholarship will be notified.

<https://www.firstcu.ca/our-difference/community-impact>

\$1,500.00

APPLICATIONS OPEN MAY 15, 2026, CLOSING JULY 15, 2026

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 form here:

<https://makoladevelopment.com/scholarshipsbursaries/>

Multiple Bursaries Ranging from \$500 - \$5,000.00

PARKSVILLE QUILT HOUSE QUILTER'S GUILD BURSARY

Each school year the Guild offers scholarships of \$1500.00 to qualified secondary school graduates.

There are 3 eligibility streams. **Applicants must be either:**

- From School Districts 68, 69, 70, or 71
- A member, or a spouse, child, or grandchild of a member in good standing with the Guild
- Already enrolled in a relevant program in a post secondary educational institution in British Columbia.

Applicants also must:

- Plan to or already be pursuing a degree or diploma at an approved Canadian post-secondary institution in a program related to fabric, textiles, and/or sewing (e.g., costuming, fashion design, home economics, etc.). Programs 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,
AND

- Demonstrate, by means of a portfolio, their interest in fibre/textile arts, quilting, or fashion design.

In addition to meeting the criteria, **applicants must provide:**

1. Proof of acceptance or enrolment in the approved post-secondary educational program
2. Letter of recommendation from a teacher/instructor
3. Letter from the applicant indicating:
 - a) Under which of the 3 eligibility streams you are applying
 - b) Why you deserve the scholarship, including your past relevant courses and your history of sewing/quilting, or related activities
 - c) Plans for education and subsequent career
 - d) Your affiliation, if any, with the Guild (name Guild member and your relationship)
4. Portfolio of your work (electronic version preferred, hard copy portfolios will not be returned)
5. Proof of permanent Canadian residence (copy of birth certificate, or landed immigrant or permanent resident papers)
6. Transcript of most recent year of study (exceptions may be made for mature students – contact scholarships@quiltthouse.ca)

To receive scholarship monies, you will be required to forward to the Guild proof of registration at an accredited Canadian post-secondary institution within 27 months of award presentation date (which is printed on the certificate of award) and your social insurance number.

Special application required, forms available in Student Services or the office.

Forms also found at: <https://quiltthouse.ca/content/scholarships>

\$1,500.00

DEADLINE APRIL 7, 2026

PEARL ELLIS GALLERY BURSARY

Established in 1977, the Pearl Ellis Gallery of Fine Arts (PEG) in Comox is a non-profit, volunteer-run society with a mandate to showcase and support local artists.

Each year, our society provides two education bursaries of \$1,000.00 each to promote interest in and study of the visual arts.

Eligible students must:

- Be completing Grade 12 within School District No. 71 – Comox Valley
- Prove enrollment or provisional acceptance in a post-secondary visual arts program
- Be a community volunteer
- Have career aspirations in the arts

Application Requirements:

- Applications with all required information must be received by April 15th 2026

- Applications can be sent by mail or email
- The successful applicant will be notified by early May
- The Society reserves the right to withhold awarding of any bursary if, in the opinion of the Society, no qualified application is made in the academic year.
- The decision of the bursary is final and not open to appeal.

Interested School District 71 students should submit a completed bursary program application, a description of your involvement and achievements in the visual arts, minimum of three digital photographs of your recent art works, a description of your career aspirations and extracurricular activities in the arts and a minimum of three recommendations from teachers and employers or persons with whom you have volunteered.

Proof of enrollment in the post-secondary institution must be provided prior to releasing the award to the recipient.

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>

\$1,000.00 x 2

DEADLINE APRIL 15, 2026

NORTH VANCOUVER ISLAND CULINARY ASSOCIATION

NVICA offers bursaries and scholarships up to \$1,000 to support members pursuing a career in the Culinary Arts. These awards are available for high school students, young chefs, associate members, and federation members.

This bursary will be awarded to high school students who are pursuing a career in the Culinary Arts. Eligible students must be attending a local college to further their culinary education. Funds will be disbursed upon confirmation of enrollment. Priority will be given to students who have taken foods courses in high school and demonstrated a strong 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, 2026. Any late applications will not be accepted. Recipient(s) will be announced at the June bursary dinner. Any bursary not awarded or accepted may be carried over to the next year.

<https://www.northvancouverislandculinary.com/scholarships-2>

up to \$1,000.00

DEADLINE APRIL 30, 2026

UNITED STEELWORKERS, LOCAL 1-1937 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

United Steelworkers, Local 1-1937 has \$10,000.00 available for Scholarships from the Local Union Education Fund. Amounts to be determined by the Scholarship Selection Committee. There will be a minimum of four (4) Scholarships awarded.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. One of the following:
 - a. A Member in good standing;
 - b. Son, Daughter, Grandchild, or Legal Dependent of a Member in good standing;
 - c. Son, Daughter, Grandchild, or Legal Dependent of a Retired or Deceased Member who was in good standing with United Steelworkers, Local 1-1937 or the legacy Local Unions (1-71, 1-80, 1-118, 1-217, 1-363 and 1-2171).
2. Currently graduating from a Secondary School.
3. Must be planning to enroll in a Public Post-Secondary Institution as a full-time student in September following graduation.
4. Vocational or Academic Programs are acceptable at any recognized Public Institution (College, Polytech, Institute of Technology or University).
5. A short essay (maximum 500 words) on the topic:
"The purpose of a Trade Union: Are Today's Unions fulfilling that purpose or have they lost sight of it?"
6. Transcript for Grades 11 & 12.
7. Deadline for Application is May 1st in any calendar year.

Application forms available from the Local Union website www.usw1-1937.ca, the Local Union office (250-334-3329) or Jacqueline in the main office.

Applications received without Local Union Application form, transcript of grades and the essay will be considered incomplete.

Additional scholarships may be available through USSW district 3. Check their website www.usw.ca/members/scholarships

\$10,000.00 (divided into a minimum of 4 awards)

Deadline May 1, 2026