



# FINANCIAL AID AND LOCAL BURSARIES 2016

## IMPORTANT DATES:

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| <u>February 10</u> | Booklet Available Online & Info Session #1 –<br>12:00 p.m. in Room 506    |
| <u>February 17</u> | Bursary Info Session #2 –<br>2:00 p.m. in Room 100                        |
| <u>February 17</u> | Bursary Package & Cover Letter Prep                                       |
| <u>March 11</u>    | Bursary Application Deadline 3:30 p.m.<br>(No late applications accepted) |
| <u>May 19</u>      | Bursary Announcement Social<br>Room 506                                   |
| <u>June 6</u>      | Bursary Reception – 7:00 p.m.<br>Multipurpose Room                        |

Booklet available to view on the website  
[www.isfeldschool.com](http://www.isfeldschool.com)

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## COST ESTIMATES

Comparison of the costs of an eight month academic year at UVIC with an eight month university transfer program at North Island College.

(Shelter and utilities, food, transportation, and miscellaneous are approximate costs).

	<b>University of Victoria</b>	<b>North Island College</b> Based on living at home
Tuition	\$5, 262	\$2,500 - \$5,000 approx.
Shelter and utilities	\$7,380 (on campus-dbl)	0
Food	1,800	0
Local transportation	538	280
Miscellaneous	1,900	1,600
Books	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,700</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,059</b>	<b>\$6,080 – 8,580</b>

## POST-SECONDARY FINANCIAL AID

**Grants, bursaries and scholarships** are wonderful resources to help you finance your post-secondary education because they provide **money that does not need to be paid back**.

**Scholarships** are usually awarded based on merit rather than financial need.

**Grants and bursaries** are usually awarded based on:

- financial need
- academic achievement
- athletic skill
- special abilities that may also be considered

**Every post-secondary institution** has a financial aid office providing access to their bursary and scholarship programs as well as government and private organization programs.

## LOANS

**Loans** are given to students proving financial need with repayment beginning after leaving post-secondary education. The criteria vary from year to year so it is important to revisit the website each year.

Website for full information regarding loans [www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc](http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc)

## FINANCIAL AID WEBSITES

Some helpful websites are:

- [www.canlearn.ca/eng/index.shtml](http://www.canlearn.ca/eng/index.shtml) (student loans, grants, scholarships button)
- [www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com)
- [www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com)

### 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 from Mark R. Isfeld Secondary School’s graduating class.

### PROVINCIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

**AMOUNT: \$1,000**

To qualify for a provincial scholarship you must:

- achieve at least a “B” (73% or higher) final mark (provincial exam and school mark combined in English 12, Communications 12, Français langue première 12, or English 12 First Peoples.
- achieve at least one “A” (86% or higher) and three “B”s (73% or higher on four of his/her provincial exams (can include the English 12 provincial exam).

If you qualify for a provincial scholarship you will receive a voucher for \$1,000 by mail in August.

### DISTRICT AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

District Scholarships are awarded to graduating students who have excelled in fields other than academics. Students will be nominated by subject teachers. Selection is based on classroom performance and level of mastery. Students who are awarded a district scholarship receive a \$500 cheque and a \$500 voucher that can be redeemed upon registration at a post-secondary institution.

### SECONDARY SCHOOL APPRENTICESHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

**MAXIMUM \$1,000**

Students registered for the secondary school apprenticeship program may submit an application for this scholarship within one year of graduation. For complete eligibility requirements see [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/careers/ssa/application](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/careers/ssa/application)

## LOCAL BURSARY APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Be prepared to spend time and effort; successful scholarship applications are the result of care, good supporting documents, and attention to detail. It is not possible to hurry this process!

The bursary committees consider the following:

- excellent attendance record
- excellent work habits

Some may consider:

- financial need
- academic performance
- community involvement

### A: PREPARE EARLY

- Read through your bursary booklet completely.
- Attend one information and preparation session.
- Gather and copy all documents on good quality paper. (The school will not do any photocopying for students.)
- Be organized.
- Store in a multi-pocketed file folder.
- Be realistic. Check that you meet the criteria for the application. Follow the instructions carefully and accurately.
- Read the fine print. Focus on instructions. If an award is restricted, include detailed and precise information that identifies your eligibility for the award.

### B: COMPLETE EACH INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION THOROUGHLY AND NEATLY

The Application Package is your opportunity to impress the Bursary Committees. The care you have taken in preparing your package with respect to spelling, organization and details often has a great deal to do with their decisions. It is well worth taking time and care in preparing and proofreading your application. Remember: false information may result in disqualification.

### C: HAND IN COMPLETED PACKAGES

- Deadline for receipt of **ALL** application packages  
**Friday, March 11, 2016 @ 3:30 p.m.**
- Staple all pages together;  
**do not use paper clips or put into an envelope.**
- Return the completed packages to Ms. Gauthier or Ms. Long in Student Services on or before Friday, March 11, 2016.
- NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

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## NOTES

## **BURSARY APPLICATION PACKAGES include:**

### **Application Form**

Group 1 Bursaries – Only **ONE** application form is required. Check off all bursaries you are **eligible** to apply for on the Bursary 1 check sheet.

GROUP 2 Bursaries – Complete a separate application form for **each** Group 2 Bursary you wish to apply for. (**Note: Some Bursaries/Scholarships require special application forms as noted in the booklet and are available in Student Services**).

### **Letter of Introduction**

See specific instructions on page 8.

### **Letters of Reference**

Include one or two letters of reference from an adult (i.e.: teacher, coach, community sponsor or employer). Each letter should outline the tasks for which you were responsible and comment on your qualities, abilities and/or tasks you performed for that organization. Allow enough time for your referee to complete the letter. Instructions for obtaining a letter of reference are in the Grad Transitions websites: [http://careers.sd71.bc.ca/grad\\_transition\\_course\\_8.htm](http://careers.sd71.bc.ca/grad_transition_course_8.htm) or <http://www.isfeldschool.com/wp-content/uploads/GT-Part-3-pdf>

### **Resume**

See specific instructions on page 10.

### **Transcript request** – must be in by Wednesday, March 2, 2016

### **Other Pertinent Information**

May include awards, certificates or documentation of other achievements.

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## **NOTES**



## Letters of Introduction (Personal Statement)

The importance of a good letter of introduction cannot be overemphasized since it is the usual basis for screening candidates. A good letter of introduction takes a great deal of time, effort, thought and revision; it is often the difference between a candidate being considered or rejected.

In a paragraph of 3 to 4 well-constructed sentences (minimum), state what your intended goals are in relation to post-secondary schooling, (i.e.: where do you plan to apply for/attend, what program will you enter, what degree(s) will you attain, etc.) If you do not plan to attend university immediately, discuss any work plans as they relate to your overall educational goals. Consider exchange/travel opportunities and discuss how they will enhance your learning process.

Follow a format which includes the following information:

### 1) Introduce yourself

- ✓ School currently attending.
- ✓ Main focus of courses.

### 2) Post-secondary plans

- ✓ College or university program you hope to attend.
- ✓ Identify the post-secondary institution(s) you would like to attend.
- ✓ Explain your ultimate career goal.

### 3) Achievements (highlights only)

- ✓ School achievements/awards.
- ✓ Community involvement.
- ✓ Brief summary of positions and offices held in school, youth organizations and the community. Grades 10, 11 and 12 are usually sufficient.
- ✓ Details of volunteer opportunities in the last 3-4 years.

### 4) Special circumstances Examples:

- ✓ Are you going to take a gap year?
- ✓ Medical conditions.
- ✓ Single parent family.

### 5) Thank the committee for considering your application

- ✓ It is important to show your appreciation.

A sample Letter of Introduction is available at the Grad Transitions website  
<http://www.isfeldschool.com/wp-content/uploads/Sample-Letter-for-Bursaries2.pdf>



# The Bursary and Scholarship Resume



The Scholarship Resume is a summary of all your accomplishments during your school years, including activities both in and outside of school. The following steps will help you prepare a Scholarship Resume.

## **Before you start - Brainstorm relevant data in a variety of categories.**

Only include subheadings in which you have information or experience; otherwise, do not include. Here are some typical categories:

### **Academic Achievements**

Include all awards, Honour Roll standings, grade point average, Math competitions, Science Fair, etc. Mention any placements in special programs, or classes taken outside of regular school.

- Place most recent first. If more than one achievement in a given year, list the most important first.
- If some achievements span several years (i.e. Honour Roll Standing 2011-14), put the longest term achievements that are still current first.

### **Athletic Achievements**

Include all awards, team membership, organizing of events, helping with events both school and community. Include solo athletic activities such as swimming, running, etc.

- Group by sport or activity. Within each grouping, begin with the most recent achievement or activity.

### **Achievements in the Visual and Performing Arts**

Include all involvement in drama, music, dance, art, etc. Follow the same suggestion as Athletic Achievements.

### **School Involvement**

Include membership in all clubs, student council, etc. Include all school volunteer experiences.

### **Community Involvement**

Include membership in community groups, church groups (i.e. volunteer firefighter, United Way Youth Committee, canvassing for various charitable groups, etc.). Any volunteer work in which you have been involved (i.e.: summer day camps) that did not take place at your school site.

### **Seminars/Conferences Attended**

Record anything attended in or out of town (i.e. Career Fair, P.A.R.T.Y. Program, Red Cross Training, Food Safe, anything subject-related, etc.). Begin with the most recent.

### **Skills**

This can be broken down into several areas if needed. (i.e. Typing, Languages, Computer skills). Focus on strengths and positive qualities that enhance who you are and give insight to your character. Sample adjective terms to consider:

organized, attentive to detail, dependable, excellent memory, outgoing, positive demeanor, strong verbal and written communication skills, able to work effectively as a team member or individually, etc. Use your own terms/vocabulary.

### **Interests**

List some areas that are of interest, hobbies or past-times (i.e. classic cars, gardening, martial arts, horseback riding, rowing).

### **Work Experience**

Include paid or volunteer work experience from summer or continuing jobs. Begin with the most recent.

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**Education**

Mark R. Isfeld Secondary  
Graduating June 2016

**Awards and Honours Received**

2014 Mark R. Isfeld Secondary Community Service Award  
Comox Valley Festival of the Arts, Gold place in Piano Solo category

2013 Most Improved Athlete in Physical Education  
Mark R. Isfeld Secondary Junior Arts Pillar Award

2011 Youth In Action Award, honourable mention in Visual or Performing Arts category  
Comox Valley Heritage Society, painting selected to appear in exhibition

Since 2011 Mark R. Isfeld Secondary, honour roll student  
Passport to Education, recipient

**Extra Curricular Activities**

Since 2013 Mark R. Isfeld Secondary Interact Club

2011 Rainbow Youth Theatre, role of Rolfe in "Sound of Music" production

Since 2011 Member Vancouver Island Students' Independent Organization for Nature  
Mark R. Isfeld Secondary, Senior Jazz Band  
Mark R. Isfeld Secondary, Soccer team

Since 2004 Private Piano lessons

**School and Community Involvement**

2013 P.A.R.T.Y. Program, Preventing Alcohol Related Trauma in Youth, participated as dramatically dead person, assisted in set up and clean up

2013 Counter Attack Road Sense Club, assisted with coordination of trauma room for Vancouver Island Conference

2012 - 2016 Mark R. Isfeld Secondary Environmental Club, assisted in petitioning to save local green space and planting of trees in community area

2010 Puntledge River Hatchery Tour (elementary school field trip project) assisted in the day's activities, Brooklyn Creek Clean-up Program, assisted in the day's activities

## **Work Experience**

Since 2014 McDonalds Restaurant, cashier, customer service  
2012 – 2013 Courtenay Recreation Centre, Summer Kids in the Park Camp  
Since 2011 Private childcare

## **Certification and Conferences**

2014 Canadian Red Cross Emergency First Aid, includes CPR level C  
Super Host Fundamentals  
Food Safe Level 1  
BC Drivers License  
Bronze Medallion  
2012 Changes Conference, “How to make a difference in our community”  
Red Cross Leaders of Tomorrow, camp leader  
Encounters With Canada  
Mountie Camp, participant

## **References**

### **Mrs. Kathleen Smith, Piano Teacher**

#100-1000 Noel Ave.  
Comox, BC V8M 1Z2  
(250) 339-0000

### **Constable Huxley, School Liaison**

Courtenay Detachment, RCMP  
1000 Ryan Road  
Courtenay, BC V9N 1Z2  
(250) 338-0000

### **Ms. Hedy Fixit , Counsellor**

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## **GROUP ONE BURSARIES**

**Successful candidates are chosen by the Mark R. Isfeld Bursary Committee**

### **1.1 ANDY'S AUTO CENTER EDMUND H KAUPE MEMORIAL BURSARY** **AMOUNT: \$250**

Andy's Auto Center is pleased to provide a \$250 bursary to a graduating student planning to pursue a post-secondary education in the automotive field. A photocopy of receipt of enrolment and tuition paid to a post-secondary institution is to be provided to Andy's Auto Center at which time funds will be distributed directly to the recipient.

### **1.2 ARTHUR & PHYLLIS RAMSELL BURSARY** **AMOUNT: \$700**

This bursary is provided from a fund established by Arthur and Phyllis Ramsell and administered by the Comox Valley Community Foundation. The Ramsell's interests are in supporting higher education, firstly in the area of Nursing and secondly in General Health Care. The recipient must be pursuing a career in the field of Nursing or Health Care.

### **1.3 AUTO MECHANICS BURSARY** **AMOUNT: \$700 minimum**

The Comox Valley Classic Cruisers was established in 1986 as a social activity for people interested in preserving antique and collectible vehicles. In order to keep this legacy ongoing and to stimulate interest in the youth of today, we offer this bursary to students who are truly interested in this field and wish to further their knowledge and training. The student:

1. Must be a grade 12 graduate;
2. Must show financial need;
3. Must register and be accepted in an automotive course or automotive apprenticeship program after graduation.

### **1.4 BEECHER DEVELOPMENTS** **AMOUNT: \$800 – ACADEMIC** **\$800 – VOCATIONAL**

These bursaries are provided from a fund established by the Beecher Developments Ltd., and administered by the Comox Valley Community Foundation. Two bursaries are offered to deserving students whose ordinary residence is the Comox Valley School District and who fulfill one of the following criteria:

- a) a student who is pursuing an academically oriented course of post-secondary study;
- b) a student who is pursuing a vocationally oriented course of post-secondary study.

### **1.5 CANADIAN DAUGHTERS' LEAGUE ASSEMBLY #6 BURSARIES** **AMOUNT: \$600 – Academic / \$600 - Vocational**

The Canadian Daughter's League #6 of Courtenay is an educational fraternal society of Canadian women dedicated to promote the interest of Canada and of Canadians. One of the annual projects of this society is to provide bursaries to deserving graduating grade 12 students, male or female, who plan to pursue post-secondary education at North Island College campuses.

Applicant must have completed all grade 12 courses and be ready to begin post-secondary education and attention will be paid to academic standings and financial need.

Student must be registered to take on the minimum course load at North Island College which qualifies as a full year of studies to complete year one of academics or year one of vocational. Students enrolled in September 2016, but have to wait until January 2017 to get into courses only available starting January 2017, qualify for this bursary.

Any student who receives a scholarship or many bursaries capable of paying for one year at North Island College are not eligible.

The deadline for claiming the bursary is December 31, 2106.

#### **1.6 CITIZENSHIP BURSARY**

**AMOUNT: \$1,500**

This bursary is presented to a graduate who is attending a post-secondary educational institute within three months of graduation and:

1. who has contributed service to the school and/community;
2. who chooses a program in which scholastic success was obtained at the secondary school level;
3. and who must not be the recipient of another Group 1 Bursary administered by the Isfeld Bursary Committee.

Awarded to Isfeld every third year; next award in 2016.

#### **1.7 CITY OF COURTENAY BURSARIES**

**AMOUNT: 7 X \$250**

The City of Courtenay is pleased to offer seven bursaries to the following grades:

- Grade 9 - 1 x \$250
- Grade 10 - 2 x \$250
- Grade 11 - 2 x \$250
- Grade 12 - 2 x \$250

The City of Courtenay recognizes that the Youth of the Comox Valley have immense potential, and those who put forth efforts to make the Comox Valley 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 (this includes lifestyle development training). This bursary is offered to all grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 students at the Aboriginal Education Centre, Glacier View, Lake Trail, Mark R. Isfeld, Vanier and Navigate (NIDES). Students must be a resident of Courtenay, be active in the community as a volunteer, possess a successful academic standing and positive work habits. Students who demonstrate financial need will be given priority.

#### **1.8 CLAUDE AND MOLLIE SHEARER BURSARY**

**AMOUNT: \$400**

Mollie Shearer was a well-loved long-time librarian at Robb Road School. A bursary has been established in her and her husband's name. It is awarded to a graduate of Mark R. Isfeld Secondary who intends to pursue post-secondary education.

Awarded to Mark R. Isfeld every third year; next award in 2016.

**1.9 COMOX DISTRICT CONSUMERS' COOPERATIVE BURSARY**  
**AMOUNT: \$1,000**

The Comox District Consumer's Cooperative is pleased to offer a bursary to a graduate of Mark R. Isfeld Secondary meeting the following criteria:

- Student or parent must be a member of the Comox District Consumer's Cooperative.

Student must be:

- Proceeding to post-secondary education
- Involved in community affairs
- Show financial need

The successful recipient must provide proof of enrolment and payment to a post-secondary institution.

**1.10 COMOX DISTRICT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION BURSARIES**  
**AMOUNT: \$500**

The Comox Valley Teachers' Association - teachers in School District No.71 offer a bursary for graduating students. There is one award to an Isfeld graduate with a preference given to a student who intends to proceed into a Teacher Education Program.

Bursaries may be held for a student for up to one year if the student writes a letter requesting it to be held. Upon receipt of bursary award, the recipient shall send a letter to the CDTA giving a brief description on how they will use the funds with a photo for the CDTA newsletter. The graduating student shall then receive a cheque from the Association.

**1.11 COMOX VALLEY MONARCH LIONS' BURSARY**  
**AMOUNT: \$1,000**

This is a technical / trades bursary given to a student who is continuing education. Student must show a need for financial assistance. This bursary must be claimed within a year of presentation.

**1.12 COMOX VALLEY PRINCIPALS & VICE-PRINCIPALS ASSOCIATION**  
**AMOUNT: 2 X \$500**

The Comox Valley School Administrators Association is pleased to offer two bursaries to the graduating class at Mark R. Isfeld Secondary. One bursary will go to a student proceeding to post-secondary education and one to a student attending a vocational education. Proof of registration at a post-secondary institution must be submitted to the donor by October 31, 2016.

**1.13 COMOX VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT**  
**AMOUNT: \$1,000**

The Comox Valley Regional District would like to encourage and support educational pursuits in the area of water and waste water services.

**Eligibility:** \$1,000 bursary available to Mark R. Isfeld Secondary School provided by Baynes Sounds-Denman/Hornby Islands (Area A).

**Application Process and Criteria:**

1. Proof of registration and attendance at a relevant Canadian accredited post-secondary institution offering Environmental Operators Certification Program (EOCP) training such as:
  - Okanagan College
  - Thompson Rivers University
  - British Columbia Institute of Technology
  - Kwantlen Polytechnic University
  - Northern Alberta Institute of Technology

- North Island College related program
2. Involvement in extra-curricular activities.
  3. Letter of introduction as stipulated by the respective schools bursary application process.
  4. Two letters of reference from a non-relative.

**1.14 COURTENAY ELKS' # 60 BURSARY**  
**AMOUNT: \$1,000**

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

**1.15 COURTENAY ROYAL PURPLE LODGE #158 BURSARY**  
**AMOUNT: 2 X \$1,000**

This bursary will be awarded to a student who will be proceeding to further their education either at a university or vocational level and must have a full program of studies.

This bursary will be awarded to a graduating student upon verification of registration at an approved post-secondary training program within the time frame June 2016 – January 2017. Important considerations will be financial need and academic standings.

**1.16 DE MONG FAMILY MEMORIAL BURSARY**  
**AMOUNT: \$600**

This bursary is available to a student who graduates from any secondary school in the Courtenay Agricultural District of the B.C. Ministry of Agriculture (1980), which includes Vancouver Island School Districts from Nanaimo north, including Powell River. Applicants must be proceeding to further education.

**1.17 EMCON SERVICES INC. BURSARY**  
**AMOUNT: \$500**

This bursary, (one offered district wide), is available to a son, daughter or grandchild of an Emcon Services employee. It will be awarded to a graduate that is going onto post-secondary education. Preference is given to candidates pursuing industry-related trades (heavy duty mechanics, welding, bridge worker, industrial warehousing etc). The bursary must be used in the year following graduation. Proof of enrolment is required in order to access the payment.

The criteria for the bursary will be focused on need, effort, interest and responsibility rather than strict academics (C+ average or better preferred).

In the event that no son, daughter or grandchild of an Emcon employee is graduating from any of the district secondary schools, the schools will recommend candidates who meet the above criteria.

**Final selection of the successful candidate will be determined by the donor.**

**1.18 FILBERG HERITAGE LODGE AND PARK ASSOCIATION BURSARY**  
**AMOUNT: \$500**

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 horticulture. This bursary is made possible by the generosity of our volunteers.

**1.19 KIWANIS CLUB OF COURTENAY BURSARY**

**AMOUNT: \$2,000 (subject to budget)**

The Kiwanis Club of Courtenay is pleased to offer a bursary to a graduate of Mark R. Isfeld Secondary. The applicant must show academic promise, demonstrating financial need, and with a proven record of community / school service.

**1.20 LIVING HOPE ARTISTIC BURSARY**

**AMOUNT: \$500**

This bursary will be awarded to a student who is pursuing studies in either the visual or performing arts within 2 years of receiving the bursary. While there is no academic standard tied to this bursary the recipient must demonstrate a love for and aptitude in whatever discipline they are pursuing (i.e.: drama, dance, painting, sculpting, voice, etc).

**1.21 MARK R. ISFELD INTERACT BURSARY**

**AMOUNT: \$500**

This bursary is provided by the Mark R. Isfeld Secondary School 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 service to school and/or community
3. has some involvement in extracurricular activities (could include job, sports teams, youth group etc.)

This bursary can be deferred for one year; proof of registration at a post-secondary institution must be submitted to Mark R. Isfeld Secondary School by October 31, 2016.

**1.22 NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE FOUNDATION BURSARY**

**AMOUNT: \$1,000**

An award in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded to a Mark R. Isfeld Secondary student who is entering North Island College (on a full time basis) in the following year. The recipient must be enrolling in college or university level courses. The successful student will have maintained a minimum C+ average in their Grade 12 year. Students should be evaluated partially on the basis of financial need. In lieu of a bursary cheque, a letter will be issued to the student at their school awards ceremony. Payment will be made to North Island College and applied to the student's tuition fees when they enroll at the college.

**1.23 PLATEAU TEMPLE #7 PYTHIAN SISTERS BURSARY**

**AMOUNT: \$500**

The Pythian Sisters of Plateau Temple #7 are pleased to offer a \$500 bursary to the 2016 graduation class. Applicants must be planning to attend a post-secondary educational institute. A cheque will be made payable to the institution upon notification of the recipient's registration. Selection will be based on the following criteria:

- students related to a member of the Pythian order
- students residing in south Courtenay (Royston, Union Bay, etc.)
- financial need of the student

Please ensure the criteria is noted on your Group 1 application form.

**1.24 ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION #211, BOWSER BURSARY**

**AMOUNT: \$750**



This bursary is open to graduating students of Mark R. Isfeld Secondary who reside in the Qualicum Bay, Bowser, Deep Bay, Fanny Bay, Union Bay, Denman Island and Hornby Island areas and whose parents or grandparents (natural or legal) meet one of the following guidelines: War veteran or member of the armed forces, or active member of RCL # 211, Bowser. Applications will be judged on the basis of 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 Canadian University, B.C.I.T., a registered school of nursing, a regional college or a vocational school. Mark R. Isfeld Secondary will inform Bowser Legion of the names of the selected recipients and the bursary will be forwarded to the secondary school for delivery to the recipient.

This award must be utilized by December of the next year following graduation.

#### **1.25 VANCOUVER FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

**AMOUNT: 2 X \$2,000 (academic)**

**AMOUNT: 1 X \$1,000 (vocational)**

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

#### **1.26 VANCOUVER ISLAND REAL ESTATE BOARD**

**AMOUNT: \$1,000**

The Vancouver Island Real Estate Board, on behalf of the members of the Comox Valley, offers a \$1,000 bursary to each of the Comox Valley high schools. The bursaries 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.

*\*\*\*This bursary is pending.\*\*\**

#### **1.27 W.E. (BILL) DAVIS MEMORIAL BURSARY**

**AMOUNT: \$500**

This bursary has been set up by Phyllis Davis, in memory of her late husband, for an individual pursuing a post-secondary degree in fine arts, specifically vocals.

## GROUP TWO BURSARIES

Successful candidates are chosen by the donor organization

### 2.1 ANNE GIBBON MEMORIAL BURSARY (HOPE AFLOAT CANADA) AMOUNT: 2 X \$750

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-mate.

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

Criteria include:

1. financial need
2. academic excellence
3. involvement in extracurricular activities
4. two reference letters

Please complete the Anne Gibbon Memorial Bursary (Hope Afloat Canada) application form available on our website [www.hopeafloatcanada.ca](http://www.hopeafloatcanada.ca) or pick one up in Student Services.

### 2.2 ARTS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION AMOUNT: \$500

This bursary is intended for a student intent on pursuing a career in music education. Applicants must submit a short essay describing their passion to teach music and outlining their involvement in the arts. In the event no qualified music applicants come forward, the bursary will be considered for students pursuing a career in the education of the arts.

### 2.3 BAYNES SOUND LIONS' CLUB IRENE FUDGE BURSARY AMOUNT: \$600

This bursary is offered by the Baynes Sound Lion's Club. The recipient will be a Union Bay, Fanny Bay, Denman or Hornby Island resident who is graduating from Mark R. Isfeld and will be proceeding to a post-secondary institution.

### 2.4 BILL SWALES MEMORIAL BURSARIES AMOUNT: \$500 (up to 7 awarded)

These bursaries are being donated by Comox Valley Pride, a non-profit group that represented the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered, Queer (GLBTQ) community and their allies from 2009-2012 and is available to all students graduating from Mark R. Isfeld, Vanier, Highand and Glacier View.

Bill Swales worked hard for humanity and was actively involved in organizing events for the GLBTQ community for many years and was the President of Comox Valley Pride until he passed away in 2012. Bill was especially committed to making life better for GLBTQ youth and hoped that future generations of youth would have an easier time than those of his generation.

Criteria for this bursary are as follows:

- The bursaries are for any form of post-secondary education or training, including programs like hair dressing schools, trades training, etc. Post-secondary does NOT have to be at a college or university level.
- Not solely based academic achievement but are intended to recognize those that participate in the wellbeing of GLBTQ students and their allies.
- Are open to **all** students (i.e., those that identify as GLBTQ **as well as** allies).
- Involvement in their school's GSA, or in the process of getting a GSA started.
- Leadership qualities.
- Kind, open and inclusive attitudes towards others.
- Promote acceptance of GLBTQ students.

## **2.5 CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH BURSARIES**

### **AMOUNT: 2 X \$500**

The Canadian Parents for French (CPF) have two bursaries available to Grade 12 students worth \$500 each.

To be eligible to receive a bursary, a candidate must be registered in the French Immersion Program. Priority will be given to those who:

- will be continuing their interests in the French language culturally and/or educationally at a post-secondary institution
- may not otherwise be afforded this type of opportunity
- have shown leadership within their community / school
- have a family membership with CPF – [www.bc-yk.cpf.ca](http://www.bc-yk.cpf.ca)

Successful candidates will be notified at their school's annual awards ceremony and will receive their prize upon successful registration with a post-secondary institution.

## **2.6 CANDYSTRIPER / JUNIOR VOLUNTEER BURSARY**

### **AMOUNT: \$1,000**

For information for applying for this bursary, please contact Pat Allan, Volunteer Services, at St. Joseph's Hospital (250-339-1548).

## **2.7 CEP CHINOOK LOCAL 630 BURSARY**

### **AMOUNT: \$1,000**

CEP Chinook Local 630 represented the paper workers at Elk Falls Mill in Campbell River from 1952 until the mill closure in 2010. As a result of no longer having an active membership, Chinook Local 630 has created a bursary fund for students going in to any post-secondary or vocational education program. Commencing in June 2014, and continuing for 25 years, a bursary in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded to a graduating candidate who demonstrates financial need and successfully answers the following essay question: "What does the labor 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 forms are available in Student Services.**

**2.8 COASTAL COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP**  
**AMOUNT: 8 X \$2,000**

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 for the students to be eligible, we ask that you submit a plan for a project to improve their community. The donor would like students to look closely at their community and see where they can make a difference. We ask that you Keep It Simple! The application deadline is April 1, 2016.

Coastal Community will be awarding **8 scholarships of \$2,000** each based on their community plan. Of those 8 recipients, **2 students** will be awarded an additional \$1,000 to implement their project plans and will receive an **additional \$500** scholarship based on completion of their project.

One of the eight scholarships will be allocated to a Coastal Community employee relative.

Please note this program is being offered to students across Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.

**Special application form is available in Student Services.**

**2.9 COMOX FIRE DEPARTMENT BURSARY**  
**AMOUNT: \$500**

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

**2.10 COMOX ROTARY CLUB BURSARY**  
**AMOUNT: 2 X \$1,000**

Two bursaries are offered to Mark R. Isfeld graduates who intend to continue on to 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 and female based on financial need. Bursary recipients must show proof of enrolment in a post-secondary institution within 15 months of the award.

**2.11 COMOX ROTARY CLUB – INTERACT SCHOLARSHIPS / BURSARIES**  
**AMOUNT: 2 X \$1,000**

The Comox Rotary Club 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.

In recognition of these efforts, the Comox Rotary Club has established an annual scholarship / bursary fund in the amount of \$1,000. This fund will provide two scholarships / bursaries in the amount of \$1,000 each.

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:

- two year membership (including grade 12 year) in Mark Isfeld Interact Club
- leadership in a major service project within the Interact Club
- attended a minimum of two Comox Rotary Club meetings (as a guest of the club)
- active participation in another school or community organization

- acceptance and registration in a recognized post-secondary educational program

### **Application and Selection Process**

Selection will be made by a committee of teachers from the school and shall include 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 the Interact Club.

The bursary may be deferred for one year upon receipt of a written request.

#### **2.12 COMOX VALLEY NATURE SOCIETY BURSARY AMOUNT: \$1,000**

This bursary is awarded to a graduating student in the Comox Valley who is planning a career in natural or environmental science.

The criteria are as follows:

- Must be active or involved in environmental or natural history activities (either in school or community);
- Must show personal achievement and high academic standing;
- Must be proceeding to a post-secondary institution within 15 months from the date of secondary school graduation.

#### **2.13 COMOX VALLEY UNITED SOCCER CLUB BURSARY AMOUNT: 6 X \$500**

The Comox Valley United Soccer Club will provide up to six \$500.00 bursaries, provided there are applicants that we deem match the criteria. The bursaries are awarded for soccer involvement, not by attendance at a particular school. The following five criteria are required in order to be considered for one of the bursaries:

1. Significant history of involvement with the CVUSC;
2. Possesses the profile/qualities of a highly motivated, well-rounded soccer athlete;
3. Contribution to the club other than as a player;
4. Family contribution to the club;
5. Provides proof of attendance at an accredited post-secondary institution for the following September.

#### **2.14 COURAGE TO COME BACK BURSARY AMOUNT: \$500**

The Community Drug Strategy Committee, an initiative of the City of Courtenay, is offering a \$500 bursary to use towards post-secondary education to ONE graduating student in the Comox Valley School District who has used drugs or alcohol during his or her high school years, BUT has then made the decision to change and become drug and alcohol free for their remaining time in high school. Having the courage to change and to decide to avoid the use of drugs and alcohol during a time of extreme peer pressure is a transformation that should be commended.

**Special application form is available in Student Services.**

**2.15 COURTENAY & DISTRICT FISH & GAME PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION BURSARIES**  
**AMOUNT: 2 X 1,000**

This organization is active in the community in promoting wildlife management.

Two bursaries of \$1,000 will be presented each year to two students that qualify in at least one of the two criteria.

1. A student furthering their education in the field which Courtenay Fish & Game promotes. i.e. Conservation, Environment, Forestry, Fisheries. This student does not necessarily have to be a club member dependant.
2. The second recipient should be a dependent and not necessarily going into the conservation/environmental field. Dependents of members of Courtenay Fish & Game Protective Association means, child or grandchild.
3. Applicants must include a paragraph expressing the managed harvest of our renewable resources that is asked on the application.

**Special application forms are available in Student Services.**

**2.16 COURTENAY LITTLE THEATRE BURSARY**  
**AMOUNT: 3 X \$1,500**

Courtenay Little Theatre is pleased to offer 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 and community theatrical activity, academic achievement, written recommendations, and contribution to Courtenay Little Theatre. When two or more candidates meet the four main criteria equally, financial need will be taken into consideration.

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

**2.17 CULTURAL LEADERSHIP AWARD**  
**AMOUNT: \$500**

This bursary is being set up by Bev Skwenuik to recognize and award a student who has demonstrated in the community an active promotion or celebration of his or her cultural heritage.

From the words of Bev, "What defines us as Canadians...often includes reference to our cultural diversity. To express ourselves both freely and proudly, whilst acknowledging our cultural diversity is a wonderful opportunity granted to every Canadian citizen."

This bursary is open to all graduating students from Mark R. Isfeld, Vanier and Highland.

**2.18 CUPE LOCAL 439 (SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 71) - MARGARET ZARUK MEMORIAL BURSARY**  
**AMOUNT: \$1,000**

These two bursaries apply to all grade 12 students registered in the Comox Valley School District No. 71.

This bursary has been established by Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 439 in memory of Margaret Zaruk, who was an active, highly respected and hardworking member of this Union until the

time of her death on November 16, 1987. The recipient must be a child or grandchild of a CUPE Local 439 member in good standing, who is proceeding to further education at a recognized institution. This bursary may be held for up to one year.

**Special application forms are available in Student Services.**

## **2.19 CUPE LOCAL 439 (SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 71) – MEMORIAL BURSARY AMOUNT: \$1,000**

This bursary has been established by the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 439 in memory and recognition of past members who worked in School District No. 71.

The recipient must be a child, grandchild or “child in care” of a CUPE Local 439 member in good standing, who is proceeding to further education at a recognized institution. Each year this bursary honours a different department by providing a bursary for a graduate attending (Business Administration, Trades, Computer Technology, Library, Education Assistants) post-secondary education. The post-secondary education will be chosen each year by the Bursary Committee. ***This year (2015-2016) the bursary will be awarded to graduates applying for post-secondary education in the field of: is open to all categories!***

**Special application forms are available in Student Services.**

## **2.20 DR. ROBERT E. CLARKE BURSARY AMOUNT: \$1,000 a Year for Two Years**

Dr. Clarke was a Family Physician in the Comox Valley for 28 years. He was a man of unparalleled warmth, humour and compassion who consistently gave his best to his family, his friends, his profession and his community. He had a gift with people, was never judgemental and treated everyone he met with respect and kindness.

During his time in the Valley, Dr. Clarke earned the respect and admiration of his peers and the community, serving as both a mentor to many in the medical community and as a visionary community leader, founding member of the Comox Valley Community Foundation and a Rotarian who spearheaded the drive for a CT Scan for the Comox Valley.

Coming from humble beginnings, philanthropy was an important part of Dr. Clarke's life. The establishment of the Dr. Robert E. Clarke Bursary Fund was something of which he was particularly proud.

**“Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile”** Albert Einstein

1. This is a bursary and 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.

- “Scholarly merit” refers to an academic gold/silver honour role standing in grades 11 & 12
- “Community merit” involves contribution to the community at large
- “Strength of character and sportsmanship” refer to dispositions, values and habits that determine the way that person normally responds to challenges, opportunities, failures and successes. These traits are associated with the interpersonal concepts of respect; showing high regard for others, and kindness; being considerate, courteous, and generous in spirit; showing care and compassion; treating others as you would like to be treated, and embody virtues such as courage, integrity, perseverance, responsibility and self-discipline.

**Courage:** determination to do the right thing even when others don't, and to attempt difficult things that are worthwhile

**Integrity:** having the inner strength to be fair and courteous, and acting positively and

honourably

**Perseverance:** being persistent in pursuit of worthy objectives in spite of opposition, difficulty, or discouragement, and exhibiting patience

**Responsibility:** being dependable in carrying out obligations, showing reliability and consistency in words and conduct, and being accountable for your actions

**Self-discipline:** demonstrating hard work and commitment to purpose, regulating yourself for improvement, and doing your best in all situations

2. In 400 words or less, please explain your interest in the healthcare field, your career plans in this field, and why you believe you should be the candidate selected for this award.
3. Applicants will be short listed by the High School Bursary Committee with final selection being made by the Clarke family or their designate.
4. Release of the bursary requires proof of registration and attendance at a post-secondary institution.
5. The successful candidate will receive \$1,000 for each of 2 consecutive years of study. If the candidate discontinues their studies at any time, any remaining amounts due to that student will be forfeited.
6. Consideration will also be given to exceptional candidates who have previously graduated from a Comox Valley high school and are pursuing a career in the field of Health Sciences.

## **2.21 DR. TERRY JAMES AMOUNT: \$500**

Applications will be accepted from graduating students from Mark R. Isfeld Secondary School, Highland Secondary School, G.P. Vanier Secondary School and Glacier View Secondary Centre. 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.

## **2.22 EXCEL CAREER COLLEGE BURSARY AMOUNT: 2 X \$1,000**

Since 1989 Excel Career College has been offering a wide range of Diploma programs as well as individual courses, each designed with 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 registered and accredited with the Private Career Training Institutes Agency (PCTIA), and members of the National and BC Career Colleges Associations. Excel's unique schedule and individual customization of programs makes them the perfect choice to build your career.

Excel would like to take this opportunity to offer a bursary of \$2,000 towards the tuition of a full-time diploma career program at Excel Career College. Your application must include a one page essay on why you would like to attend Excel.



**2.23 HARMONY REBEKAH LODGE #22 BURSARY**  
**AMOUNT: \$300**

Harmony Rebekah Lodge #22 is pleased to offer a bursary to a graduate of Mark R. Isfeld Secondary. 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.

**2.24 IAN FORD TRUST FUND BURSARY**  
**AMOUNT: \$250**

The Ian Ford Trust Fund Bursary was created from funds donated to the Village of Port Alice, in memory Ian Ford, who lost his life in a mudslide while working with the Public Works Crew to clear a roadway. Mr. Ford had been an Alderman for several years, and was in charge of Public Works, as well as Emergency Coordinator for the Village. He was employed by Western Pulp Ltd. as Safety Coordinator.

This bursary is available to any graduating Vancouver Island student who intends to enter post-secondary studies in any course of study, any recognized post-secondary institution, immediately following high school graduation.

**Special application forms are available in Student Services.**

**2.25 IODE LAURA GORDON CHAPTER BURSARIES**  
**AMOUNT: 2 X \$250**

The IODE Chapter 11071 in Comox offers two bursaries to graduating students who are proceeding to a post-secondary institution in the fall.

- One bursary will be awarded to a student pursuing an academic field.
- One bursary will be awarded to a student studying the arts or pursuing a career as a tradesperson.

The bursary must be used before the 30<sup>th</sup> of September in the year that it is awarded, and will be paid once proof of acceptance at a university or college of choice is submitted.

**2.26 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (Dr. T. Briggs Council) BURSARY**  
**(IN HONOUR OF MACKENZIE WITZEL)**  
**AMOUNT: \$750**

The Dr. T. Briggs Council Knights of Columbus Bursary is presented in honour of MacKenzie S. Witzel a distinguished member of our council and father of three teachers. This bursary will be awarded to a student from the Mark R. Isfeld graduating class who demonstrates scholastic achievement, extra-curricular activities participation and community involvement. Only well prepared applications will be considered and financial need will be a factor. Preference will be given to students pursuing college or university level courses within the province of British Columbia. Bursary must be used by the end of the year in which they are awarded.

**2.27 MARK R. ISFELD SR. BOYS ICE BASKETBALL ALUMNI BURSARY**  
**AMOUNT: 2 x \$500**

The Senior Boys Ice Basketball Alumni Bursary goes to a student who has made a significant contribution to Mark R. Isfeld's senior basketball program. This student exemplifies skill, sportsmanship, determination and hard work on and off the basketball court. Applicants should provide some examples of what they have learned by being part of the Ice Basketball Program and how they think these lessons will help them in future stages of their lives. Students should be

registered in a post-secondary program and priority would be given to students continuing their basketball pursuits at a college or university level.

Application should include minimum one paragraph stating what the student has learned by being a part of the Isfeld Basketball Program and how they plan to apply this experience in the future.

## **2.28 MIKE BUTLER BURSARY FOR TECHNICAL THEATRE SKILLS** **AMOUNT: \$500**

Mike Butler is one of the founding members of Rainbow Youth Theatre Society. He is also the longest serving member of the RYT board of directors and was its President for 20 years. Mike is a tireless volunteer who has provided his skills in lighting design and technical skills for over three decades. RYT chose to honour Mike's selfless dedication to our organization and the Arts Community with a \$500 bursary that was announced at RYT's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2013.

This bursary is to support students who have an interest in pursuing 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
- Be a Rainbow member; (or have been a member during the previous theatre season)
- Plan to pursue further education in the arts; specifically **Technical Production for Theatre and Live Events, Stage Management, Lighting or Sound Design, Lighting and Sound Technician**
- Exemplify the spirit of Rainbow Youth Theatre, and our found Mike Butler

## **2.29 MUSICFEST BURSARY** **AMOUNT: \$500**

The MusicFest Bursary has been created to assist graduating Comox Valley students who wish to continue their studies at a post-secondary institution in a field related to the performing arts both technical and performance or the entertainment industry (including film and video).

Criteria for the bursary include:

- Proof of application or registration in a post-secondary arts program
- Community involvement in the arts and/or volunteer work with other community agencies
- Must be investing a minimum of 2 hours per week in formal training at a senior level in a performing art, which can include technical theatre training or training in theatre promotion and marketing. A letter or recommendation is required from the instructor.
- Academic standing
- Evidence of need for financial assistance

**Special application form, including a full list of criteria, is available in Student Services.**

## **2.30 PARKSVILLE QUILT HOUSE QUILTERS' GUILD** **AMOUNT: 2 x \$750**

The Parksville Quilt House Quilters' Guild is offering two bursaries to students who are either graduating from a school in Central Vancouver Island (SD #68 Nanaimo, #69 Qualicum, #70 Port Alberni and #71 Comox Valley) or a member, or the child or grandchild of a member in good standing of the Society. These awards are \$750 each and are to be given to deserving students who plan to attend a post-secondary program in Canada within 27 months of presentation of the award.

Preference will also be given to:

- students pursuing a degree in textile arts, fashion design, or graphic arts
- students who have successfully completed a course of study in textiles or fashion design at secondary school
- students who have demonstrated a strong interest/personal portfolio in quilting, quilting history, or textile arts
- who are or will be attending a post-secondary education in Canada

The successful applicants must provide proof of registration to the Guild treasurer before the funds will be released.

**Special application form is available in Student Services and a letter of recommendation from the school's textile's teacher should be included with the student's application.**

### **2.31 PEARL ELLIS GALLERY BURSARY AMOUNT: 2 X \$750**

The Pearl Ellis Gallery in Comox began offering high school bursaries in 2007 in order to fulfill its educational goal as laid out in the Society's constitution and to celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> year of operation. The gallery was established to showcase local artists. It is a nonprofit society run entirely by member volunteers.

The Gallery is offering two bursaries of \$750 each and will be awarded annually to two Grade 12 students (one from Highland Secondary School and one from within the boundaries of School District No. 71 – Comox Valley) who wish to pursue visual arts in a post-secondary program, have demonstrated active involvement in their community, and in furthering their artistic involvement in their community, and in furthering their artistic talents.

**Criteria for recipients and an application can be found on the Pearl Ellis Gallery website at [www.pearlellisgallery.com](http://www.pearlellisgallery.com).**

### **2.32 RAINBOW YOUTH THEATRE BETTY DIXON AND THELMA OLIVER MEMORIAL BURSARIES AMOUNT: \$250 EACH**

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. The Betty Dixon Memorial Bursary is \$250.

In 2011, we introduced an additional bursary, the Thelma Oliver Memorial Bursary. This bursary will also be available to graduating students heading on to post-secondary education in the performing arts. This second bursary, which is also in the amount of \$250, has been made possible thanks to the generous support of Thelma's family and friends.

Amount of each of the two bursaries is \$250 (total \$500).

RYT encourages graduating Comox Valley youth to apply for these bursaries. It is not necessary to identify which of the two bursaries you are applying for and it is possible for one applicant to be awarded both bursaries by an RYT selection committee.

Please note that we consider post-secondary education in the 'performing arts' to include:

- drama;
- dance;
- music;
- opera;
- magic;
- spoken word; and
- circus arts.

**To be eligible, students must:**

- Be graduating from grade 12 in the Comox Valley School District;
- Be a recent RYT member; (or was an active member of RYT during a fairly recent theatre season)
- Plan to pursue further education in the performing arts; and
- Exemplify the spirit of Rainbow Youth Theatre, Betty Dixon and Thelma Oliver.

**How to Apply**

Your submission should come in the form of a letter outlining the required criteria listed below, a photocopy of your most recent grades, and copies of any relevant reference letters that you may have.

The applicant must be a Grade 12 student enrolling in a post-secondary institution for further study in the performing arts.

The applicant must be enrolled in at least one Grade 12 level performing arts course (including drama, music, choir, band, etc.).

**Academic Requirements**

The applicant must meet university or college entrance requirements in academic subjects and obtain a minimum grade of "B" in his/her performing arts course(s).

The applicant must list the Rainbow Productions that they have participated in, either on stage or in a technical capacity.

**Further Considerations**

Please list community involvement in the Arts and volunteer work with other community agencies.

Please list details of any private training which you have taken.

**2.33 ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH #17 BURSARIES**

**AMOUNT: 1 X \$1,000 POPPY FUND  
2 X \$750 BRANCH #17**

The Royal Canadian Legions have extensive scholarship and bursary 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. Military affiliation is a consideration. All details required on the special application form should be included. Failure to complete the application in its entirety will result in the application NOT being considered. Applicants must attend the institution of their choice the following September. Students need only complete one application to be considered for all three bursaries.

**Special application form is available in Student Services.**

**2.34 ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH #17 LADIES AUXILIARY BURSARY  
AMOUNT: \$500**

The Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary is pleased to offer a bursary to the graduating class of Mark R. Isfeld Secondary. This bursary will go to a student of families affiliated to Branch #17 or will be given to a student based on family financial needs. Applicants must attend post-secondary institution of their choice in B.C. the following September and no later than January of the following year.

**Special application form is available in Student Services.**

**2.35 ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH #160 LADIES AUXILIARY BURSARY  
AMOUNT: \$1,000**

The Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary is pleased to offer a bursary to a graduating student of Mark R. Isfeld Secondary. This bursary will go to a student with a family affiliated to Branch #160 or will be given to a student based on family financial needs. Applicants must attend post-secondary institution of their choice in BC the following September and no later than January of the following year. Categories for bursaries are as follows:

- Post-secondary within BC
- Continuing (2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> year)
- Trade School

**Special application form is available in Student Services.**

*Fully completed application with all information completed, documents requested and attached, and signatures where required. Incomplete applications will not be considered.*

**2.36 SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 71 SCHOOL TRUSTEES BURSARY  
AMOUNT: \$1,000**

The Trustees of School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) offer a bursary to a student from Mark R. Isfeld Secondary 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 community involvement.

**2.37 SID WILLIAMS THEATRE SOCIETY BURSARY**

**A minimum award of \$500 per recipient will be given out each year - to be determined by the SWTS Bursary Committee.**

**APPLICANTS**

- Applicants must submit a complete SWTS Bursary Application Form to the Sid Williams Theatre Bursary Committee (which may be forwarded via the applicant's school).
- Applicants must be a graduating student in the same year of: G.P. Vanier Secondary, Highland Secondary, Mark R. Isfeld Secondary, or North Island Distance Education.
- Applicants must be continuing their studies at a post-secondary institution in a field related to the performing arts or the entertainment industry (including film and video).
- Applicants may attach additional letters of reference as applicable.
- Applicants must have completed a minimum of 30 hours in the SWTS volunteer program (or be registered to do so before the end of June in the year of applying), and must attach a letter of reference from the SWTS staff (email is acceptable) in the area where time was volunteered (eg. SWTS Front of House Supervisor, SWTS Technical Director, SWTS Lounge Supervisor, SWTS Promotions Coordinator).

**OR**

- Applicants must be investing a minimum of 2 hours per week (minimum 60 hours per year) in formal training (i.e. class / tutor / instructor led) at a senior level in a performing art, such as

band, voice, drama or dance; and must attach a letter of recommendation from their performing art teacher, choir director, band instructor, etc., and have performed in some capacity on the SWT stage (can include technical theatre activity).

**SWTS Bursary Committee Criteria for Prioritizing Applicants:**

- number of hours of work experience completed (above the minimum)  
**OR**
- number of hours invested in extracurricular training in performing arts (above the minimum)  
**AND**
- letters of reference as per application criteria
- additional references (educational, personal, professional)
- GPA will be considered
- demonstration of financial need (can use school forms)
- preference will be given to applicants with a history of involvement in the Comox Valley performing arts community.

**Special application form is available in Student Services.**

**2.38 SMART CHOICES – HEALTHY LIFESTYLE BURSARY  
AMOUNT: \$500**

The Community Drug Strategy Committee, an initiative of the City of Courtenay, is offering a \$500 bursary to use towards post-secondary education to ONE graduating student in the Comox Valley School District who has made the decision to be drug and alcohol free during his or her high school years. The smart and healthy choice to avoid the use of illegal substances during a time of extreme peer pressure is a choice that should be commended.

**Special application form is available in Student Services.**

**2.39 SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF COURTENAY AWARDS  
AMOUNT: 6 X \$500 (amongst graduating students of School District No. 71)**

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:

- show evidence of need for financial assistance
- demonstrate a record of community service that is supported by letter of reference from the agencies listed
- have well-defined personal, educational and career goals
- produce authenticated school transcripts that verify an academic standing that allows entry into the chosen post-secondary program
- their responses to two questions about Soroptimist using the official website: [www.soroptimist.org](http://www.soroptimist.org)
- applicants must use Soroptimist International Courtenay application form that is available in the Student Services.

Submit your word-processed responses to the following two questions in well-crafted paragraphs of 100 – 150 words. Attach to your application.

You must go to [www.soroptimist.org](http://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.

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 form is available in Student Services.**

#### **2.40 UNION BAY CREDIT UNION BURSARIES**

**AMOUNTS: 7 X \$750**

Union Bay Credit Union may award seven bursaries in the amount of \$750 each, to a total of \$5,250 annually, to members pursuing further education. The applicant and/or parents/guardians, must be active members of Union Bay Credit Union for at least the previous six months. The successful applicants will be selected on a basis of involvement in their school and/or community, school achievement and financial need. Bursaries must be claimed within two years. Bursary monies will be directed to the post-secondary institutions upon verification of enrolment.

#### **2.41 UNION OF NATIONAL DEFENCE EMPLOYEES LOCAL 1007 BURSARIES**

**AMOUNT: \$500**

Local 1007 Union of National Defense Employees offers a \$500 bursary 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.

#### **2.42 UNITED STEELWORKERS, LOCAL 1-1937 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS (BOB FREER, ERNIE FREER, JACK MUMM, SYD THOMPSON, BILL WILSON)**

**AMOUNT: \$4,500 (divided into a minimum of 4 scholarships)**

United Steelworker, Local 1-1937 has \$4,500 available for scholarships. Amounts to be determined by the Selection Committee. There will be a minimum of 4 scholarships available.

Eligibility requirements:

- a member in good standing, son, daughter, or legal dependant of a member in good standing or of a retired or deceased Member who were in good standing with United Steelworkers, Local 1-1937 or the legacy Local Unions
- currently graduating from a Secondary School
- must be planning to enroll in a Public Post-secondary Institution as a fulltime student in September of the following school year
- Vocational or Academic Programs are acceptable at any recognized public institution (College, Polytech, Institute of Technology or University)
- 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?"
- Transcript for Grades 11 & 12

**Application forms available from the Local Union website [www.usw1-1937.ca](http://www.usw1-1937.ca).**

**2.43 UPPER ISLAND WOMEN OF NATIVE ANCESTRY BURSARY**  
**AMOUNT: \$250**

The Upper Island Women of Native Ancestry is pleased to offer a bursary to a deserving graduate of School District No. 71 who meets the following criteria:

- Consideration will be given to a member or family member of our organization.
- Must be off-reserve student of Native Ancestry.
- Bursary funds must stay in the province of British Columbia.
- Bursary funds must be used by December 31, 2016 and cannot be carried forward to the next year.

*\*\*\*This bursary is pending.\*\*\**

**2.44 VICTORIA DIOCESAN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE BURSARY**  
**(In Memory Of Freda Smith)**  
**AMOUNT: \$500**

This bursary is awarded annually to a Catholic student graduating from any Senior Secondary School (Public, Catholic, or Home-Schooled student) within the Catholic Diocese of Victoria. The applicant must be a child or grandchild of a member of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Victoria. The student must be planning on registering at a post-secondary institution and will be awarded based on financial need, academic performance, and community / church involvement.

**Special applications forms are available in Student Services.**

**2.45 MACDONALD WOOD PARK SOCIETY BURSARY**  
**AMOUNT: \$500**

Macdonald Wood Park Society is happy to offer a \$500 bursary, to be awarded in 2016 to a student graduating from any secondary school in School District No. 71. The criteria for this bursary include:

- The student has high academic standing.
- The student is planning to enter post-secondary education in environmental studies, natural sciences, or archeology.
- The student has a record of volunteer activity or has demonstrated interest in environmental issues.
- The selecting committee may give special consideration to students in financial need.