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2025 SCHOLARSHIP / BURSARY

Information

2025 Applications for local scholarships/bursaries can be handed into the MSS office until March 14th, 2025.

Please listen to announcements for more information concerning the scholarship / bursaries or see Brandy in the office for more information.

2025 Instructions/steps on applying for Bursary/Scholarships

1. Read ALL the scholarship/bursary descriptions.
2. Decide which scholarships/bursaries you will be applying for.
3. You must do the following when applying for each scholarship/bursary.
 - Prepare a cover letter for each individual scholarship/bursary that you are applying for.
 - Please refer to the specific criteria that you meet.
 - Include your name and the name of the scholarship/bursary on your cover letter for each scholarship/bursary you are applying for.**
 - **IE: CHARLES M. SUTTIE MEMORIAL**
 - Attach a school transcript with each application.
 - Do not include extras (ie. reference letters that were not requested).
4. If the scholarship/bursary requires a statement of financial need, please include the statement in the cover letter (this does not have to be financial statements, just an explanation).
5. Treat each scholarship/bursary as a separate application and **STAPLE** (no paperclips) each submission's supporting documents together. **DO NOT put each scholarship/bursary application in an envelope.**
6. Please hand in 1 copy of your thank you letter template, which you will be prepared to send to scholarship/bursary donors upon being awarded a scholarship/bursary.
6. **HAND SCHOLARSHIP/BURSARIES APPLICATIONS INTO THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY, March 14th, 2025.**
DO NOT SEND THEM DIRECTLY TO THE DONOR!

If you have any questions or concerns about the application process, please see Brandy in the office, call at 250-378-5131 or email her at bstriemer@365.sd58.bc.ca

Merritt Secondary School Scholarships and Bursaries 2025

ALBERTA (BERTA) FRASER - TWO \$1000.00 BURSARIES

Description

Two MSS graduates will receive \$1000.00 each from the Berta Fraser Bursary fund. The recipients will be students graduating from Merritt Secondary School and proceeding to further his/her education at any recognized College, Technical School or University.

Condition

The recipient will be a grade 12 graduate who:

- has high academic achievement;
- can demonstrate financial need;
- demonstrates good citizenship and leadership through participation in school/community activities.

In order to receive payment, you **MUST** present proof that tuition has been paid at a post-secondary institution, social insurance number and current mailing address. The award can be deferred for one year.

***Mrs. Linda Baird will be involved in the selection.**

AMEN LALLI MEMORIAL AWARD- \$1000.00 BURSARY

Description

Amen Lalli is fondly remembered by his family and friends as someone who grew up in Merritt and loved the outdoors and excelled in computer science. In Amen's memory his family is proud to extend this award to a graduating student wishing to pursue a career in computer sciences and programming.

\$1,000 awarded to one person per year.

Condition

This award will be presented to a student leaving secondary school to continue their education in a recognized post-secondary institution. Preference will be given to a student pursuing a career in computer sciences and programming. This award will be paid upon proof of registration. The award can be deferred for one year and used within 2 years of graduation.

ARNICA CONTRACTING BURSARY – 2 x \$500.00 BURSARIES

Description

Two \$500 Bursaries will be awarded by Arnica Contracting to graduating students of Merritt Secondary going on to further education at a recognized University, College, or Technical/Vocational School. Students must be pursuing a career in civil engineering or construction and show demonstrated interest through past experiences and future ambitions. Priority will be given to students that are employed by Arnica.

Conditions

To receive payment, you must present proof that tuition has been paid at an accredited post-secondary institution. The award can be deferred for one year.

BEST WESTERN PLUS MERRITT HOTEL - \$1000.00 BURSARY

Description

One \$1000 Bursary will be awarded by the Best Western Plus Merritt Hotel to a graduating student of Merritt Secondary going on to further education at a recognized University, College, or Technical/Vocational School.

Conditions

Priority will be given to students that have worked in the tourism/hospitality sector or will be pursuing a tourism/hospitality related degree. To be eligible the student must also include with their cover letter a 500-word essay answering the following:

What is the importance of tourism to the Nicola Valley?

How would you promote tourism in the Nicola Valley?

In order to receive payment, you must present proof that tuition has been paid at a post-secondary institution and current mailing address. The award can be deferred for one year.

BETA SIGMA PHI - MERRITT CHAPTER – ONE \$200.00 BURSARY

Description

One \$200 Bursary will be awarded to students, male or female, graduating from Merritt Secondary School who have demonstrated the best combination of:

- Citizenship
- Participation in extracurricular activities
- A positive and supportive attitude toward fellow students
- Academic effort
- Financial need

All of which represent the Beta Sigma Phi motto of “Life, Learning and Friendship.” Preference will be given to students who have a family member in a Merritt area chapter.

Conditions

The students must show a willingness to continue in post-secondary education.

Acceptance of the bursary may be diverted for a maximum of one school year, provided that the recipient gives notice of and reasons for this to the donor by September 30th of the year the bursary is awarded.

CHARLES M. SUTTIE MEMORIAL - \$1250.00 BURSARY

Description

One \$1250.00 Bursary will be awarded by the Charles M. Suttie Memorial Fund to a student who has completed Grade 12 and is going on to further education in a scientific field at a recognized University, College or Technical/Vocational School.

The Bursary must be used within one school year following graduation.

Condition

The student must be pursuing a career in a scientific field and the award will be made on the basis of financial need and scholastic achievement.

The payment will be made to your post-secondary school of choice upon confirmation of registration. **A signed copy of the new COF Certificate of Award Letter**, will be sent to **WINNER**, in order for them to claim their award when they are registered with the educational institute.

CHRISTINE PERKINS HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD - \$250.00 SCHOLARSHIP

Description:

One \$250.00 Bursary will be awarded to a graduate of the 2024-25 class. The successful applicant must have contributed toward the positive promotion of human rights (SOGI, Black History, Poverty Reduction etc.) in the district or their community. The applicant must also be pursuing a career in humanities, law, or social justice.

MSS staff/Scholarship committee will be involved in the selection of the recipient.

CITY OF MERRITT – MUNICIPAL - TWO \$1000.00 BURSARIES (in the District)

Description:

Two \$1000.00 bursaries will be awarded to graduating students of Merritt Secondary School and the Community Learning Centre and proceeding to further education at a recognized post-secondary institute.

Condition

Preference will be given to a student who has shown citizenship, leadership in youth or civic activities, or volunteered in the community. Must also live within the Merritt area.

To receive payment, you **MUST** present proof that tuition has been paid at a post-secondary institution, social insurance number and current mailing address.

The Bursary can be deferred for one year.

CUPE - LOCAL 847 - \$1000.00 SCHOLARSHIP

Description

One \$1000.00 Scholarship will be awarded annually by CUPE - Local 847 to a student graduating from Merritt Secondary School and proceeding to further education at a recognized University, Technical/Vocational School, or Business College.

Condition

The Scholarship will be made on the basis of scholastic achievement and financial need of the student with preference given to a son or daughter of CUPE -Local 847 member (please mention this in your submission). The scholarship can be carried over to the 2nd year after graduation. The Scholarship will be paid upon proof of registration at a post-secondary institution

***CUPE will be involved in the selection.**

DISTRICT/AUTHORITY - \$1250.00 SCHOLARSHIP

The District/ Scholarships rewards graduating students for excellence in their chosen area of interest or strength in **nonacademic** field(s).

The student needs to demonstrate superior achievement in any of the following areas:

- **Fine Arts** - Visual Arts, Dance, Drama, Music
- **Applied Design, Skills, Technology** – Business Education, Home Economics, Technical education.
- **Physical Activity** - Physical Education, Secondary School Sports, Community Sports, Team BC, Team Canada & other
- **Secondary Languages** – Aboriginal Languages, French & Other
- **Indigenous Languages and Culture** – demonstrated at school or in the community
- **Community Service** – includes awareness of local, global & culture issues, volunteer activity
- **Technical and Trades Training** – Carpentry, Mechanics, Automotive, Robotics, Coding, Culinary Arts.
- If your presentation and/or area of interest is not on the above list, please see Brandy for clarification.

The successful candidate(s) will also have:

- a) outlined post-secondary plans
- b) meet school standards in behavior, attitude, attendance, and punctuality.
- c) Reference form needs to be completed by an appropriate teacher or supervisor of your chosen non-academic field. You can print these from the MSS website under the Internal Scholarships – District Dogwood.

A title page with your name and area of presentation must be added to your application, along with the reference form and transcript. An application letter is not needed for applying to this scholarship.

Only the application is due at this time – your presentation is not due until late May early June.

Once all applications are in, you will be contacted with a time and date (approximately the end of May) that you will be presenting an oral-visual presentation (**approximately 10 minutes**) to the Selection Committee on your area of chosen interest/category.

DOUGLAS LAKE CATTLE COMPANY - \$1500.00 SCHOLARSHIP

Description

A \$1500.00 Scholarship will be awarded by Douglas Lake Cattle Company to a student graduating from Merritt Secondary School and proceeding to post-secondary education with interest in Agriculture.

Condition

In order to receive payment, you **MUST** present proof that tuition has been paid at a post-secondary institution, social insurance number and current mailing address. The award can be deferred for one year.

***Douglas Lake Cattle company to be involved in the selection.**

ELKS LODGE 441 – TWO \$1000.00 BURSARIES

Description

A \$1000.00 Bursary will be awarded by the Elks Lodge to students graduating from Merritt Secondary School and proceeding to post-secondary education toward a career area where they will be working with children.

The Elks of Canada's focus is on supporting hearing and speech rehabilitation, priority will be given to students going into this area. Relatives of the Merritt Elks Lodge will be given preference.

Conditions

The Bursary must be used within two years of graduation.

*** Selection will be made by the Elks Lodge.**

EVES FAMILY – THREE \$500.00 SCHOLARSHIPS

Description:

The Eves family will award \$500.00 each, to three students who are graduating from Merritt Secondary School, South Central Interior Distance Education School, or Community Learning Centre and are proceeding to further post-secondary education (recognized university, college, trades program).

This scholarship was created by Paul and Sarah Eves to recognize the hard work and dedication of their children towards their education and its importance in making their goals a reality. They hope this award will assist others in meeting their educational goals. This scholarship will be awarded to applicant(s) who best exemplifies dedication and perseverance to their education.

Conditions:

Your cover letter should clearly explain how you have personally persevered to achieve your educational goals. It should also be signed by two teachers who recommend your application with their contact information, or two supporting reference letters.

The scholarship can be carried over to the second year after graduation. The award will be paid upon proof of registration at a post-secondary institution.

***Selection will be made by the Eves family**

HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION - \$500.00 BURSARY

Only students whose parents are a member of the Hospital Employees Union can apply for this bursary.

Description

A \$500.00 Bursary will be awarded by the employees of the Hospital Employees Union to a graduate of Merritt Secondary School proceeding to further their education at any recognized University, College, or Technical School.

Condition

This Bursary will be made on the basis of scholastic achievement and financial need and will be given to a Hospital Employee's Union employee's son or daughter. **You must indicate on your letter if your parent is a member of Hospital Employees Union.**

*** HEU will make the selection.**

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION COUNCIL – CHERISH OPPENHEIM MEMORIAL

- THREE \$1000.00 SCHOLARSHIPS

Description

Three \$1000.00 scholarships are to be awarded annually to three graduating Indigenous students entering education (#1) and open to considering another field (#2).

Condition

- High academic achievement / academic success
- Must be identified as Indigenous Ancestry
- Good citizenship
- Volunteer in the community
- Be involved in cultural activities / language
- The Scholarship will be paid in full to the student once proof of registration at a recognized post-secondary institution has been provided.
- The Scholarship may be deferred for 1 year. An extension may be granted upon receipt of a letter of request from the student regarding deferral prior to December 31st of that school year.

***The District Principal of Indigenous Education and a panel will be involved in the selection.**

INFRACON – TWO \$1000.00 SCHOLARSHIPS

Description

Two scholarships of \$1000.00 will be awarded by INFRACON to graduating students from Merritt Secondary School advancing to a recognized post-secondary institution. The purpose of these scholarships is to acknowledge the pursuit of goals, confidence, and hard work. The successful recipients will possess exemplary work habits, cooperation with others as well as great attendance and punctuality.

Conditions

These awards will be presented to students leaving secondary school to continue their education in a recognized post-secondary institution, and who are currently participating and exceeding course requirements in their chosen fields of study. These awards will be paid upon proof of registration. The awards can be deferred for one year and used within 2 years of graduation.

***Selection will be made in conjunction with Infracon**

JEREMY BAIN MEMORIAL - \$500.00 BURSARY

Description

A bursary of \$500.00 will be awarded in the memory of Jeremy Bain by his family and friends. The bursary will be awarded to a student graduating from Merritt Secondary School and proceeding to further his/her education at any recognized College, Technical School or University education in a helping profession.

Conditions

The award will be made to a male or female graduating student combining academic achievement and service to others in the school or community. In order to receive payment, you **MUST** present proof that tuition has been paid at a post-secondary institution, social insurance number and current mailing address. The award can be deferred for one year. The bursary must be used within two years of graduation.

KAMLOOPS BLAZER EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY AWARD – TWO \$1000.00 SCHOLARSHIPS

Description

The Kamloops Blazers Education & Scholarships Society invites applications from graduating students who intend to pursue a post-secondary education. This award is available to students who are involved in community / school activities and maintain a minimum of C+.

Merritt Secondary School will receive two awards of \$1000.00. One award is for academic studies and the other is for students entering the trades program. The Blazers' are the host organization for the Kamloops Blazers Education & Scholarship Society which raises the funds for the awards at all their home games. The Society donates the funds which support these awards.

Conditions

The applicants must provide:

1. Community / School Involvement
2. Athletic Participation
3. Reasonable academic standing C+ minimum
4. Applicant must be going on to a post-secondary education (trades, technical or academic)
5. Applicant must complete the application form attached next page.
6. Provide a personal essay
7. Applicant must provide two letters of reference
8. Provide a copy of transcript



**BLAZERS KAMLOOPS BLAZERS EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY AWARD
APPLICATION FORM**

Name: _____

Address: _____

School: _____

Educational Plans: _____

1. Community/ School Involvement:

2. Athletic Participation:

Attachments:

- Personal essay
- Current Transcript
- Two letters of reference

LALLI RANDHAWA AWARD

Description

Lalli RANDHAWA is fondly remembered by his family and friends as someone who was heavily engaged in serving the community, loved people and was extremely loyal to his family. Mr. RANDHAWA put others needs ahead of his own. He valued hard work and higher education. He took great pride in playing an important role in shaping the future of this community, the province and the country. The award consists of \$500 for 2 students.

Conditions

A student who assists and does things for others, makes a valuable contribution to the school or the community where everyone in the community benefits, puts others' needs ahead of their own, never says no to helping others, will always find a way to make things happen for others.

LOWER NICOLA SITE SERVICE - \$1000.00 SCHOLARSHIP

Description

A Scholarship of \$1000.00 will be awarded by Lower Nicola Site Service to a graduating student from Merritt Secondary School advancing to a recognized post-secondary institution. The purpose of this scholarship is to acknowledge the pursuit of goals, confidence, and hard work. The successful recipient will possess exemplary work habits, cooperation with others as well as great attendance and punctuality.

Conditions

This award will be presented to a student leaving secondary school to continue their education in a recognized post-secondary institution, and who is currently participating in and exceeding course requirements in their chosen field of study. This award will be paid upon proof of registration. The award can be deferred for one year and used within 2 years of graduation.

***Selection will be made in conjunction with Lower Nicola Site Service**

MERRITT AND DISTRICT MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION – AMOUNT TBD x 2

Description

The Merritt Minor Hockey Association awards two bursaries each year, with an amount to be determined annually, to individuals who apply and who best meet the combined qualifications set out as follows:

Conditions:

To be eligible, the applicant must be:

Currently in Grade 12

Planning on attending a Post Secondary Institution

Qualifications:

- Academically completing all classes for a graduation diploma
- Involvement in Minor Hockey as a player or official
- Community participation and service (in particularly to Hockey)

Points system to be used to determine eligibility:

0=Did not play sports 1= Played any sport 2=Played hockey with MMHA

The recipient must have a history of volunteering in the Merritt Community. Priority will be given to the recipient who has volunteered in any form (organizing, on ice, etc.) for the hockey programs in Merritt.

Points system:

1= Any volunteering 2=Volunteering with sports 3=Volunteering with hockey

The successful candidate will have a maximum of two years after graduation to utilize the bursary. Bursary funds must be used for tuition/books/other expenses directly related to a post-secondary, education or trade institution and funds will be dispersed upon proof of registration.

Selection will be made by a committee consisting of Minor Hockey Executive members will review all applications.



MERRITT & DISTRICT MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION BURSARY APPLICATION FORM

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

BIRTH DATE: _____

1. What are your current career or vocational goals, and where do you plan to pursue post-secondary education?

2. List your involvements with hockey over the last 3 seasons:

2024-2025 _____

2023-2024 _____

2022-2023 _____

3. List any contributions (other than hockey) you have made to your community.

*****IN LIEU OF THIS APPLICATION FORM, A PERSONAL LETTER OF APPLICATION OUTLINING
HOCKEY AND COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

MERRITT FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION/MONTE MCLEAN MEMORIAL - \$300.00 BURSARY

Description

A \$300.00 bursary will be awarded by the Merritt Firefighter's Association in memory of Monte McLean, dedicated firefighter and member of Merritt Fire and Rescue (MFRD). This bursary is awarded to a student graduating from Merritt Secondary School and advancing to post-secondary education at a recognized College, University, or Vocational School.

Conditions

To be eligible for this Bursary the recipient must meet at least one of the following conditions:

1. A son or daughter of a current member of MFRD
2. A student wishing to enter one of the protective services (i.e. police, fire or paramedic)
3. A student who has completed a work experience program with the MFRD

Payment will be made upon presentation to MFRD of proof of enrolment in a post-secondary educational institution (a tuition fee receipt). Payment may be deferred up to a maximum of one year.

The membership of MFRD will select the recipient.

MERRITT MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOCIATION - \$1000 BURSARY

Description

A \$1000.00 Bursary will be awarded by the Merritt Masonic Temple Association to a student graduating from Merritt Secondary School and proceeding to further education at a recognized University, College or Technical/Vocational School.

Preference will be given to applicants who are related to a member of Merritt Masonic Temple

Condition

The Bursary will be made on the basis of firstly financial need, teacher recommendation and has a good work ethic. A letter outlining their goals would be preferred. This money will be awarded in September after proof of registration to a recognized institution has been received.

Selection will be made by Merritt Masonic Temple

MERRITT SIKH SOCIETY - TWO \$500.00 SCHOLARSHIPS

Description

Two \$500.00 Scholarships will be awarded by the Merritt Sikh Society to students graduating from Merritt Secondary School, who wish to continue his/her, education. One student will be a Non-Indo Canadian (who provides school and community service) and the other a member and active volunteer of the Merritt Sikh Society. This student needs to be a member of the society who regularly attends and helps with the Sikh Gurdwara Programs.

Conditions

The scholarships will be made on basis of school, community or Sikh Gurdwara (Temple) service and a high average in Grade 12 based on percentage grades accumulated to May 15th. Payment will be made after proof of registration is submitted to the Society.

***A member of the Merritt Sikh Society will make the selections.**

MERRITT VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION - \$1000 BURSARY

(May be split if deemed there are two qualified students)

Description

Bursaries totaling \$1000.00 will be presented by the Merritt Volleyball Association to graduates of Merritt Secondary School proceeding to further his/her education at any recognized University, College, or Technical School. Preference will be given to a student active in volleyball, particularly if that student has been involved with MVA activities.

Conditions

1. The applicant must be planning to attend a post-secondary institution and must be able to provide proof of registration.
2. The applicant must have participated in some form of organized sport in the past four years, (with priority being given to those applicants who have played volleyball in some organized form). This would include school, league, or club.
***Points system: 0 – did not play sports; 1 – played any sport; 3 – Played volleyball**
3. The recipient must have a history of volunteering in the Merritt Community. First priority will be given to the recipient who has volunteered in any form (coaching, organizing, and set up, etc.) for the volleyball programs in Merritt.
***Points system: 1 - any volunteering; 2 – volunteering with sports; 3 – volunteering with volleyball**

The bursary must be used within 18 months of graduation.

*Merritt Volleyball Association will select the recipient.

MOBIL GAS BAR, MERRITT, BC - \$500.00 BURSARY

Description

A \$500.00 Bursary will be awarded to a student by Mobil Gas Bar, Merritt to a student graduating from Merritt Secondary School and proceeding to post-secondary education. This graduate will have done something exceptional in sports or any other field related to their future studies.

Conditions

To receive payment, you MUST present proof that tuition has been paid at a post-secondary institution, social insurance number and current mailing address. The award can be deferred for one year.

MOHINDER BASI MEMORIAL - \$250.00 BURSARY

Description

A \$250.00 Bursary will be given in memory of Mohinder Basi to a student graduating from Merritt Secondary School who has demonstrated the best combination of sports and academics and proceeding to further his/her education at any recognized College, Technical School or University.

Conditions

The Bursary may be deferred one year after graduation. Payment will be made by presenting proof of registration and social insurance number.

MR. MIKES STEAKHOUSE CASUAL MERRITT - \$1000.00 BURSARY

Description

One \$1000 Bursary will be awarded by Mr. Mikes to a graduating student of Merritt Secondary going on to further education at a recognized University, College, or Technical/Vocational School.

Conditions

Priority will be given to students that have worked in the tourism/hospitality sector or will be pursuing a tourism/hospitality related degree. To be eligible the student must also include with their cover letter a 500-word essay answering the following:

What is the importance of tourism to the Nicola Valley?

How would you promote tourism in the Nicola Valley?

In order to receive payment, you must present proof that tuition has been paid at a post-secondary institution and current mailing address. The award can be deferred for one year.

NICOLA MASONIC LODGE #53 - \$750.00 BURSARY

Description

A \$750.00 Bursary will be awarded by the Nicola Masonic Lodge to a student graduating from Merritt Secondary School and proceeding to further education at a recognized University, College or Technical/Vocational School.

Preference will be given to applicants who are related to a member of Nicola Masonic Lodge.

Condition

The Bursary will be made on the basis of financial need, teacher recommendation and a good work ethic. A letter outlining their goals would be preferred. This money will be awarded in September after proof of registration to a recognized institution has been received.

Selection will be made by Nicola Masonic Lodge

NICOLA VALLEY HOLDING COMPANY - \$1000 BURSARY

Description

A \$1000 Bursary will be awarded by the Nicola Valley Holding Company to a student graduating from Merritt Secondary School and proceeding into post-secondary education in a recognized Trade (Foundation or Apprentice program). Preference will be given to relatives of Merritt Elks Lodge members.

Conditions

The Bursary must be used within two years of graduation. To receive payment, you must present proof that tuition has been paid at a post-secondary institution or recognized training facility.

NVIT : GORDON ANTOINE MEMORIAL AWARD (\$5000)

<https://www.nvit.ca/nvitentranceawards.htm>

Eligible students will be contacted by NVIT's Enrolment Services to apply for this award.

The successful recipient will be a first-time post-secondary student of Indigenous ancestry who has graduated from a Nicola Valley Secondary School or equivalent with overall grades of at least 80% and must enroll in an 80% course load of a certificate or diploma program (post-secondary level) at NVIT Merritt campus. The NVIT Awards Adjudication Committee will determine the recipient, and it will be awarded during the NVIT Entrance Awards Ceremony in September.

NVIT IMMEDIATE ENTRY BURSARY (UP TO \$2,896 FOR TUICTION FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF STUDIES AT NVIT)

Awarded to School District 58 Grade 12 graduates (Indigenous or non-Indigenous) who graduate and transition directly from high school to post-secondary studies at NVIT (BC Adult Graduation Diploma not eligible). Students must apply, be accepted and registered in a minimum 60% course load of first year courses for the upcoming academic year by June 30, 2025.

Up to **\$2,896** will be awarded towards tuition in first year of study (books, supplies and/or student fees are the responsibility of the student). The bursary is non-transferable (cannot be transferred to anyone else), non-deferrable (program of study must start before March 31, 2025), and unused amounts cannot be transferred to another year of study.

To apply for this award, complete the Immediate Entry Bursary application and return it to advising@nvit.ca prior to June 30, 2025. (See next 2 pages)

NVIT Immediate Entry Bursary 2025 Application



Purpose:

In response to BC's Bill 41 – 2019: Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act and the education focused Direct Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) and Direct Articles of the United Nations Declaration for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), NVIT invites graduates from School District 58, School District 74, Logan Lake Secondary, Similkameen Elementary Secondary, Hope Secondary and eligible BC Indigenous Grade 12 graduates to join us at either the Merritt or Burnaby campus for an educational experience immersed in Indigenous ways of knowing supported by a bursary equivalent to tuition for 30 credits of full-time studies.

Eligibility:

Awarded to Grade 12 graduates who graduate and transition directly from high school (**BC Adult Graduation Diploma not eligible**) to NVIT. Students must have [applied](#) and been accepted by June 30, 2025 and be registered in a minimum 60% course load of first year Post-Secondary courses, each semester, for the upcoming academic year.

Students must be a 2025 Grade 12 graduate (Indigenous or non-Indigenous) from:

- School District #58 (Merritt Secondary, Princeton Secondary, SCIDES);
- School District #74 (Desert Sands Community School, Kumsheen Shch-Ema-meet, Lillooet Secondary, David Stoddart Secondary);
- Logan Lake Secondary;
- Similkameen Elementary Secondary;
- Hope Secondary;
- A BC First Nations School that is registered with the BC First Nations Schools Association; or
- High School Graduate from across BC who self-identifies as Indigenous.

Criteria:

In order to understand the financial contribution required for the program of choice, all prospective Immediate Entry Bursary learners must meet with an [Academic and Financial Planner](#) prior to registration.

Amount:

NVIT will award up to **\$2,896** towards tuition for first year of study (books, supplies and/or student fees are the responsibility of the student). The bursary is non-transferable (cannot be transferred to anyone else), non-deferrable (program of study must start before March 31, 2025), and unused amounts cannot be transferred to another year of study. The bursary amount is based on a 100% course load for first year of study in the Associate of Arts degree program. This is typically ten 3-credit courses for a total of 30 credits. **Some programs have more courses/credits while others are based on credit-hours. Please discuss program tuition/fees total with an Academic and Financial Planner.**

Deadline:

Applications, interim transcripts, and any other required program prerequisite documents are required no later than 4:30pm, **June 30, 2025**. Final official transcripts must be received by 4:30pm, August 15, 2025 to remain eligible for bursary.

Immediate Entry Bursary c/o
Registration Office
Nicola Valley Institute of Technology 4155
Belshaw Street Merritt, BC V1K 1R1
advising@nvit.ca

**Please keep this front page for important information and deadlines.
Student Requirements and FAQs are available [here](#).**

NVIT Immediate Entry Bursary 2025 Application



PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name:

Last First Middle Initial

Permanent Mailing Address

(_____) _____ - _____ / /
Telephone NVIT Student ID Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

_____-_____-_____
S.I.N. Email Address

***S.I.N. numbers are required to issue T4A forms for tax purposes.

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION:

Graduation Program: BC High School Diploma (Dogwood) BC Adult Graduation Diploma*

Where did you attend your last two years of high school? City/Prov: _____

Name of High School: _____

Graduation Year: _____ Did you submit your official high school transcripts? Yes No

If not, when can we expect to receive them? _____

**Please note, official transcripts must be sent to NVIT directly from the school or Ministry of Education website.

What campus will you be attending? Merritt Burnaby

What NVIT program did you apply to? _____

***Only BC High School Diploma/Dogwood Graduates are eligible for this Bursary. Please see an Academic and Financial Planner to find out about other Financial Aid options if you are a BC Adult Graduation Diploma graduate.**

****To receive this award, you must register into a minimum 60% course load at NVIT.**

STUDENT DECLARATION:

To qualify for the Immediate Entry Bursary, all applicants must complete the following by June 30, 2025:

- [Apply](#) to an NVIT program;
- Submit official secondary school [interim transcripts](#) and any other applicable program prerequisites;
- Meet with an [Academic and Financial Planner](#);
- [Register](#) into courses.

I hereby declare, all the above information is true and correct and I understand the requirements of this bursary (see FAQs and Requirements document). I authorize the Registrar's Office to verify any or all of the above statements.

Date: _____ Signature: _____
(mm/dd/yyyy)

NICOLA VALLEY HEALTH CARE AUXILIARY - THREE \$2000.00 BURSARIES

The Nicola Valley Health Care Auxiliary offers three (3) \$2000 Bursaries annually to graduates who are proceeding to further his/her education at any recognized College, Technical School or University in a healthcare related field.

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

First consideration will be given to any student who has volunteered or contributed to the Nicola Valley Health Care Auxiliary's programs. These programs include, but are not limited to, volunteering in the Thrift Shop and/or assisting the Auxiliary in the area of Social Media.

Application Procedure:

Applicants must write a letter stating their education plans, goals, and reason for seeking this bursary.

Selection Procedure:

The school will provide applications to the President of the Auxiliary to choose the best candidates based on:

1. Volunteerism within the healthcare community
2. Eligibility
3. Qualification criteria
4. Application in accordance with the procedure.

Conditions:

To redeem this award, provide a photocopy of the paid receipt and acceptance letter from your post-secondary institution, and your social insurance number. The bursary must be claimed within two years following graduation.

*** Representatives of the Auxiliary will act as members of the selection committee.**

NICOLA-SIMILKAMEEN PRINCIPAL & VICE PRINCIPAL ASSOCIATION - \$1000.00 BURSARY

Description

A Bursary is to be awarded to a student graduating from Merritt Secondary School with preference given to a student entering or considering the field of education.

Conditions

- Demonstrated financial need.
- High academic achievement.
- The Bursary will be paid in full to the student once proof of registration in a recognized post-secondary institution has been provided.
- The bursary may be deferred one-year upon receipt of a letter from the student prior to December 31 of that year.

NICOLA VALLEY TEACHERS' UNION - \$500.00 SERVICE AWARD

Description

One \$500.00 Award will be given to a graduating student from Merritt Secondary School whose record of service in his/her grade 11 and 12 years has been exceptional. Areas of service can include any extra-curricular service work. The winner will be selected by the Scholarship Committee.

To redeem this award, provide a photocopy of the paid receipt from your post-secondary institution to the NVTU president. The Scholarship must be claimed within five years following graduation.

The recipient of this award may not combine this award with any other NVTU scholarship unless in the opinion of the Scholarship Selection Committee there are no other qualified candidates.

NICOLA VALLEY TEACHERS' UNION - \$500.00 TUTORING/ASSISTANT SCHOLARSHIP

Description

One \$500.00 Scholarship will be given to a graduating student from Merritt Secondary School who has taken one or more Teacher Assistance Courses and received an 86% or above.

Applications must include a reference letter from the teacher with whom you worked.

Conditions

To redeem this award, provide a photocopy of the paid receipt from your post-secondary institution to the NVTU president. The Scholarship must be claimed within five years following graduation.

The recipient of this award may not combine this award with any other NVTU scholarship unless in the opinion of the Scholarship Selection Committee there are no other qualified candidates.

NICOLA VALLEY TEACHERS' UNION - KENNEDY-HUGHES SCHOLARSHIP – \$500.00 SCHOLARSHIP - TRADES

Description

This is a Scholarship of \$500.00 presented by the Nicola Valley Teachers' Union in memory of Earl Hughes and Jim Kennedy, Learning Assistance Teachers.

Conditions

The Scholarship will be presented to a student graduating from Merritt Secondary School continuing his/her education in a trade or apprenticeship program or further education. Preference will be given to a student on a trade or apprenticeship program.

To redeem this award, provide a photocopy of the paid receipt from your post-secondary institution to the NVTU president. The Scholarship must be claimed within five years following graduation.

The recipient of this award may not combine this award with any other NVTU scholarship unless in the opinion of the Scholarship Selection Committee there are no other qualified candidates.

NICOLA VALLEY TEACHERS' UNION SCHOLARSHIP - TWO \$1000.00 SCHOLARSHIPS

Description

Two \$1000.00 Scholarships will be awarded by the Nicola Valley Teachers' Union on the following conditions:

Scholarship #1 Conditions

1. The student with the highest average based on percentage grades as of Term 3 of the graduating school year.
2. The award shall be made to a student proceeding to a recognized institute of learning for further training.
3. The students must enroll in the recognized institution within 5 years of graduation. To redeem this award, provide a photocopy of the paid receipt from a recognized institute of learning to the NVTU president. The Scholarship must be claimed within five years following graduation. Term 1 - \$500. Term 2 - \$500.

Scholarship #2 Conditions

1. The student must be a graduating child of an N.V.T.U. member.
2. The student with the highest average based on percentage grades as of Term 3 of the graduating school year.
3. The average must be C+ or better.
4. The award shall be made to a student proceeding to a recognized institute of learning for further training.
5. The student must enroll in the institution within 5 years of graduation. To redeem this award, provide a photocopy of the paid receipt from a recognized institute of learning to the NVTU president. Term 1 - \$500. Term 2 - \$500.
6. If there is not a suitable applicant, the award shall go to the next most deserving person from the applicants from Scholarship #1.

OLD TIME FIDDLERS - \$500.00 SCHOLARSHIP

Description

A \$500.00 Scholarship will be presented by the Old Time Fiddles to a student graduating from Merritt Secondary School and proceeding to further education at any recognized University, Community College, or Vocational School. Preference given to a student who has an interest in music such as school band, community band or other instruments.

Criteria

1. The Scholarship will be presented to a student graduating from Merritt Secondary School to continue their education in a **music related program**. Provide outline of post-secondary education plans.
2. Attach a letter of reference from any music teacher or instructor that you have worked with.

Condition

To redeem this scholarship, provide a photocopy of the registration fee receipt from your post-secondary institution. The Scholarship must be claimed within two years following graduation.

ROCK SOLID INDUSTRIES – TWO \$1000.00 SCHOLARSHIPS

Description

Two scholarships of \$1000.00 will be awarded by Rock Solid Industries to two students graduating from Merritt Secondary School and advancing to a recognized post-secondary program. These scholarships will be awarded to recognize students who work hard to achieve their best academic success while continuing to participate in activities that provide for a healthy “work/life” balance through sports, hobbies, or volunteering.

Conditions

Preference will be given to students related to Rock Solid employees and/or to those who are pursuing a career related to a trade in Civil Construction Industry or Business Management.

Selection of Candidates will be made in consultation with Rock Solid Industries.

The scholarship may be deferred for up to one year.

ROTARY CLUB OF MERRITT –\$1000.00 SCHOLARSHIP

Description: A \$1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded by the Merritt Rotary Club Society to a student graduating and proceeding to further education at a recognized College, University or Training Institution. Payment will be made upon proof of registration. Students from SCIDES/Kenguard Learning Centre and Merritt Secondary School will be considered as well as those who are home schooled.

Objective: It is the desire of the Merritt Rotary Club to not only support graduating students moving on to reach their educational goal, but to support those students who embody the philosophy of “service above self” that is the backbone of Rotary and who illustrate an understanding of the values and principles of Rotary.

Conditions: Students are asked to provide an outline of community service and volunteer work, including timelines spent volunteering and why the service was meaningful. If no volunteer experience, then students are asked to explain what their perfect volunteer experience would be.

In addition, we ask that students provide some insight to the Merritt Rotary Club on how to engage younger people to get involved with Rotary.

Evaluation Criteria:

- The ability to follow instructions completely.
- Time spent volunteering.
- Variety of volunteer experiences in our community and how those experiences
- benefit our community.

Application Requirements:

- Must be completed in Microsoft Word Format or PDF and emailed by due date.
- Must be approved by student’s parents/guardians.
- Screening of applicants to be done by appointed Merritt Rotary Club members.
- Finalists will be recognized by the Merritt Rotary Club at commencement ceremonies in June.
- Must sign consent form for release to press release, with photo(s).
- Applications/Essay submissions to close April 21, 2025. The school(s) will be informed by May 12, 2025.

Selection of Candidates will be made in consultation with the Rotary Club of Merritt.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION –BRANCH 96 - \$1000.00 BURSARY

Description

A Bursary of \$1000.00 (for a student attending college, vocation or trade school in BC or the Yukon) will be awarded by the Royal Canadian Legion to a graduating student from Merritt Secondary School to further his/her education.

The Royal Canadian Legion will be contacting potential candidates to interview.

Conditions

1. Priority will be given to a son/daughter/grandchild of an ordinary Legion member or veteran. Proof of membership will be required.
2. The payment of the bursary will be made upon proof of registration being received. The recipient shall be allowed two years in which to claim the bursary.

***Merritt Legion will have input into the selection of the candidate.**

SKOFLEK ELECTRIC TRADES BURSARY - 2x \$500 BURSARY

Description

Two \$500 bursaries will be awarded by Skoflek Electric to students graduating from Merritt Secondary School and proceeding into post-secondary education in a recognized Trade (Foundation or Apprentice program).

Conditions

The Bursary must be used within two years of graduation. To receive payment, you must present proof that tuition has been paid at a post-secondary institution or recognized training facility.

SUKI RANDHAWA MEMORIAL - \$300.00 SCHOLARSHIP

Description

A \$300.00 Scholarship will be presented annually, in memory of Suki Randhawa, to a boy graduating from Merritt Secondary School and proceeding to further education at any recognized University, Community College, or Vocational School.

Criteria

1. The award will be made on the basis of high scholastic achievement and participation in school athletics but will not be made to a student who is the recipient of more than one other local scholarship.
2. Attach a letter that demonstrates participation in school athletics.

Conditions

The award will be made from interest earned yearly on the money donated by the Randhawa Family in Suki's name. The amount will be about \$300.00 - but may vary from year to year due to changing interest rates. The bursary will be paid when proof of registration is received.

TECK HIGHLAND VALLEY COPPER - \$750.00 BURSARY

Description

A \$750.00 Bursary will be awarded by Teck Highland Valley Copper to a student graduating from Merritt Secondary School, proceeding to post-secondary education and enrolled at a post-secondary institution by December 15, 2025. Post-secondary education includes universities and colleges, as well as trade and vocational schools.

Conditions

- volunteered within the community
- express interest in the Mining/Environment or Community Service careers
- scholastic achievement C+ Average or better.

The bursary will be paid upon proof of registration to your chosen post-secondary institution along with your student number and social insurance number.

Bursary amount will be directed to your post-secondary institution of choice to be applied to tuition and/or program fees.

THOMPSON-NICOLA REGIONAL DISTRICT – 2 x \$1000.00 BURSARY

Description

A \$1000.00 Bursary will be given to a student graduating from Merritt Secondary School and proceeding to further their education at any recognized College, Technical School or University.

Conditions

1. Must be residents of the electoral area only, and must have been a resident of the electoral area since September 30th of the previous year.
2. Must be a high school graduate
3. Must have reasonable academic achievement
4. Must have demonstrated community volunteerism
5. **Must submit a 500-word essay about local government**

The Bursary must be used within 2 years after graduation. A thank you letter to the TNRD Board of Directors is required by the recipient.

A post-secondary enrolment/registration verification form can be picked up at the MSS office to claim your bursary.

TY POZZOBON MEMORIAL - \$1000.00 AWARD

Description

A \$1000.00 Award will be given by Ty parents to a graduating student of Merritt Secondary School proceeding to further his/her education at any recognized College, Technical School, Training Program or University.

Conditions

The award will be made based on determination, well-rounded, kind, dynamic, & charismatic personality. This Award will celebrate the memory of Ty, a graduate of Merritt Secondary School who went on to fulfill his dreams. When applying, please attach a letter outlining your goals, attributes, and school and/or community involvement. The Bursary will be paid when proof of registration is received. This award may be deferred up to two years.