



Clearwater Secondary School Scholarship & Bursary Awards Application Package 2025

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Award Types

Scholarship

The term **scholarship** refers to a financial award given to a student to help offset the costs of post-secondary education. Recipients are normally chosen based on their **academic achievement**; however, other factors may include specific criteria as set out by the donor such as program of study, location of university or college and type or number of completed courses used in the calculation of the student's academic average. Applicants must be aware that these factors vary from donor to donor and award to award and that donors reserve the right to set their criteria as they see fit. *In many cases, donors consider factors such as the student's community involvement and volunteer or service activities as well as their academic achievement.* Normally, the criteria is specifically stated in advance under the description of the award.

Bursary

The term **bursary** refers to a financial award given to a student to help cover the costs of post-secondary education. The demonstrated **financial need** of the applicant is a significant factor in the selection of the recipient. *As with scholarships, other factors may include academic achievement, career goals, extra-curricular involvement, and community service. Because bursaries prioritize financial need, applicants are required to complete the Bursary Awards Application—Financial Need Section.* This information is treated as sensitive and confidential.

Clearwater Secondary School Scholarships & Bursary Awards Selection Committee

The **Clearwater Secondary School Scholarship & Bursary Awards Selection Committee** is typically chaired by the School Principal and is comprised of the School Principal and/or Vice-Principal, a community representative who is normally the current or a past School District Trustee for Clearwater, and/or a Teacher Representative. This committee reviews applications for scholarships and bursaries that are *not* selected by donors and selects recipients on behalf of donors.

Those scholarships and bursaries whose recipients are selected by the donor are identified in the descriptions.

Average Percentage Mark

For the purposes of selecting award recipients, the Clearwater Secondary School Scholarship & Bursary Awards Selection Committee will use the following **formula** to determine the academic standing of applicants. The **average percentage mark** is based on.

- **classroom (or school) mark** (as a percentage, rounded up) **of the five required courses in grades 11 and 12** (Language Arts 11, Mathematics 11, Social Studies 11 or 12, Science 11, and Language Arts 12)
plus
- **classroom (or school) mark** (as a percentage, rounded up) **of the applicant's top three grade 12 numbered courses.**

Note: It is difficult to identify courses as academic and non-academic. For this reason, the Clearwater Secondary School Scholarship & Bursary Awards Selection Committee will consider most grade 12 courses equally.

- For the purpose of determining the **average percentage mark, the following courses will not be considered:** Youth Work in Trades 11 or 12, Teacher Assistant 12, Independent Directed Study 12, or External Credentials.
- Marks from courses taken second semester may be counted toward your average percentage mark. The courses will be indicated on your Transcript Verification Report (TVR). Obtain end of Term 3 mark from your teacher and ask your teacher to initial grade on *Grades Submission Section* of application form.
- Distance Learning courses (@KOOL, etc) must be at least seventy five percent completed by the end of the third term to be considered in the average percentage mark.

Note: The eight courses used to determine the average percentage mark **constitute the minimum level of course work necessary** for students to be considered for scholarships or bursaries each year. The percentages of these eight courses will be added together and divided by eight to establish an **average percentage mark**. This average percentage mark shall be used to rank all applicants to determine the top academic students from Clearwater Secondary School.

e.g. Student A

<u>Course</u>	<u>Mark (%)</u>
English 11	89
Social Studies 11	75
Foundations Math 11	81
Life Science 11	92
English 12	87
Active Living 12	88
Art 12	78
Law 12	76
Total	666 / 8 courses = 83.25% Average Percentage Mark

Provincial Scholarship and Bursary Awards

See the British Columbia Student Awards and Scholarships page on the School District 73 website for general information about provincial awards and student loans

District/Authority Awards

These \$1250 scholarships are awarded to graduating students who meet the criteria determined by the local School District Scholarship Committee, which requires a student to demonstrate superior achievement in any of the following areas:

1. Fine Arts (Visual Arts, Dance, Drama, Music)
2. Applied Design Skills and Technology (Automotive Technology, Woodwork, Foods and Metalwork)
3. Physical Activity (not limited to Physical Education)
4. Languages (including Aboriginal Languages with IRP's or External Assessments, including AP/IB courses)
5. Community Service (volunteer activity)
6. Technical and Trades Training (carpentry, automotive, mechanics and cook training)
7. Indigenous Languages and Culture (school or community involvement)

The deadline for submission of the application package to CSS Office is May 1st. Please see the CSS website for the District/Authority Application package. Submit in a separate envelope to Mrs. Giesbrecht.

School District #73 Scholarship and Bursary Awards

A link for these awards is on the Clearwater Secondary School website. District awards are decided by a committee made up of school counsellors.

Note: Our application package is modelled on the district application package to make it easier to apply to both school and district awards. Each district award will have its own application criteria. Applicants are competing with all students at the district level for these awards; the average percentage marks of applicants are generally high (mid to high 90's is typical for scholarships; high 80's to low 90's is typical for bursaries). The deadline for submission of the application package to the Main Office is May 1st. Please see the CSS website to access the School District #73 Application package. Submit in a separate envelope to Mrs. Giesbrecht.

Open Scholarship and Bursary Awards

Open scholarships and bursary awards are open to students across British Columbia, Canada, and/or the world. Open awards have varied deadlines, criteria, and submission requirements. Students are responsible for seeking and applying for open awards. Information about open awards can be found on websites such as

<http://scholarshipscanada.com/>

<http://www.studentawards.com/>

<http://www.bcawardsonline.org/>

<http://www.studentscholarships.org/>

Applying to Post-Secondary Institutions

Students are responsible for researching programs and applying to post-secondary institutions. Most universities expect applications to be completed online; some applications have a personal profile component. Deadlines vary but most applications are due mid to late winter. Many institutions encourage early application. Websites to consult:

ApplyBC is an online application that makes it easier for someone to apply for admission to two or more schools by saving key applicant information.

BCcampus provides valuable online student services - admissions applications, course directory, course record and transferability guide, transcript exchange, virtual library.

SchoolFinder.com has information on college or university programs world-wide.

Applying for Student Loans / Grants

Students apply for student loans online. Typically, the online application is available in June. Apply through **StudentAidBC** for both provincial and federal student loans and/or grants. Parents should complete the application process with their children because information about income and savings is requested.

CanLearn is the federal government's website designed to help students plan for post-secondary education. It has information about National Student Loans Service Centre.

StudentAidBC provides information on applying for and monitoring your student loan.

Sample Cover Letter Template

Your name
Address
Town, Province, Postal Code
Phone (optional)
Email address (optional)

Date

Chairperson
Clearwater Secondary School Scholarships & Bursary Awards Selection Committee
OR Donor Committee
Clearwater Secondary School
440 Murtle Crescent
Clearwater, B.C. V0E 1N1

Dear Committee Members:

FIRST PARAGRAPH (use *Block* format: do not indent paragraphs; left-justify and double-space between single-spaced paragraphs)

- Introduce yourself and briefly outline your educational and career goals. Be sure to identify your intended program of study, the institution you plan to attend, and your start date. Also indicate if you have been accepted into a program.

SECOND PARAGRAPH

- Briefly summarize your academic achievement; highlight the accomplishments of which you are most proud i.e. major awards, honour rolls etc. (leave grades to application form and TVR)

THIRD PARAGRAPH

- Briefly summarize your school involvement; highlight the accomplishments of which you are most proud (leave specific details to application form)

FOURTH PARAGRAPH

- Briefly summarize your community involvement; highlight the accomplishments of which you are most proud (leave specific details to application form)

CLOSING PARAGRAPH

- Thank the committee for considering your application.
- Any closing thoughts

Yours truly,

(Leave four spaces here to *sign* your name in ink)

Type your full name here



Clearwater Secondary School Scholarship & Bursary Awards Criteria 2025

*The objective of the scholarship and bursary funds is to provide one or more scholarships and/or bursaries to one or more graduating students of Clearwater Secondary School **who intend to pursue further post-secondary education following graduation or shortly thereafter.***

*Donors will make selections where specified. The Clearwater Secondary School Scholarship & Bursary Awards Committee will make remaining selections on behalf of donors and notify donors of selections. *Please note that bursary applications require that the Financial Need Statement for Bursary awards to be completed.*

Recipients of awards are expected to send a card of thanks to donors soon after the Graduation Ceremony.

Bill & William Sedgwick Memorial Bursary

Upper North Thompson Stock Association: 1 @ \$500

- awarded to a student going on to technical, vocational, college or university
- preference given to a student with an agricultural background
- preference given to a family member of U.N.T.L.A. or to a 4-H member or to a student entering the field of agriculture
- **selected by donor**

Brody Wynne Memorial Bursary: 1 @ \$1000

- awarded to a graduate who is compassionate, kind, honest and reliable
- student must be hardworking, a good citizen and have a good sense of humour
- **Selected by donor**

Buy-Low Foods Scholarship: 1 @ \$1000

- preference will be given to a son or daughter of a company employee or to a student employee
- payable upon successful completion of first semester with proof of enrolment in a second semester
- **selected by donor**

CanFor Scholarship: Good Things come from Trees Foundation: 1 @ \$1000

- student has applied to one of the specified forestry, wood products manufacturing, forestry-related engineering, or forest industry-related trade studies post-secondary institution. Please visit Good Things Come From Trees for the full list of eligible programs and studies
- the students must identify their intent to pursue a career in the forest products industry or area related to the Company's operation
- where there are multiple qualified applicants, scholarship will be awarded based on academic performance
- to receive payment, the student must enroll in an eligible program in the fall academic semester immediately following high school graduation and submit tuition receipts and other information directly to Canfor. Deferrals are not eligible. Where a wait list exists for entry into certain trades programs, students will remain eligible for the scholarship payment for up to 18 months from the date of high school graduation
- **selected by donor**

Central North Thompson Pioneers Bursary: 2 @ \$500

- applicants have demonstrated good work habits and initiative
- payable upon students forwarding proof of registration at post-secondary institution to School Board Office

Central North Thompson Rod and Gun Club Bursary: 3 @ \$500

- awarded to deserving graduates with a grade average of C+ or better
- applicants must have a clearly outlined plan of pursuing careers in the fields of forestry, fisheries, or conservation
- bursaries may be deferred up to two years
- payable upon proof of successful completion of first semester in a post-secondary institution and enrolment in second semester
- **selected by donor**

Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi: Xi Epsilon Eta Bursary: 1 @ \$250

- awarded to a graduate with a grade average of C+ or better
- preference may be given to a son or daughter of a Beta Sigma Phi member
- student must begin post-secondary education program within two years of graduation
- payable upon proof of successful completion of first semester and enrolment in second semester
- **selected by donor**

Chris Cleavele /Mary Fus Bursary/Scholarship: 2 @ \$1000

- awarded to a graduate going to post secondary who is pursuing a degree or enrolled in a trades program
- may be deferred one year
- payable upon proof of registration
- **selected by donor**

Clearwater Dental Clinic Bursary: 1 @ \$500.00

- applicants must have demonstrated good work habits
- proof of registration at a post secondary institution is required
- **selected by donor**

***Clearwater & District Minor Hockey Association: The Donna Akers Sjodin**

Memorial Bursary: 2 @ \$500

- applicant must be currently registered in Clearwater & District Minor Hockey as a player, referee, or coach
- payable upon proof of registration shown to CDMHA treasurer
- complete supplementary **application form – due April 14, 2025**
- bursary must be claimed within 2 years
- **selected by donor**

***Clearwater Rapids Youth Soccer Association Bursary: 1 @ \$750**

- applicants must be current or past players or volunteers of CYSA
- applicant must be pursuing post-secondary education (college, university, trade school etc.) in the upcoming academic year
- commitment to soccer and community engagement will be considered
- **selected by donor**

Clearwater Rotary Club Bursary: 2 @ \$1000

- student will have demonstrated community service, citizenship, and leadership
- may be deferred up to one year
- payable upon proof of successful completion of first semester in a post-secondary institution and enrolment in second semester
- **selected by donor**

Dave Giesbrecht Memorial Bursary: 1 @ \$500

- awarded to a graduate pursuing trades training
- involvement in community and/or school athletics
- payable upon proof of successful completion of first semester in a post-secondary institution and enrolment in second semester
- may defer scholarship up to one year
- **selected by donor**

***Dr. Helmcken Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Bursary: 1 @ \$1000 first Year and 1 @ \$1000 second year**

- awarded to a graduate pursuing post-secondary education in the medical, hospital, or human health field
- payable on the night of the Grad Ceremonies
- complete a letter of application
- payable upon proof of acceptance into a post secondary program
- **selected by donor**

Estsék' Environmental Services LLP Science Scholarship: 1 @ \$500

- awarded to a graduate attending a post-secondary program with a focus in natural sciences
- students are required to prepare a minimum one page essay highlighting their genuine interest in sciences
- proof of paid post-secondary registration from the recipient will be required prior to payment of award
- **selected by donor**

Fund for a Worthy Student Bursary: 1 @ \$500

- awarded to a deserving graduate
- payable upon student forwarding proof of registration at post-secondary institution to School Board Office

***Kamloops Blazers: \$1000 for Trades & \$1000 for Academic**

- applicants must be active in the community in a volunteer capacity and dedicated to promoting a healthy and active lifestyle
- **due April 30, 2025 at Kamloops Blazers Office**
- **selected by donor**

Kamloops Honda Bursary: 1 @ \$500

- community and/or school involvement
- academic standing of C+ or better
- must be attending TRU
- proof of registration at TRU is required prior disbursement of the award

Kamloops Thompson Teachers' Association: Bert Lambert Memorial Scholarship:

1 @ \$1000 or 2 @ \$500

- awarded to a graduate who is a child of a KTTA member OR a student who is planning on pursuing a career in an education-related field
- **selected by donor**

Lynda Cairns Memorial Bursary: 1 @ \$250

- first preference is given to a graduate in foster care
- second preference is given to a graduate demonstrating financial need

***North Thompson Communities Foundation Bursary: 1 @ \$1000**

- awarded to a graduate pursuing a post-secondary education in the year following graduation
- two letters of reference
- funds will be awarded following proof of enrolment and fees being paid
- **Selected by donor**

Pharmasave Bursary: 1 @ \$500

- first preference will be given to students intending to enter the field of pharmacy
- second preference will be given to students studying health sciences
- the student must begin the post-secondary education program within twelve months of graduation
- **selected by donor**

Principals and Vice-Principals' Scholarship: 1 @ \$750

- awarded to a graduate who demonstrates strength of character
- **selected by donor**

Redman Family Memorial Bursary: 1 @ \$1000

- must be entering the field of forestry, agriculture, natural sciences, or a trades program
- **selected by the North Thompson Communities Foundation**

***Royal Canadian Legion Branch #259 Bursary: 1 @ \$1000**

- awarded to a child, grandchild, or great grandchild of an active member, veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces, retired or active member of the RCMP
- applicants must provide proof of registration in a full-time program at an established college, institution, or university, or proof of further development in their field under formal instruction
- award must be used within one year
- complete supplementary **application form**
- **interview required**
- **selected by donor**

Royal Purple Bursary: 1 @ \$250

- awarded to a graduate who is going on to study in the field of medicine and/or child development
- preference will be given to those students choosing a career in audiology or related field
- **selected by donor**

Sikh Temple Scholarship 1 @ \$750

- awarded to a graduate with a grade average of C+ or better
- proof of enrolment in a post secondary institution must be provided prior to disbursement of funds
- volunteer and community involvement an asset

Skye and Courtney Buck Memorial Bursary: 1 @ \$750

- has a good character with a positive outlook
- C+ average or better
- participates in athletics, student mentoring, or student tutoring
- demonstrates good community or school service, citizenship, and leadership
- **selected by donor**

Ted Richardson Memorial Bursary 1 @ \$2000 or 2 @ \$1000

- awarded to a graduate pursuing post-secondary education in natural resource management or trades
- awarded to a student that has demonstrated initiative and community service
- proof of enrolment required prior to disbursement of funds
- **selected by donor**

Wadlegger Logging and Construction Ltd. Bursary: 1 @ \$1000

- open to all students pursuing post secondary studies
- recipient is requested to write a **follow-up letter** within six months of starting post-secondary education describing his or her field of study and experience to date
- **selected by donor**

Wells Gray Medical Clinic: Dr. Cary Lam Memorial Scholarship: 1 @ \$1000

- awarded to graduate intending to pursue studies in a medical field
- student will have exemplified a spirit of social consciousness and community involvement
- **selected by donor**

Yellowhead Community Services Bursary: 1 @ \$1000 or 2 @ \$500

- awarded to a graduate of who is enrolled in a post-secondary program in healthcare, social service or trades
- proof of enrolment must be provided prior to disbursement of funds

***Access supplementary forms on the Clearwater Secondary School website. Select Path to Graduation, and then choose Scholarships and Bursaries.**

To indicate which scholarships/bursaries you are applying for, please go to this Google form: Scholarship Package (if link does not work, copy and paste into browser)

<https://forms.gle/SGjZk4kWhfWxTJcE7>



Clearwater Secondary School Scholarship & Bursary Awards Application

Deadline: May 1, 2025 – 9:00 AM

Name: _____
(First) (Last)

Address: _____
(Street Address)

PEN #: _____ - _____ - _____
(Personal Education Number)

_____, BC _____ - _____
(Town) (Postal Code)

Phone Number: ____ - ____ - ____

Intended Post-Secondary School and Program:

Program Start Date: _____

Application Procedure

**Submit one copy of completed single-sided application to Scholarship Committee Chairperson
Mrs. M. Giesbrecht**

LATE applications will NOT be accepted.

- 1) Read this package. Note specific criteria for each award and identify the awards for which you qualify.
- 2) *Carefully* complete the Clearwater Secondary School Scholarship & Bursary Awards Application.
- 3) Complete the Envelope Cover Sheet and staple to *outside* of 8 x 11 envelope.
- 4) Enclose the following with this application form *inside* the envelope in this order:
 - a) Cover letter of application (1 to 1.5 pages; **see cover letter template page**) addressing:
 - i) Post-secondary institution and program of study / future goals
 - ii) Academic achievement and awards
 - iii) School involvement and accomplishments
 - iv) Community involvement and accomplishments
 - b) Proof of registration and/or acceptance into post-secondary program (if available)
 - c) One letter of reference supporting the letter of application (unless specific award requires two letters)
 - d) Current Transcript Verification Report with specified Gr. 11-12 marks highlighted (see Mrs. Ross or Mrs. Panko at the main office)
 - e) Complete Google form
 - f) Supplementary application forms and/or compositions (if required)

Note: Donor application forms are available in the Appendix of this application form



Clearwater Secondary School Scholarship & Bursary Awards Application Grades Submission Section

Name: _____

Please obtain a copy of your Transcript Verification Report (TVR) from Ms. Ross or Mrs. Panko in the Main Office. The TVR will identify all courses attempted, completed, and in progress. On the TVR highlight the four grade 11 and four grade 12 courses with final grades, if available, specify on chart below and submit with your application package.

On the chart below, circle/list grade 11 and 12 courses and final grades as specified. For second semester courses, include midterm grades and ask teachers to initial grades.

Grade 11/12 Average Percentage

Grade 11 core courses	
English 11 _____	%
Social Studies 11 or 12 (circle) _____	%
Best Math 11 _____	%
Best Science 11 _____	%
Grade 11 (core) average percentage <i>School Counsellor Use Only</i>	%
English 12 or English First Peoples 12 (circle)	%
Top Grade 12 Electives:	
1. _____	%
2. _____	%
3. _____	%
<i>Note: excludes Teacher Assistant 12, Youth Work in Trades 12, Independent Directed Studies 12, External Credentials</i>	
Grade 12 (core/elective) average percentage <i>School Counsellor Use Only</i>	%
Grade 11/12 (core/elective) average percentage <i>School Counsellor Use Only</i>	%



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73
(Kamloops-Thompson)

School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson) Awards Common Application Form

Section 2: Activity Record - Required

Name: _____

IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Fine Arts, Athletics, Service Clubs, etc.

Activity Name Role and/or Duties	Grade Level:			Hours/ Week	Weeks/ Year	Total Hours
	12	11	10			

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Fine Arts, Athletics, Service Clubs, etc.

Activity Name Role and/or Duties	Grade Level:			Hours/ Week	Weeks/ Year	Total Hours
	12	11	10			

Please attach a separate sheet if needed.



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73
(Kamloops - Thompson)

School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson) Awards Common Application Form

Section 2: Activity Record - Required

Name: _____

RECENT WORK EXPERIENCE:

Please attach a separate sheet if needed.

AWARDS/CERTIFICATIONS RECEIVED Grade 8-12 (Academic, Athletic, Fine Arts, Contests, First Aid, etc.)

Please attach a separate sheet if needed.

Other things I consider important or accomplishments of which I am proud:

Please attach a separate sheet if needed.

Please insert TWO letters of Reference after Page 4 of your application



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73
(Kamloops-Thompson)

School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson) Awards Common Application Form

Section 3: Financial Need Statement For Bursary Awards

Name: _____

This section must be completed if you are applying for a BURSARY. Bursaries have specific requirements regarding evidence of financial need.

Directions: Please answer the following questions:

a. **Financial Need:** Is there a need to financially support this student for their post secondary expenses?

___ Y ___ N

b. **Rationale for Financial Support:** Please provide any information that will help the committee understand why this bursary funding is needed to support post-secondary expenses.

c. **Other Financial Supports:** Please outline any other financial support for post-secondary expenses this student is expecting to receive and approximately how much is expected. (i.e. summer employment)

I attest that the above information is true and correct: _____

(Applicant's Signature)

Please include this page with your application if you have completed it. BURSARY APPLICATIONS REQUIREMENT



Clearwater Secondary School
Scholarship & Bursary Awards Application
Envelope Cover Sheet

Due May 1, 2025 @ 9 AM

Student Name: _____

Date Submitted: _____

Please submit your application to the Main Office by the deadline and ensure you have included the following single-sided documents in your package:

- ✓ **Envelope Cover Sheet (stapled to outside of 8 x 11 envelope)**
- ✓ **Personal Cover Letter**
- ✓ **Proof of Acceptance into a post-secondary program (if available)**
- ✓ **One Letter of Reference unless two are required for specific awards**
- ✓ **Current Transcript Verification Report (TVR) with highlighted courses/marks used for average percentage.**
- ✓ **Supplementary documents for the following awards:**
 - Dr. Helmcken Memorial Hospital Health Care Auxiliary
 - Royal Canadian Legion Branch #259 Bursary
 - Canfor Good Things Come From Trees
 - North Thompson Communities Foundation
 - Clearwater Rapids Youth Soccer Association
 - CDMHA Donna Akers Sjodin Memorial Bursary
 - Kamloops Blazers Hockey Club Scholarship