



## Important Dates:

- The application portal for district and school scholarships will open in March 2025.
- All applications must be submitted online.



[2025 District Scholarships Application Form](#)

↑↑ Make sure you have the most up-to-date application form!

# District & Claremont Scholarships Handbook

The applications for the district scholarships listed in this handbook will be due online by April 25, 2025 11:59 pm (no exceptions). **Applicants must be graduating from Claremont in June 2025 to be eligible.**

## How to Apply

District Scholarship applications must be submitted online through the Claremont Website. An application portal will be available in the new year. You will be required to use your district Google account.

## What do I need to include:

For each application, you will need to upload the following into the application portal:

- A resume or curriculum vitae
- A copy of your transcript
- A cover letter that addresses the criteria of the award
- Copies of at least one reference letter (from a teacher or coach)
- Supplementary applications (if specified in the scholarship description).
- [District Application Form](#) - Not all scholarships require this form.

## FAQs

### 1. How Do I Write a Cover Letter?

Always customize your cover letter for the award. Not sure who you are writing to? Then address it to the [Scholarship Selection Committee](#)  
Click [here](#) for tips and a template.

### 2. How Should I Format My Resume?

Click [here](#) for tips on how to make a scholarship worthy resume.

### 3. How Do I Make My Writing Sound Impressive?

Click [here](#) for tips on how to wow the scholarship committee.

# The Scholarships

Please read the criteria for each award carefully. Some awards require additional information such as proof of acceptance to a post-secondary institution or reference letters from specific people.

Successful applicants will receive their scholarships and bursaries at the Claremont Awards Ceremony in June.

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## **BC Achievement Scholarship**

- Value: \$1250 Voucher
- Donor: BC Ministry of Education
- Students have up to 5 years to redeem this scholarship
- Criteria: The BC Achievement scholarship recognizes the 8,000 graduates with the top academic achievement in the province.
  - No application required.
  - Students will be informed in November following their graduation.
  - For the purpose of this scholarship, academic achievement is based on the subset of grades 10–12 courses that are used to meet graduation requirements (including electives).
  - Most students graduate with more credits than required; only the courses used to meet graduation requirements are considered.

## **Canadian Federation of University Women**

**Updated on April 1, 2025**

- Value: \$1500
- Donor: Canadian Federation of University Women
- Criteria: awarded to a female graduating student who demonstrates both academic merit and financial need. Applicants must:
  - provide a letter of confirmation of acceptance to a post-secondary institution and must begin studies the same year as she graduates.
  - provide a covering letter explaining her ambitions for post secondary education and how this award will be of value to her.
  - Open to all women including those who identify as part of the women's community.

## **Claremont Parents' Association Award - Citizenship**

- Value: \$500
- Donor: Claremont P.A.C.
- Criteria:
  - awarded to a student who has
    - contributed to the community through public service and voluntary endeavours.
    - commitment to improving the school community through volunteer work and active service.
    - gives freely of their time and resources and exhibits genuine interest in service learning or volunteerism.
    - demonstrates values of honesty, integrity, courteousness and respect.

- Must include:
  - Written reference from one teacher at Claremont Senior Secondary.
  - A recommendation from a community member, employer or service group.
  - [Application Form](#) - to type in this document, make a copy of it (File → Make a Copy).

## Claremont Parents' Association Award - Fine Arts

- Value: \$500
- Donor: Claremont P.A.C.
- Criteria:
  - Awarded to a student who
    - demonstrates superior understanding and passion for the Fine Arts.
    - is well-rounded, has demonstrated citizenship and has a positive attitude in the school environment.
  - Must include:
    - A reference letter from a teacher at Claremont
    - A reference letter, if applicable from, community member, drama or music teacher.
    - [Application Form](#) - to type in this document, make a copy of it (File → Make a Copy).

## Claremont Parents' Association Award - Leadership

- Value: \$500
- Donor: Claremont P.A.C.
- Criteria:
  - Awarded to a student who
    - takes initiative to organize and lead activities, committees, or events that benefit Claremont students, staff or the broader community.
    - presents commitment to inclusion; showing strong community-mindedness
    - exhibits respect, compassion and concern for the rights of all; work to involve other students in the life of school.
    - conducts oneself with honesty and integrity.
  - Must include:
    - A reference letter from a teacher at Claremont
    - A reference letter from a community member or coach
    - [Application Form](#) - to type in this document, make a copy of it (File → Make a Copy).

## Claremont Parents' Association Award - Trades & Technology

- Value: \$500
- Donor: Claremont P.A.C.
- Criteria:
  - awarded to a student who has
    - shown outstanding ability in Trades or Technology.
    - shown commitment to job skills/training for future employment after graduation.
    - enrolled in a discipline such as:
      - Business Education
      - Information Technology
      - Home Economics
      - Technology Education (Mechanics, Drafting, Wood and Metal work)
  - Must include
    - a reference letter from a teacher at Claremont.
    - [Application Form](#) - to type in this document, make a copy of it (File → Make a Copy).

## Cordova Bay Community Award

- Value: \$500
- Donor: Cordova Bay Association for Community Affairs
- Tenure: This is a one-time award intended to encourage a graduating student to pursue further education at a recognized BC Post-Secondary Institution.
- Criteria: This award will be awarded to a graduating student from Claremont Secondary School who meets the following criteria:
  - Is a resident of Cordova Bay. See [Map](#)
  - Is able to provide transcripts demonstrating grades appropriate to the entrance requirements of their chosen BC post-secondary program.
  - Is able to provide a letter of conditional acceptance from a BC Post-Secondary Institution for a post-secondary program that will commence in the Fall of their graduating year.
  - Is able to demonstrate commitment to the community, and that they possess good leadership skills.
  - Must not have received another scholarship of a value greater than \$2,000.00.
  - Is able to provide a cover letter that explains why they think they qualify for the award, giving specific examples, as to how they meet the criteria outlined above. A copy of this letter is to be provided to the President of the

Cordova Bay Association for Community Affairs before the awards ceremony.

- The successful candidate is required to write a letter to the Cordova Bay Association for Community Affairs to share how this award helped in their post-secondary studies.

## **Cordova Bay ȚEL,ILĆE / cəlítč First Nations Scholarship Award**

- Value: \$500
- Donor: Cordova Bay Association for Community Affairs
- Tenure: This is a one-time award intended to encourage students from ȚSÁNEĆ and ləkʷəŋən Nations to pursue further education at a recognized BC Post-Secondary Institution. The award is named after the original village site in Cordova Bay ȚEL,ILĆE (in SENĆOŦEN) cəlítč (in ləkʷəŋən), and the CBACA honours young peoples' connections to this place into the future.
- Criteria: This award will be awarded to a graduating student from Claremont Secondary School who meets the following criteria:
  - Is a member of the ȚSÁNEĆ or ləkʷəŋən First Nations community (ie: Tsawout, Tsartlip, Tseycum, Pauchaquin, Songhees, Esquimalt, or other closely related First Nation).
  - Is able to provide a letter of conditional acceptance from a BC Post-Secondary Institution for a post-secondary program that will commence in the Fall of their graduating year.
  - Is able to demonstrate commitment to their community, through work on their culture, language, leadership skills, or other teachings that connect to their community.
  - To demonstrate the student fits the criteria for this award, they must provide a cover letter that explains why they think they qualify for the award, giving specific examples, as to how they meet the criteria outlined above. A copy of this letter is to be provided to the President of the Cordova Bay Association for Community Affairs before the awards ceremony.
- During the calendar year of the receipt of this award, the successful candidate is requested to write a letter to the Cordova Bay Association for Community Affairs to share how this award helped in their post-secondary studies.



## Dianne Cross Award for the Arts

- Value \$750
- Donor: ArtSea Community Arts Council Society
- Criteria: To be awarded to a graduating student to further enhance study in the Arts in any or all of the following areas:
  - Painting
  - Sculpture
  - Fibre
  - Dance
  - Drama
  - Music
  - Voice
- Award can be used for artistic development such as tuition, lesson fees, instrument purchase or rental.
- Must include a letter of recommendation from current or previous instructor (inside or outside of school) stating the area of interest and level of ability

## District Authority Scholarships

**This year, Claremont will award 41 District Authority Scholarships**

Vouchers can be used at Designated Post Secondary Institutions (worldwide). Not sure if your institution is included? Check [HERE](#)

- Value: \$1250 voucher for post-secondary tuition
- Donor: BC Ministry of Education
- Students have up to 5 years to redeem this scholarship
- Applicants must be a
  - Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident
  - BC resident
- Criteria: Recognizes graduating BC students for excellence in their chosen area of interest or strength.
  - Students may apply for more than one category but can only receive one.

DISTRICT AUTHORITY SCHOLARSHIPS CATEGORIES:

Area of achievement	Examples
Indigenous Languages and Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Demonstrated at school or in the community</li></ul>
Fine Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Visual Arts, Dance, Drama, Music</li></ul>
Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Business, Technology, Home Economics, Information Communication Technology</li></ul>
Physical Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Athletics, Dance, Gymnastics, not limited to Physical Education</li></ul>
International Languages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• International Languages Curriculum or External Assessments, including AP and IB courses</li></ul>
Community Service (Volunteer Activity)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Includes awareness of local, global, and cultural issues</li></ul>
Technical and Trades Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Automotive, Robotics, Coding, Woodwork, Culinary Arts</li></ul>

## District Education Scholarship

- Value: \$500 x 2
- Criteria: Graduating full time student who demonstrates the following:
  - Excellence in academics , Involvement in extra-curricular
  - Participation in work experience and/or volunteerism in a “teaching” situation, i.e. Teacher assistant, peer tutor/helper, elementary school volunteer, lab/shop assistant, etc.
  - Has indicated a career path directed toward a goal of becoming a teacher (ECE, K-12 or College/University)
  - **Note:** If you do not have any work experience in a teaching situation, but believe you are a worthy candidate for the award, please apply.

## Ed Kubek Memorial Scholarship

- Value: \$1000
- About Ed Kubek:
  - Ed Kubek was a Biology and PE teacher at Claremont who passed away from cancer in 2008. He was especially passionate about rugby and coached at Claremont throughout his career.
- Criteria: Applicants must
  - Exhibit athletic participation in school sports
  - Demonstrate leadership, dedication & commitment in athletic participation
  - Provide proof of registration at post-secondary institution
  - Please note: all school athletes are eligible for this award; however consideration will be given to students who played on the school rugby team
  - Consideration will also be given to students who also demonstrate interest & high achievement in senior level biology

## Ed MacGregor Memorial Bursary Fund

This is a rotating Scholarship: Available to Claremont Grad Class 2025

- Value: \$2500
- About the award:
  - Ed MacGregor, the first Mayor of the District of Sooke and CRD Director, passed away while in office in March 2003, and the CRD Board established a bursary fund in his memory. The bursary funds are raised by all municipalities and electoral areas within the Capital Region, and the bursary is awarded on a rotating basis to graduating grade 12 students

from one of the school districts of Sooke, Greater Victoria, Saanich, or Gulf Islands.

- Criteria: Applicants must
  - demonstrate financial need for pursuing post-secondary education.

## **Forrest Owens Memorial Scholarship**

- Value: \$1400
- About Forrest Owens:
  - Forrest Owens was a well-respected leader in the peninsula community. He played a key role in training Central Saanich Fire Department members and led fire prevention and inspection programs for many years. Forrest was an Assistant Chief for the Central Saanich Fire Department and served the community as a firefighter for more than 35 years. He was dedicated to community service and was involved in many areas of the community. Before becoming a firefighter, Forrest was a Red Seal carpenter. He felt that this knowledge and experience helped him when he joined the fire department as he understood residential and commercial construction and the BC Building code requirements. Forrest was also a strong advocate for mental health awareness for first responders.
- Eligibility:
  - Those who reside in the Municipality of Central Saanich, Tsartlip First Nation, or Tsawout First Nation are eligible.
- Criteria:
  - To support outstanding School District 63 (Saanich) students who are pursuing further education or training in the field of firefighting, fire safety, medical/first responder, emergency management or public service. Consideration may be given for pursuit of a career in the field of construction.
- Students should demonstrate the following:
  - Good academic record, attendance and citizenship
  - Involvement in community activities, volunteer or service oriented work, sports achievement, etc.
  - Keen interest or specific skill in the area of endeavor.
- Supplementary Requirements:
  - Cover letter detailing future plans and goals and how this award is valuable to you
  - Proof of acceptance or registration in a post secondary program in one of the specialty areas listed above

## Harris and Company Law Scholarship

This is a rotating Scholarship: Available to Claremont Grad Class 2025

- Value: \$200
- Donor: Harris and Company
- Criteria: Highest mark in Law 12 (Final or estimated Final mark. Include your estimated mark on your application - must be signed by your Law teacher.

## Helen White Award

- Value: between \$500 - \$1000 (varies by year)
- Criteria: graduating Grade 12 student in School District 63 who has excelled in at least one course in Applied Skills at the grade 12 level (preference will be given to students in Home Economics).
- Applicants must have demonstrated:
  - good school citizenship
  - a hard working and responsible ethic
  - leadership by action and or example

## High Street Ventures Foundation Scholarship

New

- Value: \$800
- To support a graduating studying in Saanich School District pursuing education in the field of Construction Trades (carpentry, electrical, or plumbing)
- Criteria: students must have been accepted into a Foundation or Level 1 Program in their chosen field.
- Your cover letter should detail your future plans and goals in Trades / Jobs and Programs.

## I-SEA Youth Climate Activism Award

No longer a district scholarship.

- This has been replaced by the [National Youth Climate Activism Award](#)
- Applications can be sent directly to the link provided.

## Jan Heinrichs Memorial Scholarship

- Value: \$500+ (amount will vary)
- About Jan Heinrichs:
  - In 1992, Jan Heinrichs began building the distinct and powerful music program at Stelly's Secondary. During her 30 years at Stelly's, Ms Heinrichs instilled infectious excitement in her students for vocal, instrumental and

theatrical music. The passion for performance she brought to students, the schools, and the community reflected the life-changing impact that the ARTS can have. She cared about, believed in and gave opportunity to thousands of students, going above and beyond with her compassion and caring for each individual.

- Criteria: to be awarded to a graduating Saanich student who has participated in a school-based music or drama program, and who intends to pursue post secondary education. The student will have demonstrated passion, integrity, and leadership through the encouragement of others.
- Supplementary Requirements:
  - Cover Letter including (details of interests and achievements in the Arts; how their personal journey has been influenced by participating in a school-based music or drama program; and a statement of goals and plans to include the Arts in their future
  - A letter of recommendation from a Performing Arts teacher

## Joy Paquin Memorial Scholarship

- Value: \$1000 each
- About Joy Paquin
  - Joy Paquin is remembered for being a dynamic, dedicated, and caring elementary school teacher in the Saanich School district.
- Criteria: For a student entering full time post-secondary education whose education goal is to become a K-12 teacher.
- Applicant must demonstrate the following:
  - Excellence in academics
  - Pursuing a career as a teacher (K-12)
  - Acceptance at a post secondary institution in the same year as graduation
  - Involvement in extra-curricular and/or community activities
  - A separate statement, in paragraphs, of future plans and goals.

## Lobstick Foundation Trades Bursary

- Value: \$1000 x 2
  - 1 in the field of Health Care/ Nursing
  - 1 in the Trades
- Criteria: To support a graduating female student pursuing post-secondary education in **Health Care / Nursing** or in the **Trades**.
  - Additional consideration will be given to students who have faced financial hardship.

# Lockwood Family Foundation Scholarship

## New Scholarship!

- Value: \$2000
- Criteria: To support a graduating student in Saanich School District pursuing further education or training in the field of Trades / Construction. Acknowledges a student who has faced financial hardship and demonstrated a commitment to continue their education.
- Students should demonstrate the following:
  - Perseverance in achieving their academic goals; and
  - Acceptance to a post-secondary institution / training program.

# Marilyn Pinder Legacy Scholarship

- Value: \$500 x 2
- About Marilyn Pinder:
  - Mme Pinder began her teaching career in 1981, dedicating all but one year to the Saanich School District. She had a strong reputation for her sense of humour, her frankness and her love of all students, but especially those students who persevered and were able to overcome hardships of any kind. She also committed countless hours to promoting second language acquisition and shared her love of the French language with students, staff and parents throughout the district. This scholarship was created to honour Mme Pinder and her many achievements in life.
- Criteria: An outstanding student entering full-time post secondary education who has overcome challenges and intends to continue learning a second language.

# Monks Office Award

This is a rotating Scholarship: Available to Claremont Grad Class 2025

- Value: varies
- Criteria: To support an outstanding student entering full-time post secondary education. Awarded to a Saanich graduating student who:
  - Is registered in a BC public/independent or Distance Ed school
  - Has a C+ grade average or better, overall
  - Received 80% in 3 recognized courses in related areas of specialty in grade 11 and 12; and is
  - Pursuing environmental studies.
- Additional requirements:
  - students must include at least one letter of reference from a specialty area.

## Mosaic Forest Management Scholarship

- Value: \$1000
- Criteria:
  - graduating Indigenous student entering a forestry-related discipline (trades, technical, degree)
  - alternatively an Indigenous student entering a fisheries or other Natural Resource Management field.
  - must demonstrate strong leadership skills

## Nils Jensen Memorial Bursary Fund

This is a rotating Scholarship: Available to Claremont Grad Class 2025

- Value: \$2500
- About the Award:
  - Nils Jensen was a Councillor for 15 years on the Oak Bay Municipal Council before becoming the Mayor of Oak Bay in 2011, a position he held until 2018. Nils also served the broader community by acting as the Chair of the CRD Board and as Chair of the Regional Water Supply Commission for 12 years during which time he helped preserve water security for the region. Nils' family established a bursary fund in his memory which is administered by the CRD. The bursary is awarded on a rotating basis to a graduating Grade 12 student from one of the School Districts of Sooke, Greater Victoria, Saanich, or Gulf Islands.
- Criteria: applicants must demonstrate:
  - financial need for pursuing post-secondary education
  - an interest in environmental protection or water security

## Rotary Club of Sidney by the Sea Scholarship

- Value: \$1000
- Criteria: for a student who
  - In addition to strong academics, best embodies the club motto of "Service above Self" through their extra-curricular activities.
- Supplementary Requirements:
  - A letter which includes a description of your personal motivation for applying, background information, involvement in community work and/ or extra curricular activities, your chosen field of study , your plan of action to complete the program and future aspirations.
  - Proof of acceptance into a post secondary program



## Saanich Fruit Growers Scholarship

- Value: \$1000
- Criteria: To support an outstanding graduating student who has demonstrated:
  - Academic success
  - Volunteer work or work experience in agriculture, horticulture or land use
  - Intent to pursue work or further education in agriculture, horticulture, or land use.

## Saanich-Gulf Islands Green Party Scholarship

Updated on March 11, 2025

- Value: \$1000
- About the Award: The purpose of the scholarship is to acknowledge and celebrate students who value the principles of the Green Party of Canada.
- One student from Claremont will be awarded this scholarship.
- Criteria: Students will submit an essay of approximately 500 words. The essay must be the student's original work.
  - The content of the essay will focus on **one or two** of the six fundamental principles of the Green Party of Canada. These principles are:
    - Sustainability
    - Non-Violence
    - Social Justice
    - Respect for Diversity
    - Ecological Wisdom
    - Participatory Democracy
  - The essay should demonstrate the student's understanding of the principle/s and describe how the student applies it/them to their day-to-day life in a meaningful way.
  - The evaluators are looking for personal interest and commitment, in special projects or volunteering activities in which the student is engaged.
  - Written work to be submitted in PDF format.
  - Students must also submit a signed [honour pledge](#).

## Saanich Teachers Association Award

- Value: \$1000
- Criteria: for a student who
  - has expressed an interest in furthering their education past secondary school
  - has demonstrated leadership, within the school or community, in the area of interest they are planning to pursue after graduation

- has written a 250 word essay that explains their area of leadership and their educational goals
- Note: Payment of the scholarship will be made to the recipient upon proof of paid tuition within three (3) years of receiving the scholarship.

## **Sidney Rotary Club Scholarship**

- Value: \$1000
- Criteria: for a student who
  - will be attending a post-secondary institution in BC in the fall after graduation
  - has demonstrated a strong work ethic
  - Is very active in extracurricular such as the arts, athletics, student government, service clubs, volunteering, leadership, etc...
  - has not received any other scholarships.