

Important Dates:

- The application portal for school selected scholarships will open in mid February 2026.
- Deadline for applications: May 15, 2026
    - School selected scholarships must be submitted online
    - District selected scholarships must be submitted on paper to Ms. Tong

Every year, Claremont grads have access to approximately $90,000 in scholarships to be used towards post-secondary education. There are scholarships that recognize students for excellence:

- Academics
- Applied Skills
- Athletics
- Community service
- Environmental Stewardship
- Fine Arts
- Languages
- Leadership
- Trades

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be graduating from Claremont in June 2026.
- Some scholarships require applicants to be Canadian citizens. If the criteria does not specify citizenship or does not require a Social Insurance Number (SIN), then it is open to all, including international students.
- Students may apply for as many scholarships as they see fit.

What is the difference between a District Scholarship and a Claremont Scholarship?

District Scholarships

- All students in the Saanich School District (Claremont, Stelly's, Parkland, ILC and SIDES) can apply for **district scholarships**. The decisions will be made by committees formed at the SD63 board office.

- New This Year: Application packages for district scholarships must be printed out and submitted to Ms. Tong (room 323) before the deadline. Applications will not be accepted by email.

Claremont-based Scholarships

- Only Claremont students can apply for these scholarships. The decisions will be made by committees formed by Claremont staff members.
- Application for Claremont-based scholarships must be submitted online in the application portal located in the Claremont Scholarships Website

How Will I know if I am a Successful Applicant?

Scholarships will be awarded at the Awards Ceremony in June. All successful applicants will receive an email in early June along with an invitation to the Awards Ceremony.

Where Can I Find Information About Scholarships Offered in the Community?

Subscribe to Claremont Scholarships Update e-newsletter. Every week, new scholarship opportunities are posted. Check the archive of previous e-newsletters for scholarship information.



Community-based scholarships require students to apply directly to the organization sponsoring the scholarships.

What About Entrance Scholarships at Specific Universities?

Each university has its own criteria for entrance scholarships. Some do not require applications and others do. To find out, go to a university's website and use the following search terms:

- Entrance scholarships
- Scholarships and Bursaries

Can International Students Apply for Scholarships?

Most scholarships require applicants to have a social insurance number. International students can apply for any of the Claremont PAC scholarships, the Saanich-Gulf Islands Green Party scholarship and the Rotary Club scholarships.

District Scholarship Requirements

Eligible students across the Saanich School District will be competing for these awards. Each district scholarship application package requires the following:

1. A completed district scholarship application form
2. A cover letter introducing yourself and explaining why you are a strong candidate for the scholarship.
3. A resume or curriculum vitae that includes:
    a. Social insurance number
    b. Community service
    c. School service
    d. Work experience
    e. School achievements
    f. Extra curricular activities
4. At least one letter of reference from a specialty area* (teacher, coach, or supervisor)
5. Transcript of grades

* A specialty refers to the focus of the scholarship. For example, students applying for music scholarships should provide a letter of reference from a music teacher.

The following are district scholarships:

- Canadian Forces Family Scholarship
- Diane Cross Award for the Arts
- Forrest Owens Memorial Scholarship
- High Street Ventures Foundation Scholarship
- Jan Heinrichs Memorial Scholarship
- Joy Paquin Memorial Scholarship
- Lobstick Foundation Trades Bursary
- Lockwood Family Foundation Scholarship
- Marilyn Pinder Legacy Scholarship
- Nils Jensen Memorial Bursary (due May 9)

How to Submit Your District Scholarship Applications

Bring your completed application package to Ms. Tong in room 323 by May 15, 2026. Emailed applications will not be accepted.

Claremont Scholarship Requirements

The scholarships listed in this section are exclusively for Claremont students. Each application package requires the following:

1. A resume or curriculum vitae that includes:
    a. Social insurance number
    b. Community service
    c. School service
    d. Work experience
    e. School achievements
    f. Extra curricular activities
2. A cover letter introducing yourself and explaining why you are a strong candidate for the scholarship.
3. At least one letter of reference from a specialty area* (teacher, coach, or supervisor)
4. Transcript of grades

* A specialty refers to the focus of the scholarship. For example, students applying for music scholarships should provide a letter of reference from a music teacher.

<u>The following are Claremont-based scholarships</u>:

- Aaron Macri Memorial
- Canadian Federation of University Women
- Claremont PAC - Citizenship
- Claremont PAC - Fine Arts
- Claremont PAC - Leadership
- Claremont PAC - Trades & Tech
- Cordova Bay Community Award
- Cordova Bay ȾEL̓IŁĆE / c̓əl̓íl̓č First Nations Scholarship Award
- District Authority Awards
- District Education
- Ed Kubek Memorial
- Helen White Award
- Joe Nunn Award (CUPE 441)
- Monks Office Award
- Rotary Club of Sidney by the Sea
- Saanich Fruit Growers
- Saanich-Gulf Islands Green Party
- Saanich Teachers Association
- Sidney Rotary

How to Submit Your Claremont Scholarship Applications

Submit your completed applications online here.

Aaron Macri Memorial Scholarship

Applications to be submitted online (See Application Portal in the Claremont website)

- Value $500
- About Aaron Macri:
    - In 2000, Aaron Macri began his teaching career in the Saanich School District, first teaching at Stelly's and then at Claremont (where he spent most of his career as a social studies teacher). He was a passionate and dynamic teacher of social studies, Law 12, and History 12.
- Criteria: To be awarded to a grade 12 student who has excelled in grade 12 level social studies courses. Preference will be given to students who have taken both Law 12 and History 12, and who are pursuing further studies in Humanities.

Include the following in your application package:

- The requirements listed on page 5
- Proof of acceptance at a post secondary institution in the same year as graduation

BC Achievement Scholarship

No application required

- 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.
    - 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

Applications to be submitted online (See Application Portal in the Claremont website)

- Value: $1500 x 2
- Donor: Canadian Federation of University Women
- Criteria: awarded to a female graduating student who demonstrates both academic merit and financial need.
    - Open to all women including those who identify as port of the women's community.
    - Applicants must begin studies the same year as she graduates.
    - Applicants must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident

Include the following in your application package:

- The requirements listed on page 5
- A completed district scholarship application form
- a letter of confirmation of acceptance to a post-secondary institution
- A cover letter explaining her ambitions for post secondary education and how this award will be of value to her.

Canadian Forces Family Scholarship

Application packages to be submitted on paper (not electronically) to Ms. Tong

- Value: $1000
- Donor: SaskTel Pioneers
- Tenure: To support School District 63 (Saanich) students who are children or dependents of current or former members of the Canadian Armed Forces, and who demonstrate academic merit and school / community involvement.
- Criteria: Graduating full-time students who demonstrate the following:
    - Academic merit
    - Must be a child or dependent of a current or former serving member of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF)
    - Good character and involvement or support in the school or community as recognized by school teachers and staff, or community leaders
    - Preference will be given to a student pursuing post secondary education

Include the following in your application package:

- The requirements listed on page 4
- A letter of confirmation of acceptance to a post-secondary institution (if applicable)

- Proof of parent or guardian's service in the CAF, eg copy Military Service Identification Card, Veteran's Service Card or Certificate of Service

Claremont Parents' Association Award - Citizenship

Applications to be submitted online (See Application Portal in the Claremont website)
Open to International Students

- 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.

Include the following in your application package:

- The requirements listed on page 5
- Written reference from one teacher at Claremont Senior Secondary who can speak to your character.
- A reference letter 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

Applications to be submitted online (See Application Portal in the Claremont website)
Open to International Students

- 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.

Include the following in your application package:

- The requirements listed on page 5
- A reference letter from a teacher at Claremont who can speak to your character.

- A reference letter from an art, drama or music teacher (at Claremont or the community).
- Application Form: to type in this document, make a copy of it (File → Make a Copy).

Claremont Parents' Association Award - Leadership

Applications to be submitted online (See Application Portal in the Claremont website)
Open to International Students

- 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.

Include the following in your application package:

- The requirements listed on page 5
- A reference letter from a teacher at Claremont who can speak to your character.
- A reference letter from a community member or coach who can address your leadership qualities
- Application Form: to type in this document, make a copy of it (File → Make a Copy).

Claremont Parents' Association Award - Trades & Technology

Applications to be submitted online (See Application Portal in the Claremont website)
Open to International Students

- 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)

Include the following in your application package:

- The requirements listed on page 5
- A reference letter from a teacher at Claremont who can speak to your abilities in your chosen applied skills discipline.
- Application Form: to type in this document, make a copy of it (File → Make a Copy).

Cordova Bay Community Award

Applications to be submitted online (See Application Portal in the Claremont website)

- 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 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.
    - To see previous recipients: https://cbaca.ca/scholarships/
    - 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.

Include the following in your application package:

- The requirements listed on page 5
- Proof of conditional acceptance from a **BC Post-Secondary Institution** for a post-secondary program that will commence in the Fall of their graduating year.
- 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.

Cordova Bay ȾEL̓IŁĆE / c̓əl̓íɬč First Nations Scholarship Award

Applications to be submitted online (See Application Portal in the Claremont website)

- Value: $500
- Donor: Cordova Bay Association for Community Affairs
- Tenure: This is a one-time award intended to encourage students from W̱SÁNEĆ and lək̓ʷəŋən Nations to pursue further education at a recognized BC Post-Secondary Institution. The award is named after the original village site in Cordova Bay ȾEL̓IŁĆE (in SENĆOŦEN) c̓əl̓íɬč (in lək̓ʷəŋən), 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 W̱SÁNEĆ or lək̓ʷəŋən First Nations community (ie: Tsawout, Tsartlip, Tseycum, Pauchaquin, Songhees, Esquimalt, or other closely related First Nation).
    - Is able to demonstrate commitment to their community, through work on their culture, language, leadership skills, or other teachings that connect to their community.
- 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.

Include the following in your application package:

- The requirements listed on page 5
- Proof of conditional acceptance from a **BC Post-Secondary Institution** for a post-secondary program that will commence in the Fall of their graduating year.
- 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.

Dianne Cross Award for the Arts

Application packages to be submitted on paper (not electronically) to Ms. Tong

- 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.

Include the following in your application package:

- The requirements listed on page 4
- A completed district scholarship application form
- A letter of recommendation from current or previous instructor (inside or outside of school) stating your area of interest and level of ability

District Authority Awards

Applications to be submitted online (See Application Portal in the Claremont website)

Claremont will be awarding approximately 40 District Authority Awards across 7 different categories. The award is a voucher for $1250 that can be redeemed once students have paid their tuition at a designated post-secondary institution. 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.

Include the following in your application package:

- The requirements listed on page 5
- A completed district scholarship application form

District Authority Award Categories:

Area of achievement	Examples
Indigenous Languages and Culture	• Demonstrated at school or in the community
Fine Arts	• Visual Arts, Dance, Drama, Music
Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies	• Business, Technology, Home Economics, Information Communication Technology
Physical Activity	• Athletics, Dance, Gymnastics, not limited to Physical Education
International Languages	• International Languages Curriculum or External Assessments, including AP and IB courses
Community Service (Volunteer Activity)	• Includes awareness of local, global, and cultural issues
Technical and Trades Training	• Automotive, Robotics, Coding, Woodwork, Culinary Arts

District Education Scholarship

Applications to be submitted online (See Application Portal in the Claremont website)

- Value: $500 x 2
- Criteria: Graduating full time student who demonstrates the following:
    - Excellence in academics and 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.
    - 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.

Include the following in your application package:

- The requirements listed on page 5
- A completed district scholarship application form
- A cover letter that discusses your career path directed toward a goal of becoming a teacher (ECE, K-12 or College/University)

Ed Kubek Memorial Scholarship

Applications to be submitted online (See Application Portal in the Claremont website)

- 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
    - 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

Include the following in your application package:

- The requirements listed on page 5
- Proof of registration at post-secondary institution
- At least one reference letter from a coach who can speak to your participation in a school sport.
- A cover letter that outlines applicant's leadership, dedication & commitment in athletic participation

Ed Macgregor Memorial Bursary Fund

Applications to be submitted directly to Ms. Tong by MAY 6

- Value: $2500
- Donor: Capital Regional District
- About Ed Macgregor:
    - Ed MacGregor, the first Mayor of the District of Sooke and a 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 a graduating Grade 12 student from one of the School Districts of Sooke, Greater Victoria, Saanich, or Gulf Islands.

- Criteria: Graduating grade 12 student in School District #63 (Saanich) who is pursuing post secondary education. Recipient to be selected on the basis of financial need, scholastic achievement, and community leadership.
- Include the following in your application package:
    - The requirements listed on page 4
    - A cover letter that describes your scholastic achievement and community leadership. It should also clearly explain financial need. This bursary is intended for students who face significant financial barriers to attending post-secondary education. In your letter, please describe the circumstances that affect your ability to afford tuition, books, and related educational costs. Examples may include family financial responsibilities, limited income, unexpected expenses, or other factors that impact your ability to pursue further education without assistance.

Forrest Owens Memorial Scholarship

Application packages to be submitted on paper (not electronically) to Ms. Tong

- 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.

Include the following in your application package:

- The requirements listed on page 4
- 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

Helen White Award

Applications to be submitted online (See Application Portal in the Claremont website)

- Value: between $500 - $1000 (varies by year)
- Criteria: graduating Grade 12 student in School District 63 who has excelled in at least one course at the grade 12 level in Home Economics (Foods Studies, Textiles, or Catering)
- Applicants must have demonstrated:
    - good school citizenship
    - a hard working and responsible ethic
    - leadership by action and or example

Include the following in your application package:

- The requirements listed on page 5
- A reference letter from a Home Economics teacher

High Street Ventures Foundation Scholarship

Application packages to be submitted on paper (not electronically) to Ms. Tong

- 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.

Include the following in your application package:

- The requirements listed on page 4
- Cover letter detailing your future plans and goals in Trades / Jobs and Programs.
- Proof of acceptance into a Foundation or Level 1 Program in their chosen field.

Jan Heinrichs Memorial Scholarship

Application packages to be submitted on paper (not electronically) to Ms. Tong

- 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 Henrichs 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.

Include the following in your application package:

- The requirements listed on page 4
- 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

Joe Nunn Award

Applications to be submitted directly to the donors

- Value: $1000 x 3
- About Joe Nunn:

    - Joe Nunn's family was instrumental in building the early Saanich school district, and Joe worked for many years in SD 63 as a custodian.

- Criteria: This $1000 award will be given annually to three eligible applicants to support students pursuing a career in a unionized field. Examples of unionized careers include (but are not limited to): trades, health care (nursing, attendants), education (teachers, EAs, support staff), public service, and tourism (hotel and food services)
- The award is open to all students, but preference will be given to those whose parents or guardians are current or past members of CUPE Local 441.

Include the following in your application package:

- Proof of acceptance to a recognized post-secondary educational institution (university, trades, vocational or college). This is in the spirit of boosting our unionised workforce.
    - Candidates who submit proof of being placed on a waiting list for their program may be awarded the scholarship. They will have up to two years to submit proof of acceptance by providing copies of receipts of registration.
- Transcript of grades
- A cover letter outlining educational and vocational plans.
- Joe Nunn Award application form

Email completed application packages to vicepresident@cupe441.ca by April 30

Joy Paquin Memorial Scholarship

Application packages to be submitted on paper (not electronically) to Ms. Tong

- 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.

Include the following in your application package:

    - The requirements listed on page 4
    - Applicant must demonstrate the following:
        - Excellence in academics
        - Pursuing a career as a teacher (K-12)
        - Involvement in extra-curricular and/or community activities

- Proof of acceptance at a post secondary institution in the same year as graduation
- A separate statement, in paragraphs, of future plans and goals.

Lobstick Foundation Trades Bursary

Application packages to be submitted on paper (not electronically) to Ms. Tong

- 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.

Include the following in your application package:

- The requirements listed on page 4

Lockwood Family Foundation Scholarship

Application packages to be submitted on paper (not electronically) to Ms. Tong

- 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.

Include the following in your application package:

- The requirements listed on page 4
- Students should demonstrate the following:
  - Perseverance in achieving their academic goals; and
  - Proof of acceptance to a post-secondary institution / training program.

Marilyn Pinder Legacy Scholarship

Application packages to be submitted on paper (not electronically) to Ms. Tong

- 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.

Include the following in your application package:

- The requirements listed on page 4
- A cover letter that describes how applicant has overcome challenges and intends to continue learning a second language.

Monk's Office Award

Applications to be submitted online (See Application Portal in the Claremont website)

This is a rotating Scholarship: Available to Claremont Grad Class 2026

- 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
    - Specialty area examples include: science, humanities, IGS, mathematics, computer science, business, Fine Arts, etc...
  - Is pursuing environmental studies as an area of study.

Include the following in your application package:

- The requirements listed on page 5
- A completed district scholarship application form
- students must include at least one letter of reference from a specialty area.

Nils Jensen Memorial Bursary Fund

Applications to be submitted directly to Ms. Tong by MAY 6

- Value: $2500
- Donor: Capital Regional District

- About Nils Jensen:
    - 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: Graduating grade 12 student in School District #63 (Saanich) who is pursuing post secondary education. Recipient to be selected on the basis of financial need, and interest in environment protection or water security
- Include the following in your application package:
    - The requirements listed on page 4
    - A cover letter that demonstrates your interest in environment protection or water security AND clearly explains financial need. This bursary is intended for students who face significant financial barriers to attending post-secondary education. In your letter, please describe the circumstances that affect your ability to afford tuition, books, and related educational costs. Examples may include family financial responsibilities, limited income, unexpected expenses, or other factors that impact your ability to pursue further education without assistance.

Peace Essay Contest

Applications to be submitted online (See Application Portal in the Claremont website)
Open to International Students

- Value: First Prize $1000, Second Prize $500
- This year, the Greater Victoria Peace School has selected Claremont to host an essay contest.
- Criteria: for a graduating grade 12 student who writes the best essay on the theme of "Non-Violent Proposals to Advance Peace"
- Guidelines for the Essay
    - Maximum 700 words
    - Personal Essay or Journalistic Article
    - Must be written in a Google Doc so that revision history can be assessed.
    - You may want to also think about the dynamics of violence and power through other lenses, such as:

- your own experience, or that of family and friends, with an absence of peace or a lack of safety;
- the way society shares or distributes wealth, opportunity, and freedom;
- the various vulnerable groups in our community who may face discrimination and violence;
- the role of the entertainment and media industries and how can it be addressed;
- the statement by the UN Secretary General that making peace with nature is the top priority in the 21st century.

- Essays will be evaluated by the Peace Contest Committee which consists of teachers, community members and members of the Greater Victoria Peace School.

Rotary Club of Sidney by the Sea Scholarship

Application packages to be submitted on paper (not electronically) to Ms. Tong
Open to International Students
Note: The Rotary Club of Sidney by the Sea will select the recipient.

- 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.

Include the following in your application package:

- The requirements listed on page 5
- 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

Applications to be submitted online (See Application Portal in the Claremont website)

- 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

Include the following in your application package:

- The requirements listed on page 5
- A completed district scholarship application form
- A cover letter expressing intent to pursue work or further education in agriculture, horticulture, or land use.

Saanich-Gulf Islands Green Party Scholarship

Applications to be submitted directly to the donors
Open to International Students

- 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.

Application Requirements:

- Each applicant will fill out the SGI application form
- Send completed application packages to info@sgigreenparty.ca by April 30, 2026
    - The application must be submitted in PDF format.

Saanich Teachers Association Award

Applications to be submitted online (See Application Portal in the Claremont website)
Open to International Students

- 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

Include the following in your application package:

- The requirements listed on page 5
- A 250 word essay that explains applicant's 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

Applications to be submitted online (See Application Portal in the Claremont website)
Open to International Students

- Value: $1000 x 2
- 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...
- Recipients of the award are invited to volunteer with the Sidney Rotary Club at the Saanich Fair in August 2026.

Include the following in your application package:

- The requirements listed on page 5
- A cover letter that highlights how you have contributed to your community