



Establishment of the Bursaries

In order to establish the George Bonner Middle School Bursaries, George Bonner Middle School P.A.C. will deliver to School District No. 79 the amount of \$6000. Upon receipt of this contribution, the funds shall become the property of School District No. 79 (Cowichan Valley) to be used for the sole purpose of awarding the George Bonner Middle School Bursaries. The Bursaries will be entirely self-funded from the contribution and interest earned on the contribution, and School District No. 79 (Cowichan Valley) will act solely as the administrator of the Bursaries. The school district's financial responsibility shall be limited to the receipt and disbursement of funds. The Bursaries will only be awarded if sufficient funds are provided to School District No. 79 (Cowichan Valley) for the express purpose.

The Bursaries fund will be established and administered by:

Secretary-Treasurer
School District No. 79 (Cowichan Valley)
2557 Beverly Street, Duncan, BC, V9L 2X3

Eligibility:

The purpose of these Bursaries is to encourage and assist students in the attainment of higher education in any field. The bursaries are open to a graduating student of School District No. 79 (Cowichan Valley) who:

1. previously attended George Bonner Middle School for a minimum of one (1) year (proof of attendance required)*;
2. is proceeding to a training facility and enrolling in a program that will lead to a certificate or degree;
3. applies for the Bursary in the year they are graduating;
4. demonstrates a financial need;
5. provides proof of volunteer work** completed;
6. provides a letter of reference from a Community or School Staff member (non-family);
7. provides an essay on the person who has influenced his/her education the most and why he/she wishes to pursue the training he/she wishes to attend.

* Proof of attendance can be a photocopied report card

** Volunteer work may include community service, volunteer work completed in the school, volunteer work at a local Cowichan business, or any other volunteer related experience.

Selection Criteria:

School District No. 79 (Cowichan Valley) will contact the named George Bonner Middle School P.A.C. Representative below in order to create a selection committee from the former George Bonner Middle School P.A.C. members.

Should School District No. 79 (Cowichan Valley) be unable to contact the George Bonner Middle School P.A.C. representative, the School District No. 79 selection committee may exercise its discretion to select Bursary winners using the following criteria:

- ❖ Financial need of student
- ❖ Academic merit
- ❖ Confirmed volunteer assistance of any nature
- ❖ Confirmation of enrolment at George Bonner Middle School for a minimum of one (1) year

All four elements must be present and accounted for within the Bursary application in order for the student to be eligible for the George Bonner Middle School Bursary.

Award and Payment:

The payment of two (2) annual Bursaries of \$500.00 each will be made annually until the expiration of the fund.

In the final year, 2018/2019 school year, the selection committee will determine how to allocate the interest earned on the fund to date. Additional bursaries may be awarded according to the same criteria.

Should the fund have excess funds available once all awards have been issued, the selection committee reserves the right to dispense excess funds to a local School District No. 79 Elementary School P.A.C.

Applications will be accepted by the school and reviewed by the selection committee as previously defined.

Presentation of the Bursary will be performed by the selection committee:

The selection committee may, in any year, withhold the awarding of the Bursary if, in their opinion, no worthy candidate has applied. If a Bursary is withheld, it will be awarded the following year should a third suitable candidate apply for the Bursary.

The award will be paid to the student upon proof of registration and payment of course fees. Upon receipt of written request with a suitable explanation of circumstances, an extension of up to one year will be considered. The final decision will be at the sole discretion of the selection committee.