

KSS Grad 2026 Scholarship Booklet

This booklet will cover the different types of local and district awards available this year, as well as the process for how to apply, and the links to the applications.

Deadline: March 12, 2026 at 3:30pm
(unless otherwise specified in the individual award instructions)

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Group A Scholarships

Recipients are determined by our KSS Scholarship Committee (made up of KSS teachers, support staff, and admin). There are 40+ awards in this category.

To apply for these awards, you will complete one Group A scholarship application, which requires you to answer some questions and upload your scholarship letter, scholarship resume, and financial needs form (if applicable to your situation).

By submitting the Group A application, you will be considered for all the Group A awards for which you meet the criteria.

Group A award recipients' scholarship letters and resumes may be forwarded to the corresponding organizations (except for financial need forms - these will only be shared within the KSS Scholarship Committee). If you have any concerns about this, please reach out to Ms. Ririe (lririe@sd69.bc.ca) **before** the March 12th 3:30pm deadline.

Group B Scholarships

These awards are external and/or have additional requirements. As such, students must apply to each of the group B awards individually.

Some awards will link to an external application process (with their own deadlines), some will go to the KSS Scholarship Committee to shortlist and send along to outside organizations, and some we simply collect your applications to then send on to the outside organizations. The requirements for these scholarships will vary.

Group B award recipients' scholarship letters and resumes may be forwarded to the corresponding organizations (except for financial need forms - these will only be shared within the KSS Scholarship Committee). If you have any concerns about this, please reach out to Ms. Ririe (lririe@sd69.bc.ca) **before** the March 12th 3:30pm deadline.

Transcripts

If your application requires a transcript, your best option is a Diploma Verification Report (DVR). You will want one that shows your semester 1 final grades. If you do not already have a copy, please see any of the counselling team to have a copy printed or emailed to you. Please do this well ahead of the deadline!

Reference Letters

If your application requires reference letters, you will want to ask your references to write them as soon as possible. The person writing your references should be someone who can comfortably speak to your character, involvement, abilities, etc. It is considerate to give at least 2 weeks turnaround time for these. You should provide your references with your resume as well when you ask for the letters. **Do not leave these to the last minute.**

Scholarship Seminars

Ms. Ririe will be offering sessions during seminar to answer any questions and assist with scholarship applications on the following dates:

- February 11th
- February 18th
- February 25th
- March 11th

There will also be an after-school session for students who are not able to attend during the day (trades programs, Head Start, etc.) on February 12th at 6pm. Parents are welcome to join you for this one.

How to Write a Scholarship Letter:

Address – Address your letter to the KSS Scholarship Committee unless otherwise outlined in the scholarship you are applying for.

Introduce yourself clearly – state who you are, what you’re applying for, and your academic/career goals.

Read the criteria carefully – highlight what the scholarship values (leadership, community service, financial need, etc.) and make sure your letter directly shows evidence of those qualities.

Highlight your strengths and achievements – use specific examples rather than general statements. If you have been involved in organizations that highlight these, be sure to include them.

Be personal and genuine – share a brief story or reflection that shows your character, not just your résumé.

Edit carefully – keep it concise (2 pages max), follow all instructions, and proofread for clarity and professionalism.

How to Write a Scholarship Resume:

Keep it clear and concise – aim for one page with clean headings (Education, Experience, Leadership, Service, Awards, Skills).

Tailor it to the scholarship – include experiences and achievements that match what the selection committee values most.

Highlight impact, not just participation – show results using specifics (hours volunteered, money raised, teams led, awards earned).

Prioritize leadership and service – scholarships often value community involvement, initiative, and character as much as grades.

Include two references – list one school-based reference (teacher, counsellor, or coach) and one community/employer reference who can speak to your character and work ethic.

Proofread and format professionally – consistent fonts, bullet points, and zero spelling/grammar errors to show care and attention to detail.

Financial Needs Form (optional)

This form must be included if you wish to be considered for any awards that include financial need as part of the criteria. The form will only be shared with the KSS Scholarship Committee. It will not be sent to outside organizations. The form asks for information about your family’s financial situation. You do not have to answer all the questions, but the more context that we have, the better informed we are when shortlisting recipients for awards. Please speak with your parent(s)/guardian(s) to assess financial need and complete the form.

Group A Scholarships

Your Group A scholarship submission will cover you for **all** Group A awards. Deadline for submission is March 12th at 3:30pm. No late applications will be accepted.



Bard to Broadway Scholarship (\$1000)

Bill Dwyer Memorial Scholarship (\$2500)

- Priority will be given to a music student OR a student with history of civic or environmental engagement
- Academic achievement, citizenship, contributions in fine arts and/or civics
- Recipient will have two years to claim the funds.

Bow Horne Bay Community Club Scholarship (\$750)

- Academic achievement, volunteer work in school/community, preference given to applicants living in Bow Horne Bay Area
- Recipient will have two years to claim the funds.

District Authority Award Scholarships (multiple awards @\$1250 each)

- Excellence in a particular subject area as outlined on the scholarship application (Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies; Community Service (Volunteer Activity); Fine Arts; Indigenous Languages and Culture; Languages; Physical Activity (and Health); Technical and Trades Training.
- Students must reference their involvement in the above areas in their scholarship letter and/or resume.
- Recipients will have up to five years to claim the funds.

Donn Larsen Memorial Vocational Bursary (\$4000 – may be split)

- For students entering a trades, technology, or vocational field.
- Must be passing English Studies 12
- Minimum of 5 courses in the tech/trades areas
- Average grade point average of C+ or higher in 10-12 courses
- Exemplary work habits and cooperation with others
- Satisfactory attendance and punctuality
- Financial need (please include a financial needs form with your application)
- Recipient will have two years to claim the funds.

Echo Players Theatre – Joy Mackay Memorial Scholarship (\$1000)

- Students going into performing arts (either in post-secondary or have a plan to use the money to pursue training or career prep in the field)
- Recipients will have one year to claim the funds.

Fred Heringa Memorial Bursary (\$2000)

- Applicants must be new Canadian citizens
- Recipient will have two years to claim the funds.

Knox United Church (\$1000)

- Indigenous student going into a post-secondary or trades program
- Financial need

Masonic Lodge Bursary (\$1500)

- Satisfactory achievement
- Good citizenship
- Financial need
- Recipient will have until December 31, 2026 to claim the funds.

Merlyn Patten & Peggy Cromer Memorial Fine Arts Bursary (\$250)

- First consideration will be to students entering into art, graphic design, or costume/textile design. If there is no such applicant, students entering theatre or dramatic arts will be considered.
- Satisfactory achievement
- Good citizenship
- Financial need (please include a financial needs form with application)
- Recipient will have 18 months to claim funds.

Mid-Island Co-Op Scholarship (one @ \$1500; one @ \$1000)

- Having a family member that is a Mid-Island Co-Op member in good standing
- Satisfactory academic achievement
- Recipient will have one year to claim funds.

Mosaic Forest Management Scholarship (\$1000)

- Self-identified Indigenous graduating student
- Pursuing full-time studies in the field of forestry or other resource management related fields at a post-secondary institution (degree, diploma, or trades). Studies in fisheries may also be considered.
- Must demonstrate strong leadership qualities.
- Recipient must be registered and begin a post-secondary program within 4 years of high school graduation to claim this award.

Mount Arrowsmith Teachers Association Scholarship (\$1000)

- Satisfactory academic achievement (C+ or higher in 10-12 classes)
- Preference will be given to applicants entering the teaching profession. If there are no such applicants, students entering other university faculties will be considered
- Recipient will have two years to claim funds.

Nanaimo Airport Commission Scholarship (\$1000)

- Satisfactory record of achievement
- Interest in pursuing studies in an eligible field of study
 - Commercial pilot or private pilot
 - Aviation Maintenance, Engineering or Aerospace Engineering
 - Related airport service fields of study including Tourism, Business Administration, Airport Management
 - Trades programs
 - Sciences

Norm Duncan Legacy Scholarship (\$1200)

- Outstanding dedication and achievement in academics, music, applied arts, or any combination of these
- Positive role model
- Community-minded and shows concern for others
- Recipient will have two years to claim funds.

Order of the Eastern Star Scholarship (\$350)

- Must be entering a technical or trades program on Vancouver Island
- Satisfactory academic achievement
- Must have had Canadian citizenship for a minimum of two years
- Recipient will have two years in which to claim the funds.

Parksville/Qualicum Fish & Game Association Scholarship (\$1500)

- Must be entering post-secondary studies in the area of wildlife management, environment management or biological sciences.
- Academic achievement
- Citizenship and contribution to school activities
- Recipient will have two years in which to claim the funds.

Peter Crozier Construction Trade Scholarship (\$1000)

- Students going on to attain a construction trade qualification
- Grade point average of C+ or higher (in 10-12 classes)
- Exemplary work habits and cooperation with others
- Satisfactory attendance and punctuality
- Financial need (please include a financial needs form with application)
- Recipient will have two years to claim funds.

Qualicum Bay Lions Club Scholarships (\$1000)

- Preference to a student that lives in Area H (QB, Bowser, Deep Bay)
- Academic achievement
- Involvement in school and community activities
- Recipient will have two years to claim funds.

Qualicum Beach Honors Society Scholarship (\$1000)

Qualicum Beach Chamber of Commerce Jim Story Memorial Scholarship (2 @ \$500)

Qualicum Principals & Vice-Principals Association Bursary (\$500)

- Preference given to applicants pursuing a career in education
- Academic achievement
- Leadership, service, active involvement in many aspects of school life
- Recipients will have one year in which to claim the funds.

Qualicum Principals & Vice-Principals Association Scholarship (\$1000)

- Preference given to applicants pursuing a career in education
- Academic achievement
- Leadership, service, active involvement in many aspects of school life
- Recipients will have one year in which to claim the funds.

Quality Foods Scholarship (\$1500)

- Proceeding to a post-secondary institution in a business field.
- Evidence of academic achievement and good citizenship.
- Recipients will have two years in which to claim the funds.

Rotary Club of Qualicum Beach Scholarships (Amount TBC)

- Outstanding skills and accomplishments in their specific area (academic or vocational)
- Good citizenship
- Resident of District #69 for at least two years (this condition may be waived at the discretion of the KSS Scholarship Committee)
- Recipient will have two years in which to claim the funds.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #211 (Bowser) Scholarship (Amount TBC)

- Must have affiliation with a war veteran, a member of the Armed Forces, or an active member of the Canadian Legion Branch #211. First consideration will be given to students living in Area H (Qualicum Bay, Bowser and Deep Bay).
- Academic achievement
- Qualities of leadership in school and community affairs
- Such other qualities which indicate special achievement or promise
- Must be attending post-secondary in BC only
- Recipients of this bursary will receive the award upon graduation from Qualicum Secondary School. The funds are meant to assist with financial difficulties at the discretion of the recipient.

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- Financial need
- Academic achievement
- Qualities of leadership in school and community affairs
- Such other qualities which indicate special achievement or promise
- Must be attending post-secondary in BC only
- Recipients of this bursary will receive the award upon graduation from Kwalikum Secondary School. The funds are meant to assist with financial difficulties at the discretion of the recipient.

Sarah Bloor Achievement Award (\$1000)

- Leadership, school spirit, and contribution to school community
- Grade point average of C or better (10-12 classes)
- Financial need (please include a financial needs form with application)

Sound Investments Scholarship (\$500)

- Priority will be given to a student who is actively involved in the curling community, preferably the Junior Curling Program at the Qualicum Curling Centre
- If no applicants meet the above criteria, any grad pursuing a career in business will be considered
- Recipient will have two years in which to claim the funds.

Susan Gardner Hoheisel Memorial Scholarship (\$1000 – may be split)

- Must be pursuing studies in social work, child & youth care, family counselling, or psychology
- Satisfactory academic achievement
- Citizenship
- Contribution to community and extra-curricular activities
- Recipient will have two years in which to claim the funds.

Tigh-Na-Mara Resort Scholarships (2 @ \$500)

- Must be an employee of Tigh-Na-Mara Resort and have been so for a minimum of 3 months (including passing probationary period at time of application)
- Satisfactory academic achievement may be determining factor for applicants with equal length of employment with Tigh-Na-Mara
- Recipients will have two years in which to claim the funds.

Twidale Foundation Vocational Bursary (2 @ \$2500)

- Priority given to a student pursuing horticulture, agriculture, or culinary arts in post-secondary.
- Citizenship & contribution to school community
- Financial need (please include a financial needs form with application)
- Recipients will have two years in which to claim funds.

Group B Scholarships

Your Group A application does not cover you for any Group B awards (below). You must apply to each of these individually. **Deadline is March 12, 2026 at 3:30pm unless otherwise stated.**

[BC and Yukon Provincial Council – Molly Boucher Bursary](#) (\$2000)

- Deadline: April 30th 2026

[BCGEU Scholarships & Indigenous Scholarships](#) (Multiple at \$1500 and \$2500)

- Deadline: February 15th 2026

[BC Hydro Power Pioneers Community Service Awards](#) (\$500)

- Deadline: March 31st 2026

[Board of Education District Scholarship](#) (\$2000)

[British Columbia Retired Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association \(BCRPVPA\)](#) (\$1000)

- Deadline: March 31st 2026

[Canadian Federation of University Women Scholarship](#) (\$2000)

[Church of the Ascension Catholic Women's League Scholarship](#) (\$1000)

[Coastal Community Scholarships](#) (\$2000)

[Coombs Farmers Institute Scholarship](#) (\$3000)

[CUPE Local 3570 \(Qualicum\) Bursary](#) (\$500)

[Diocese of Victoria – Awards and Bursaries](#) (Various amounts)

- Deadline: July 15th 2026

[Jeff Nabseth Memorial Scholarship \(Oceanside Minor Hockey Association\)](#) (\$1000)

[Kip Lindsay Memorial Scholarship \(Oceanside Football Club\)](#) (\$500)

[Knights of Columbus, Ascension Council No. 7991 Bursary](#) (Amount TBC)

[MainRoad Bursary \(\\$500\)](#)

[Mike Jiggins Memorial Scholarship \(\\$900\)](#)

[Oceanside Minor Baseball Association Scholarship \(\\$500\)](#)

[Oceanside Classical Concerts 2026 Scholarship \(\\$3500\)](#)

- Deadline: April 30th 2026

[Oceanside Retired Educators Scholarship \(\\$1000\)](#)

[BC Pathway to Education Teacher Scholarships \(\\$5000\)](#)

- Deadline: February 17th 2026 @ 3pm

[Oceanside Music – Sylvia Paish Memorial Scholarship \(\\$500\)](#)

[Parksville Quilt House Quilters' Guild Scholarships \(\\$1500\)](#)

- Deadline: April 7th 2026

[Silver Spur Riding Club Scholarship \(\\$500\)](#)

[Stanley Chong Senior Umpire Scholarship \(\\$500\)](#)

[Victoria Diocesan Catholic Women's League Bursary in Memory of Freda Smith \(\\$750\)](#)

- Deadline: March 31st 2026



BURSARY FORM

Mainroad Group is pleased to offer a Kwalikum Secondary student interested in pursuing a future in trades a \$500 bursary.

ELIGIBILITY

Must be a student of Kwalikum Secondary (full-time, currently enrolled) that is interested in pursuing a future in trades at a Post Secondary Institution.

TRADES

Includes but not limited to fields of study; Heavy Duty/ Automotive Mechanic, Safety, Carpentry, Electrician, Industrial Warehousing, Piledriver, Bridgeworker or Class 1/3 Drivers License.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to submit one of the following:

Essay
PowerPoint Presentation
Video Submission
Vision Board

WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW

Tell us about yourself!

Why trades?
Your personal and professional goals you hope to achieve?

SUBMISSION

The deadline is **March 30th, 2026**
Please submit your application by email to **hr@mainroad.ca**
Subject line: Kwalikum Park Secondary Bursary Form - (Your Name)

Please note the successful student will be notified in early June.

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