



New  
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Schools

**NEW WESTMINSTER  
SECONDARY SCHOOL**

**2026**

**LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP  
&  
BURSARY AWARDS BOOKLET**

## **LOCAL AWARDS, BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

The community of New Westminster generously supports graduating Grade 12 students at New Westminster Schools (SD40) by providing financial support for post-secondary education through various scholarships, bursaries, and awards.

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### **GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR APPLYING FOR LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES:**

- **Eligibility:** Students must be enrolled in their Grade 12 year (including CLC12) to qualify for scholarships and bursaries. Carefully read the requirements listed in the description of each award. Make sure that you meet ALL the criteria specified for the awards to which you apply. (Please note: If your application does not address the criteria for the scholarship or bursary you will not be considered for that award.)
- **International Students** are eligible for some specific awards which are clearly identified.
- **Landed Immigrants and Canadian Citizens** may apply for any award for which they qualify.
- Students who are short credits for graduation and will be returning to take classes, may only apply if they have **NOT** applied for scholarships or bursaries in a previous year.
- Make sure any school or community involvement described is authentic and can be verified, as these may be checked.
- **Submit your applications to the NWSS office on or before the deadline of Monday February 23rd, at 12:00 Noon. Incomplete and/or late applications will not be accepted.**

**Please note that the school will not provide photocopies for you.**

## **1. Instructions for Internal Award Applications (1 – 21)**

(Internal award winners are chosen by a committee of NWSS staff members.)

- a. Complete and **print** the “**NWSS Internal Scholarships and Bursary Application Form**” (a fillable form is available on the NWSS website), **Parent Consent Form**, and **Bubble Sheets**. Do not print the bubble sheets or other forms “back-to-back”. Each form must be on a separate sheet of paper!) These are not to be submitted electronically. Ensure that you meet **ALL** the criteria required for the specific awards for which you apply. Please note: If your application does not address the criteria for a particular award, you will not be considered for that award.
- b. There is no need to attach a transcript (grades will be supplied to the selection committee by the counselling office).
- c. Complete a copy of the Internal Awards Bubble Sheet. Remember to fill in the ● circle on the bubble sheet for each award for which you are applying.
- d. Please note: Your Social Insurance Number is required to issue cheques to award recipients.

## **2. Instructions for External Award Applications (101 – 153)**

(External award winners are chosen by the donors of each award.)

- a. Each external award requires an individually typed letter.

**DO NOT INCLUDE THE NWSS INTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARY APPLICATION FORM USED FOR INTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS.**

- b. Each letter **must** include your student number, name and phone number, and the **number** and **name** of the award on the top right corner.

- c. Carefully review the criteria for each award. Depending on the criteria for the award, your letter **may** include:
- Your service to the school and community (provide approximate number of hours)
  - Your post-secondary goals
  - Your talents and hobbies
  - Areas of strength in your studies
  - Description of financial need
  - Previous school
  - Involvement in a particular group

**Ensure that you address ALL criteria for the specific award in your letter of application to the donor.**

- d. References should be attached **ONLY** when requested. Attach a separate page with contact information (name, address, email address, telephone numbers) of two people.
- e. Transcripts should be attached **ONLY** when requested. Obtain a copy of your transcript from the Ministry of Education website: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates/transcripts>
- f. Remember to attach to your letter **EVERYTHING** requested in the award description.
- g. If the award requires an interview, you will be contacted **only** if you have been short-listed for the award.
- h. Complete the External Awards Bubble Sheet. Remember to fill in the ● circle on the bubble sheet for each award for which you are applying.

**Please note:** If you are not applying for any External Awards, there is NO need to print the bubble sheet for the External Awards.

**Please do not print your bubble sheets “back-to-back”.  
Each bubble sheet must be on a separate sheet of paper.**

### 3. Submitting Your Applications

Applications Are Not to Be Sent Electronically – **Print All Forms Required.**

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**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION PACKAGE IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:**

**Paperclip together:**

- Internal Awards Bubble Sheet (Awards 1 - 21)
  - External Awards Bubble Sheet (Awards 101-153)
  - Privacy Statement & Consent Form signed by a parent or guardian.
  - NWSS Internal Scholarship and Bursary Application Form
  - External Award applications in numerical order, paper-clipped together.
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Please do not put the letters of application in an envelope  
and do not fold letters of application.

**Clip the entire package together in the above order  
before handing in to the NWSS Office. If your package is  
large, you may bind it with an elastic band.**

**Please do not use staples!**

Please do not Submit Your Application Electronically.

**Submit your application to the NWSS Office on or before  
the deadline of**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026, AT 12:00 NOON**

**There will be NO exceptions to this deadline. Late  
applications will NOT be accepted!**

## **INTERNAL AWARDS**

<p><b>1: Artona Group Bursary</b> This bursary is open to all graduating students at New Westminster Secondary School and who demonstrate a financial need. Students pursuing an education in photography, video arts or visual arts will be given preference.</p>	<p><b>3 @ \$1,000</b></p>
<p><b>2: Bill Ranford Hockey Award</b> The recipient of this award must have participated in the New Westminster Secondary School Hockey Academy, be in good academic standing and have volunteered in the Community. The Pooni Group Foundation is the donor of this award and also a NWSS Alumni. The recipient must represent values of the foundation and of the Alumni.</p>	<p><b>\$500</b></p>
<p><b>3: C. Morrison Success Award Scholarship</b> To be awarded to a student in with diverse learning needs and a Ministry designation.</p>	<p><b>\$500</b></p>
<p><b>4: Douglas College Moriguchi City/New Westminster 30th Anniversary Scholarship</b> An entrance scholarship award for a New Westminster Secondary School student demonstrating excellence in Japanese studies. The recipient may be attending a post-secondary institution other than Douglas College.</p>	<p><b>\$845</b></p>
<p><b>5: Duke of Connaught High School Memorial Scholarship</b> This award will be given to a student continuing their studies at a post-secondary institution. The student must demonstrate high scholastic achievement with a B+ average and is presently on a Senior Athletic Team.</p>	<p><b>\$500</b></p>
<p><b>6: Ecole Glenbrook Middle School Legacy Bursary</b> This bursary is open to graduating students who completed their Grade 8 year at Ecole Glenbrook Middle School and are pursuing post-secondary education. The recipient should have served the New Westminster community and/or school in some volunteer capacity.</p>	<p><b>2 @ \$500</b></p>

<p><b>7: Eva Dien Brine Markvoort Memorial Scholarship/Burnaby Civil Employees' Union, Local 23 CUPE</b></p> <p>This scholarship is open to a NWSS graduating student who has participated in the NWSS drama program and who will attend a post secondary institution theatre program (either college or university). Students must be involved in the school and demonstrate a financial need.</p>	<p><b>\$1,000</b></p>
<p><b>8: Harbhajan Kaur Pooni Award for Kindness</b></p> <p>A grade 12 student who has shown extraordinary amounts of kindness to their peers and community. The Pooni Group Foundation (<a href="http://www.poonigroupfoundation.com">www.poonigroupfoundation.com</a>) is the donor of this award and Pooni Group's President, Gary Pooni, is an NWSS Alumni. The recipient must represent values of the Foundation.</p>	<p><b>\$500</b></p>
<p><b>9: Heritage New West- Maureen Arvanitidis Achievement Award</b></p> <p>Honoring the Society's longest serving board member for her dedication to heritage conservation and community service in New Westminster. Student must demonstrate: a commitment to contributing positively to NWSS school culture and/or the City of New Westminster. A strong interest in history, heritage, culture, architecture, or community preservation, and/or meaningful involvement in related courses, projects, or volunteer work; and show financial need. Good academic standing: and community engagement.</p>	<p><b>\$500</b></p>
<p><b>10: Hiel Café Bursary</b></p> <p>This award is intended to support a student from a low-income family who demonstrates strong character, commitment to learning, and a genuine desire to improve themselves and their community. The ideal recipient is a student who has faced financial challenges but continues to show perseverance, responsibility, and a positive attitude towards school.</p>	<p><b>3 @ \$300</b></p>
<p><b>11: Judy Wilson Award for the Arts</b></p> <p>A student pursuing a post-secondary degree in the arts- visual, literary, dramatic arts, etc. B average and above, community presence and financial need. The Pooni Group Foundation (<a href="http://www.poonigroupfoundation.com">www.poonigroupfoundation.com</a>) is the donor of this award and Pooni Group's President, Gary Pooni, is an NWSS Alumni. The recipient must represent values of the Foundation.</p>	<p><b>\$500</b></p>

<b>12: Khalsa Diwan Society, New Westminster Scholarship Award</b> Applicants should be literate in Punjabi. The award will be presented to the selected candidates at the Gurdwara Sahib upon proof of registration at university, B.C.I.T, or college.	<b>3 @ \$300</b>
<b>13: Lalli Bursary</b> This bursary is donated in honor of Phuman Singh Lalli; his wife, Pridam Kaur; their son, Karnail; grandson, Sarbjit; and granddaughter, Parmjit Kaur. Applications are invited from students with a clearly defined need, wishing to pursue further education.	<b>2 @ \$500</b>
<b>14: M. A. Quinlan Award</b> The student must be academically strong, have good goals and be inclined to better their school and community. The applicant must be an all-around good student who is involved in outside activities. Preference will be given to a student with financial need.	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>15: New Westminster Principals &amp; Vice-Principals Association Award</b> Applicant must have honor roll status, proven leadership abilities, and post-secondary educational plans.	<b>2 @\$1,000</b>
<b>16: New Westminster Retired Teachers' Association Bursary</b> This bursary will be awarded to a student who intends to pursue a career in teaching (elementary, or secondary, special needs classes, early childhood education, etc.). Service to the school and community must be demonstrated by the applicant.	<b>\$800</b>
<b>17: Queen's Park Dental Scholarship</b> This student will have no less than a C+ average in Grades 11 & 12. They must have a strong involvement in extracurricular school and community activities, as well as plans to pursue a post secondary education. The applicant must also show financial need, but emphasis will be placed on school and community involvement.	<b>\$1,000</b>



<b>18: Reverend Dr. Vasant &amp; Mrs. Bhanu Saklikar Memorial Scholarship</b> A student graduating from NWSS who has plans for pursuing post-secondary studies at an accredited educational facility, and who demonstrates, through her/his extra curricular activities, at school and in the community, an avid interest in social justice and who demonstrates as part of their application, in a letter accompanying their submission, how they plan to show compassion towards others less fortunate, will be considered for this scholarship. Attach to Internal Bubble Sheet.	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>19: Robert Forrest Hagen Memorial Scholarship</b> This scholarship will be awarded to a student who is actively involved in athletics, the arts or science. The student must demonstrate school spirit and leadership within the school.	<b>\$500</b>
<b>20: Royal Westminster Regiment Association Bursary</b> Candidates should be currently serving as a member of The Royal Westminster Regiment or The Royal Westminster Cadet Corps or a descendant of anyone who served with the regiment (son, daughter, grandchild, brother, or sister) and must have maintained a C+ average or better. The candidates will demonstrate outstanding citizenship (particularly in school affairs) and will be enrolling at a BC university, regional college, or a diploma (2 year) course at BCIT.	<b>\$500</b>
<b>21: Sherri Hoeflicker Bursary</b> Selected candidates must be attached to an alternate program (Sigma, Power) and graduating. Also, successful candidates must be pursuing a post-secondary education.	<b>4 @ \$1,000</b>

### **End of Internal Awards**

**Only ONE application is required for Awards 1 – 21**

**You MUST mark all numbers for which you are applying on the  
INTERNAL Awards Bubble Sheet**

## **EXTERNAL AWARDS**

**A letter is required for EACH Award**

<b>101: Anita Hagen Community Service Award</b> This award is open to all graduating students, whether they wish to pursue further studies. It is not linked to academic performance. Applicants must showcase at least 100 hours of volunteer community service over Grades 11 and 12, outside of sports-related volunteering. Please include a 400-word letter detailing what motivated you to choose the volunteer organization(s) or group(s) you served, what you did in your volunteer capacity, how your service has helped the community, and how volunteering has shaped and benefited you as a person. Include contact information for at least one character reference. Applicants should take time to learn about Anita Hagen and her role in the community of New Westminster.	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>102: Arts Council of New Westminster – Hilda Cliffe Scholarship</b> This scholarship is open to students who excel in performing, literary or visual arts and proceed to a post-secondary institution to pursue their discipline. The application should include an outline of past and present involvement with arts, describing future goals and demonstrating volunteerism in the arts community.	<b>\$800</b>

<p><b>103: Barbara McKay Scholarship</b>  An all-round female student proceeding to a university, or a diploma-granting institution will be considered. Preference may be given, but not limited, to those going to a BC university or institution. Candidate must have attended NWSS for a minimum of two years, achieved high academic standing in all Grade 11 and 12 courses, and contributed in an outstanding way to the school and community. A transcript is required. <u>2 letters of recommendation from the sponsor of the school and community activities, as well as a clear statement of intended educational plans and documentation of courses and grades <b>MUST</b> be included in the application.</u> Applicants should have an awareness as to Barbara McKay's association to New Westminster Secondary School.  <b>AN INTERVIEW IS REQUIRED.</b></p>	<p><b>2 @ \$750</b></p>
<p><b>104: Bill Radbourne Memorial Bursary</b>  The student applying should have a <b>minimum of 100 volunteer hours</b> supporting the community in a variety of ways. The volunteer hours should not include work hours or service/leadership to the school.</p>	<p><b>\$500</b></p>
<p><b>105: Brian James Wright Scholarship</b>  This award is for a graduating student who will demonstrate that they have been a positive influence and has shown leadership, enthusiasm, citizenship, volunteerism, talent and dedication in a band, music or performing arts program. The applicant will also demonstrate average or above average academic achievements and have plans to continue to post-secondary education in any field. The letter must state how the above criteria was met and include details of school and extra-curricular activities – plus future goals and plans. Two letters of support are required: one from a performing arts teacher (band, music, drama, etc.), and one from another NWSS staff member. A transcript is required.  <b>AN INTERVIEW MAY ALSO BE REQUIRED.</b></p>	<p><b>\$500</b></p>
<p><b>106: Canadian Parents for French, New Westminster Chapter French Immersion Award</b>  The recipient of this award will be a French Immersion student with good scholastic achievement. The application for the award should include a letter outlining the student's school and community involvement and explaining how the student has demonstrated an interest in French outside the classroom. They may include any plans for future studies in French, although this is not a specific qualification for the award. Preference will be given to any applicant who has, or whose immediate family has held a continuous current membership in Canadian Parents for French, New Westminster Chapter (CPF) for the prior 2 years. <u>If the student applying, is a CPF member, the application must include the student's family CPF membership number, expiry date, and the name(s) of parent(s) or CPF members.</u></p>	<p><b>2 @ \$500</b></p>

<b>107: Century House Association Bursary</b> This bursary is open to students (Canadian citizens and permanent residents only) graduating with a grade average of C+ or better. Application letters should include a paragraph stating what you know about Century House and a separate sheet describing your volunteer experience, both at school and in the community from Grades 10 to 12 only (including where you volunteered and the approximate number of hours). Please sign your application. Although the primary focus is on contributions to the community; financial need may be considered. <b>AN INTERVIEW IS REQUIRED.</b>	<b>3 @ \$750</b>
<b>108: Chief Rhonda Larrabee Bursary</b> This award will be presented to a graduating Indigenous student who demonstrates a financial need for post-secondary education expenses. A student interested in Indigenous Culture Studies will be considered.	<b>\$1,250</b>
<b>109: Colin Mackay Memorial Bursary</b> The applicant must show community and/or school involvement, are planning to attend post secondary and show financial need. Preference given to students who have demonstrated passion for the arts, but not a requirement. In a cover letter describe how you exemplify qualities of an inclusive, kind and community focused individual. What anti-bullying and/or mental health initiatives have you been a part of, what inspires you to help create safe & inclusive spaces for yourself and others? Two recommendation letters are required.	<b>2 @ \$500</b>
<b>110. Connaught Heights PAC Bursary</b> The applicant must have attended Connaught Heights Elementary School for at least 3 years. A letter stating years of attendance at Connaught Heights, financial need, and a proposal for post secondary education must be included. A review of grade 11-12 marks and a letter of recommendation (not from a relative) must be included. The applicant must have volunteered at Connaught Heights while attending NWSS.	<b>\$200</b>
<b>111: Dawn Black Bursary</b> This bursary is open to graduating students of NWSS who are continuing to post-secondary education. The applicants must include with their application letter a 250-word essay on what social justice & equality means to them and include their plans for post-secondary education and an estimated budget and their source of funds for their first year. The applicant must also demonstrate their volunteer activities at school and in the community and provide two letters of reference that support these activities. Financial need will be a consideration. <b>TRANSCRIPT IS REQUIRED</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>112: Deanna Mast Memorial Bursary</b> This bursary will be given to a student who volunteers for a registered charitable organization. The recipient should also be involved in school and/or community extracurricular activities.	<b>2@ \$1,000</b>

<p><b>113: Dr. Jason Gallant Scholarship</b></p> <p>This scholarship is designed to recognize a student who has shown an outstanding ability to combine high academic standards with a strong involvement in sports, community service, or other extra-curricular activities. All suitable candidates should submit an autobiographical essay of approximately 500 words. The essay must describe “who you are” and “where you are headed” and “why”.</p> <p><b>TRANSCRIPT IS REQUIRED</b></p>	<p><b>\$2,000</b></p>
<p><b>114: Gail Atkinson Memorial Bursary</b></p> <p>Students continuing their studies as a lab technician or nurse will be considered for this bursary. Students must have scholastic achievement and demonstrate a financial need. Students must contribute to their school and community.</p> <p><b>TRANSCRIPT IS REQUIRED</b></p>	<p><b>2 @ \$500</b></p>
<p><b>115: Gilchrist Family Bursary</b></p> <p>The Gilchrist Family Bursary is excited to offer an award to student who is planning to attend a recognized full-time post-secondary institution. The student must have maintained a C+ or better average in Grade 11 and 12. An essay (no longer than 500 words), that describes a high degree of involvement in service to the community and the school, your financial need, involvement in extracurricular activities, and what this award means to you. Please include: your essay (max 500 words), transcripts for Grade 11 and 12, post-secondary acceptance letter. Must show evidence of post-secondary.</p> <p><b>AN INTERVIEW MAY BE REQUIRED</b></p>	<p><b>\$750</b></p>
<p><b>116: Herbert Spencer PAC Bradford Lawless Memorial Bursary</b></p> <p>This bursary is available to a student who attended Ecole Herbert Spencer School for at least three years. A letter of application and a copy of grades for the last two years is required. The selection committee will be reviewing applications based not only on academic grades, but also on extracurricular activities, including community volunteering, as well as the clear expression of future goals. Ideally, the recipient will be someone who has had to overcome an obstacle in their life and has done so with courage, strength, and tenacity. Financial need may also be considered. Two letters of reference that lend support to the fulfillment of these criteria is recommended.</p>	<p><b>\$500</b></p>

<p><b>117: Herbert Spencer PAC Legacy Bursary</b></p> <p>This bursary is available to a student who attended Ecole Herbert Spencer School for at least three years. A letter of application and a copy of grades for the last two years is required. The selection committee will be reviewing applications based not only on academic grades, but also on extracurricular activities, including community volunteering, as well as the clear expression of future goals. Financial need may also be considered. Two letters of reference that lend support to the fulfillment of these criteria is recommended.</p>	<p><b>\$500</b></p>
<p><b>118: International Education Scholarship</b></p> <p>Applicants must be international students attending NWSS. Applicants are expected upon graduation to attend a university or community college where studies will lead to a university degree in Canada or another country. Applicants are asked to submit a letter of no more than 500 words explaining why they deserve to obtain the scholarship.</p> <p><b>AN INTERVIEW MAY BE REQUIRED.</b></p>	<p><b>2 @ \$500</b></p>
<p><b>119: Janet Grant Commemorative Bursary</b></p> <p>Students pursuing a career in trades will be considered for this bursary. Students should have experienced success in one of the youth train in trades programs offered at NWSS. Students must demonstrate a financial need and have scholastic achievement. Applicants must write a clear statement explaining their reason of choosing trades and outline future goals.</p> <p><b>A letter of support from a teacher/instructor in trades is required.</b></p>	<p><b>\$500</b></p>
<p><b>120: Lord Kelvin PAC Maria Berger Memorial Bursary</b></p> <p>The student must provide a written application. The student must attend post-secondary education. The recipient will have spent Grades 5, 6, &amp; 7 at Lord Kelvin Elementary School. (Recommendation to be cleared by the Home &amp; School Association).</p>	<p><b>\$500</b></p>
<p><b>121: Lord Tweedsmuir PAC Bursary</b></p> <p>Recipients must have attended Ecole Lord Tweedsmuir Elementary School for at least three years. Applicants must display academic achievement and demonstrate a need for financial assistance. Applicants should also include any participation in extra-curricular activities, volunteer experience, and/or community involvement for consideration. A transcript is required.</p>	<p><b>2 @ \$500</b></p>
<p><b>122: M.K Sanwig Student Achievement Bursary</b></p> <p>This bursary will be awarded to a graduating SIGMA student who has overcome emotional, social, or academic challenges, and who has demonstrated financial need. Two letters of reference outlining the challenge you have overcome must be included with the application letter.</p>	<p><b>\$500</b></p>

<p><b>123: Marg McKee Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for Key Women Educators Scholarship</b></p> <p>This bursary is open to all female students of NWSS. Applicants must be involved in the school, demonstrate financial need, and have a plan to pursue post-secondary education.</p> <p><b>This award must be used by September 30 of the following year.</b></p>	<p><b>\$500</b></p>
<p><b>124: Massey Theatre Bursary – In Memory of Jim Cox</b></p> <p>This bursary will be awarded to a student proceeding to post-secondary education in the performing arts – including all aspects of radio, television, motion pictures, entertainment, management, and production. Application letter should include an outline of past and present involvement with the performing arts, describe future goals (which may include application to a post-secondary institution), and demonstrate volunteerism in the performing arts (with letters verifying participation).</p> <p><b>TRANSCRIPT IS REQUIRED</b></p> <p><b>AN INTERVIEW MAY BE REQUIRED.</b></p>	<p><b>\$500</b></p>
<p><b>125: McIvor Thompson Bursary</b></p> <p>This bursary is open to graduating students who show an interest in pursuing a career caring for animals. Selection for this award is based not only on academic grades, but also on extra-curricular activities including community volunteering with animals.</p> <p><b>TRANSCRIPT IS REQUIRED</b></p>	<p><b>\$500</b></p>

<p><b>126: New West Farmers Market Sustainable Futures Bursary</b>  This bursary is open to all students attending NWSS who are interested in pursuing an education in agriculture, sustainable living, local economy, food-based micro-businesses, and/or sustainable food systems. Preference is given to those who have volunteered with New Westminster Farmers Market, or another local farmer market, within the last two years. Consideration will also be given to those entering other fields but who have volunteered at the Farmers Market within the past two years. A 300 – 500-word answer to the question “How can we engage more children and youth with the Farmers Market?” is requested.</p>	<p><b>\$500</b></p>
<p><b>127: New Westminister Firefighters’ Charitable Society Bursary</b>  The applicant should show financial need, community, and school involvement. The bursary may be used for a vocational, technical or university or post-secondary institution. <b>TRANSCRIPT IS REQUIRED</b></p>	<p><b>2 @ \$750</b></p>
<p><b>128: New Westminister Schools (SD40) Employee’s Trust Account Bursary #1 – NWSS Grad</b>  Applicants must be continuing to any post-secondary institute (university, college, technical or vocational – public or private). Marks must be sufficiently high to enter the post-secondary institution of choice. Applicants must be good all-round students. Service to school and community must be demonstrated. Specific information on future goals needs to be outlined. Written teacher and community references are necessary. Element of need is a consideration. <b>You must obtain a separate application form from the NWSS website. AN INTERVIEW MAY BE REQUIRED.</b></p>	<p><b>2 @ \$350</b></p>
<p><b>129: New Westminister Schools (SD40) Employee’s Trust Account Bursary #2 – Child of Current School District Employee</b>  Applicants must be continuing to any post-secondary institute (university, college, technical or vocational – public or private). Marks must be sufficiently high to enter the post-secondary institution of choice. Applicants must be good all-round students. Service to school and community must be demonstrated. Specific information on future goals needs to be outlined. Written teacher and community references are necessary. Element of need is a consideration. <b>You must obtain a separate application form from the NWSS website. AN INTERVIEW MAY BE REQUIRED.</b></p>	<p><b>2 @ \$350</b></p>
<p><b>130: New Westminister Teachers’ Union Bursary</b>  This bursary is intended for students continuing their education in any field. The students must have a C+ or better average in their concentration of Grade 11 and 12 courses and be contributing to the school and/or community. The applicants must demonstrate financial need. A clear statement of intended education plans must be included, along with teacher and community references. <b>A TRANSCRIPT IS REQUIRED</b></p>	<p><b>3 @ \$500</b></p>



<b>131: NWSS Music Auxiliary Scholarship</b> This scholarship is open to students attending NWSS who are enrolled in a course in the music department. The student must demonstrate community involvement, service to the school and music department. The student must also plan to continue to a post-secondary institution.			<b>3 @ \$2,000</b>  <b>2 @ \$750</b>
<b>132: NWSS PAC Community Spirit Award</b> This scholarship is open to all graduating students of NWSS. Applicants should be able to demonstrate a strong community spirit through significant volunteering efforts either at NWSS or in the local New West community and are pursuing a post-secondary education. Applicants are expected to submit a letter outlining how they meet the requirement criteria. As part of the letter, a summary of volunteer activities should be included in a table formatted as shown below (max. 750 words excluding the table). <b>A TRANSCRIPT IS REQUIRED.</b>			<b>\$500</b>
Volunteering activity	Start and end date (hours/week)	Description of Volunteering Role	
<b>133: NWSS PAC Community Spirit Bursary</b> This scholarship is open to all graduating students of NWSS. Applicants should be able to demonstrate a strong community spirit through significant volunteering efforts either at NWSS or in the local New West Community and are pursuing a post-secondary education. Applicants should be able to demonstrate financial need. Applicants are expected to submit a letter outlining how they meet the requirement criteria. As part of the letter, a summary of volunteer activities should also be included in a table formatted as shown below (max. of 750 words excluding the table). <b>A TRANSCRIPT IS REQUIRED.</b>			<b>\$500</b>
Volunteering activity	Start and end date (hours/week)	Description of Volunteering Role	
<b>134: NWSS PAC Diversity Award</b> This award is open to all graduating students of NWSS. Applicants must be a member of an underrepresented or minority group, such as Black, Indigenous, Mixed Race, People of Color (BIMPOC) or other racially visible people, French as a first language, persons with a disability and/or 2SLGBTIQ+ who have worked to promote and encourage diverse voices. The award recipient will be selected based on qualities that demonstrate hard work, resourcefulness, perseverance in the face of adversity, academic achievement, leadership, and commitment to one's community. Applicants must be pursuing post-secondary education. Applicants are expected to submit a letter (max. of 750 words) outlining how they meet the requirement criteria. <b>TRANSCRIPT IS REQUIRED</b>			<b>\$500</b>

<b>135: NWSS PAC Environmental Steward Award</b> This scholarship is open to all graduating students of NWSS. This award recognizes a student involved in environmental protection and/or enrichment (e.g., organizing tree planting, clean up the shoreline events, etc.) and /or climate action initiatives within NWSS and/or the larger community who is pursuing post secondary education. Applicants are expected to submit a letter (max. of 750 words) outlining how they meet the requirement criteria.			<b>\$500</b>
<b>136: NWSS PAC Leadership Recognition Award</b> This award is open to all graduating students of NWSS. Applicants should be compassionate, community-minded students. Applicants should show documented leadership and involvement in organizations, activities, or issues that impact positively on the experience on NWSS students, staff, and/or the community at large and be pursuing post-secondary education. Applicants are expected to submit a letter outlining how they meet the requirement criteria. As part of the letter, a summary of leadership activities should also be included in a table formatted as shown below (max. of 750 words excluding the table).			<b>\$500</b>
Volunteering activity	Start and end date (hours/week)	Description of Volunteering Role	
<b>137: NWSS PAC Social Justice Award</b> This scholarship is open to all graduating students of NWSS. Applicants should be able to demonstrate a strong commitment to civil liberties through some form of activism addressing such issues as equality, racial justice, free speech, religious freedom, tolerance, and privacy. Applicants should be compassionate, community minded students who are pursuing post-secondary education. Applicants are expected to submit a letter or creative submission outlining how they meet the requirement criteria.			<b>\$500</b>
<b>138: Queensborough Middle School Bursary</b> The applicant must be a former student of Queen Elizabeth Elementary and Queensborough Middle Schools pursuing further education.			<b>\$300</b>
<b>139: Queen’s Park Preschool Alumni Scholarship</b> The applicant must be a Queen’s Park Preschool alumni pursuing a post-secondary education. The applicant must have shown excellence in his/her/their studies and a commitment to the community. A short essay is required to tell us about his/her/their hobbies, interests, and goals.			<b>\$500</b>

<p><b>140: R.D. Smith Memorial Scholarship</b>  Candidates must be continuing education in any field, with high academic standing in all Grade 11 and 12 courses. Contributions to the community and/or school are necessary. A clear statement of intended future plans must be included. <b>A letter of reference from a teacher and the community as well as a Transcript is required.</b></p>	<p><b>\$1,500</b></p>
<p><b>141: Rick Bloudell Perseverance Award</b>  This bursary will be awarded to a student who has demonstrated perseverance in overcoming a personal challenge. The student must be a C+ or above student who intends to pursue post-secondary education in college, university, or the trades. Applicants should submit a letter explaining why they deserve the award and detailing future goals. The Pooni Group Foundation (<a href="http://www.poonigroupfoundation.com">www.poonigroupfoundation.com</a>) is the donor of this award and Pooni Group's President, Gary Pooni, is an NWSS Alumni. The recipient must represent values of the Foundation.<b>TRANSCRIPT IS REQUIRED</b></p>	<p><b>\$500</b></p>
<p><b>142: Rotary Club of New Westminster Bursaries</b>  The applicants must have a C+ or better average and be continuing to a post secondary institute. The students must demonstrate a high degree of involvement in service to the community and the school. An element of need will be considered. A transcript is required with marks expressed in percentages. You will please write a small essay, 300 words or less- "What would this award mean to me?" International students who have been at NWSS for a minimum of 3 years and have applied or been accepted into a post secondary institution within Canada, may apply for Rotary's Bursaries/Scholarships and will be considered on an individual basis.  <b>AN INTERVIEW MAY BE REQUIRED.</b></p>	<p><b>2 @ \$1,500</b>  <b>3 @ \$1,000</b></p>
<p><b>143: Rotary Bursary- Father &amp; Son, Donald Grasby Memorial</b>  This bursary is being offered to students furthering their education in the Trades Industry specific to Auto Mechanics. EV Technology &amp; Service or Aviation Mechanics. The applicants must have a C+ average. The student must demonstrate some involvement in service to the community or to the school. An element of need will be considered. A transcript is required with marks expressed in percentages. The applicant will write an essay of 300 words or less- "What would this award mean to me"? International students who have been at NWSS for a minimum of 3 years and have applied to or been accepted into a post-secondary institution within Canada, may apply for Rotary's Bursaries/Scholarships and will be considered on an individual basis.  <b>AN INTERVIEW IS REQUIRED.</b></p>	<p><b>1 @ \$1,500</b>  <b>1 @ \$3,000</b></p>

<b>144: Rotary Club of New Westminster – Don McKenzie Scholarship Award</b> All applicants must have a C+ average to apply. Selection is based on community service (60%) and financial need (40%). Candidate must complete a short essay of 300 words or less - "What would This Award Mean to Me?" <b>TRANSCRIPT AND INTERVIEW IS REQUIRED</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>145: Rotary Club of New Westminster – Stewart Graham Award</b> This is the top award offered by the Rotary Club of New Westminster. This award is based on grades (60%) and contributions to school and community (40%). Please write a small essay, 300 words or less – "What Would This Award Mean to me?" <b>TRANSCRIPT AND INTERVIEW IS REQUIRED</b>	<b>\$4,500</b>
<b>146: Rotary Bursary- BCIT Trades Program</b> This bursary is being offered to students furthering their education in any Red Seal Trades Industry at BCIT. The applicants must have a C+ average & preferably, but necessary, has participated in the NWSS Trades Program. This student must demonstrate some involvement in service to the community or the school. An element of need will be considered. A transcript is required with marks expressed in percentages. The applicants will write an essay of 300 words or less – "What Would This Award Mean to Me?" International students who have been at NWSS for a minimum of 3 years and have applied to or been accepted into a post secondary institution within Canada, may apply for Rotary's Bursaries/ Scholarships and will be considered on an individual basis. <b>AN INTERVIEW IS REQUIRED</b>	<b>\$1,300</b>
<b>147: Royal Canadian Legion Branch #2 Bursary</b> Students looking to continue higher academic education. Children or grandchildren of war veterans and permanent force personnel will be considered, with preference given to war service if all other aspects are equal.	<b>2 @ \$1,000</b>
<b>148: Royal Canadian Legion- Trades Bursary</b> Students looking to continue in a Trades Program. Children or grandchildren of war veterans and permanent force personnel will be considered, with preference given to war service if all other aspects are equal. <b>STUDENT LOOKING TO CONTINUE IN A TRADE PROGRAM</b>	<b>2 @ \$1,000</b>
<b>149: Royal City Rotary Club – Science</b> The applicant should show financial need, community involvement, service, and high (not top) academic standings. The bursary will be granted to a graduating student pursuing studies in the field of Science- Computing Science and Information Systems, A transcript is required. Essay should include "What Would This Award Mean to Me?"	<b>\$1,000</b>

<b>150: Royal City Rotary Club – Teacher Education</b> The applicant should show financial need, community involvement, service, and high (not top) academic standings. The bursary will be granted to a graduating Grade 12 student pursuing studies in the field of TEACHING- seeking a career in K-12 teaching. A transcript is required. Essay should include “What Would This Award Mean to Me?”	<b>2 @ \$1,000</b>
<b>151: Royal City Rotary Club – Medicine or Nursing</b> The applicant should show financial need, community involvement, service, and high (not top) academic standings. The bursary will be granted to a graduating student pursuing studies in the field of MEDICINE OR NURSING. A transcript is required. Essay should include “What Would This Award Mean to Me?”	<b>2 @ \$1,000</b>
<b>152: Skwo:wech PAC (Richard McBride Alumni) Bursary</b> The applicant must have attended Richard McBride Elementary School (now Skwo:wech Elementary) for at least 3 years. A letter of application must clearly state years of attendance at McBride School. The application must include a McBride (Skwo:wech) teacher’s letter of recommendation, as well as reference letters from a current academic grade 12 teacher and from a volunteer organization. The bursary will be based on some financial need. <b>TRANSCRIPT IS REQUIRED</b>	<b>2 @ \$500</b>
<b>153: Ted Hudson Jr. Memorial Bursary</b> This bursary is open to all students who intend to proceed to post-secondary education within two years of graduation. Average academic achievement and participation in school activities or sports is required. A transcript is required. <b>AN INTERVIEW MAY BE REQUIRED.</b>	<b>\$500</b>

## End of External Awards 101- 153

**A letter is required for EACH External Award**

**NO APPLICATION NECESSARY!**

**For your information only!**

Do **NOT** apply for the following awards:

<b>Bob Gair Memorial Award</b> This award is given to the Hyack Senior Girls Basketball player who best exemplifies hard work, determination, and dedication on and off the basketball court.	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Cliff Ronning Perseverance Award</b> The recipient of this award has persevered through adversity while maintaining good academic standing and contributed to the athletic department by participating on several teams. The Pooni Group Foundation is the donor of this award also a NWSS alumni. The recipient must represent values of the foundation and of the Alumni.	<b>\$500</b>

<b>Doug Woodward Perseverance Award</b> This award is to be given to a Hyack Girls Basketball player who best exemplifies Coach Woodward's "No Excuses" attitude. This player shows leadership through hard work, perseverance, and dedication. She not only strives to improve her development as a player but also contributes to her teammates and the team's overall success. The Pooni Group Foundation ( <a href="http://www.poonigroupfoundation.com">www.poonigroupfoundation.com</a> ) is the donor of this award and Pooni Group's President, Gary Pooni, is an NWSS Alumni. The recipient must represent values of the Foundation.	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Ernie Nyhaug Scholarship</b> A grade 12 student athlete: coachability, hardworking, excellent citizenship & outstanding contributions to the athletic program.	<b>\$700</b>
<b>Herman Dhillon Award</b> This award is given to the Hyack Senior Basketball player who exemplifies hard work, determination, and dedication on and off the basketball court.	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Ken Bowman Coaches Award</b> This award is given to the Hyack Senior Basketball player who best exemplifies hard work, determination, and dedication on and off the basketball court. The Pooni Group Foundation ( <a href="http://www.poonigroupfoundation.com">www.poonigroupfoundation.com</a> ) is the donor of this award and Pooni Group's President, Gary Pooni, is an NWSS Alumni. The recipient must represent values of the Foundation.	<b>\$500</b>
<b>NWSS Career Athlete Award – Female</b> This award is presented to one female student that has accumulated the most points over five years of participating in athletics at NWSS.	<b>\$500</b>
<b>NWSS Career Athlete Award – Male</b> This award is presented to one male student that has accumulated the most points over five years of participating in athletics at NWSS.	<b>\$500</b>
<b>NWSS Justin Morneau Award – Female</b> This award is presented to the female Grade 12 Athlete of the Year.	<b>\$500</b>
<b>NWSS Justin Morneau Award – Male</b> This award is presented to the male Grade 12 Athlete of the Year.	<b>\$500</b>

<b>Olivia Malcom Kindness Foundation Bursary</b> This bursary will be awarded to a graduating student who exemplifies an innate attitude of kindness to help and encourage other students to be their best. This individual should represent school and community spirit and is not one likely to seek recognition for the natural ability to be inclusive of all. This award is intended to assist a student in reducing financial stress as they transition from high school.	<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>Russ Briscoe Memorial Sportsmanship Award</b> This award is presented to the most sportsmanlike athlete in Grade 12. Funds must be used for post-secondary education and will be available for up to three (3) years following graduation.	<b>\$300</b>
<b>Stan Smyl “Steamer” Alumni Leadership Award</b> The recipient of this award has excelled in sports and demonstrated exemplary leadership qualities, along with maintaining a good academic standing. The Pooni Group Foundation is the donor of this award also a NWSS alumni. The recipient must represent values of the foundation and of the Alumni.	<b>\$500</b>
<b>The 89’ers: Class of 1989</b> A student athlete who has been an outstanding community leader/ actively engaged in community service. The Pooni Group Foundation ( <a href="http://www.poonigroupfoundation.com">www.poonigroupfoundation.com</a> ) is the donor of this award and Pooni Group’s President, Gary Pooni, is an NWSS Alumni. The recipient must represent values of the foundation.	<b>2 @ \$500</b>



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Awards will be presented at the:**

**2026 NWSS Grade 12  
Scholarship & Bursary Awards Ceremony  
Monday June 15th, 2026 @ 7:00pm**

**Our Generous Donors will be in attendance to present  
the Awards. Please make every effort to attend the  
Ceremony should you receive an Award.**



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