

WEST BOUNDARY COMMUNITY FOREST BURSARY



West Boundary Community Forest awards up to **two** bursaries in the amount of **\$3,000** each to West Boundary (BCSS or home-school) graduates who plan to study in a post-secondary trades program or academic program at a recognized Canadian post-secondary institution in the **2026-2027** school year.

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible:

1. BCSS (or home-schooled) student from West Boundary area graduating in 2025/2026.
2. Be enrolled in, or awaiting acceptance to an accredited post-secondary trades program or academic institution; AND, must begin their program of study by the end of the following calendar year.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- a. **High Academic achievement:**
 - Provide a copy of your **academic transcript**
 - Provide a **letter of recommendation** from a teacher
 - Include any other **reinforcing narrative** supplied by the applicant
- b. **Financial need:**
 - Letter of recommendation outlining financial need
 - Copy of student loan application
 - Include any other **documentation** to support financial need
- c. **Program of study:**
 - Preference given to students pursuing an education in a forestry-related field: Eg. Forest Technician Certification, Heavy Equipment Operator, Degree in Forestry, Registered Professional Forester.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. **Provide a short narrative** of non-curricular achievements, interests, hobbies, leadership skills, community volunteerism etc.
2. **Submit a 500-word essay** on "The importance of community forests and factors to be considered in managing a community forest".
3. **Supply a copy of your acceptance letter or enrollment** to an accredited post-secondary academic institution, or trades/training school: eg. UBC, UNBC, BCIT, Interior Heavy Equipment School, etc. |
 - If awaiting confirmation of acceptance, please note this in your application
 - Proof of acceptance and/or enrollment must be provided before bursary funds are released to the student

DEADLINE: Intake opens April 15th. **Submissions must be received by May 15, 4PM, 2026.**

HOW TO APPLY:

EMAIL bursary submission along with all required and supporting documentation to: Heinz Kruezer, WBCF Bursary Committee: heinzkreuzer@msn.com

Questions? Please contact: Heinz Kruezer (250) 449-2657 or heinzkreuzer@msn.com