

FERNIE SECONDARY SCHOOL



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION BOOKLET 2025-2026

**RETURN APPLICATIONS TO THE OFFICE BY
APRIL 1st of the Graduating Year**

(Please note that if submission date falls on a weekend, applications will continue to be accepted until the next day school is in session)

FERNIE SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

2025-2026

- Through the generosity of individuals, organizations, and businesses, thousands of dollars are available each year to graduating students of Fernie Secondary School, to support the pursuit of post-secondary education.
- The intent of the scholarship program is to recognize students who have excelled at their studies and contributed to their school and community during their time at Fernie Secondary School.
- The recipients of some scholarships are chosen by the school committee, whereas others are chosen by the donors.
- The donors establish the criteria whereby awards are granted.
- Scholarships might be awarded based on academic achievement, volunteer work, exhibiting dedication to a chosen career, leadership activities, and/or financial need.
- Lates and attendance might be a factor in determining award winners.
- ***This booklet is based upon the scholarships that were available during the previous year and is subject to change throughout the school year.***

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

For some scholarships, you only need to complete the Fernie Secondary School application package. For others, you need to complete a separate application, essay, or presentation.

For scholarships with a separate application, you must read the instructions carefully to ensure you understand the criteria, the deadline, and where to return the form to.

These additional applications will be found on the scholarship page of website, or you can collect a hard copy from the racks in the counselling department hallway once/if available. If you cannot find the application you are looking for, please email the School Counsellor to request a copy (fss.counselling@sd5.bc.ca).

Please note, donors continue to send in updated information throughout the school year.

Therefore, you might find an application on the scholarship page with an old deadline on it. This situation is likely because the donor has not sent in an updated form for the year. The application on the scholarship page will be updated as soon as the School receives the application form from the donor. If you have any questions about deadlines, please see the School Counsellor.

General Eligibility

- The scholarship program is open to members of the Fernie Secondary School grade 12 class of 2025-2026.
- Students must be registered in a program of studies that completes their graduation requirements this year.
- To be considered for awards that are determined by the school scholarship committee, the student must complete and return the scholarship application booklet by **April 1st of the graduating year** *(or the following school day if date falls on a weekend)*.
- To be considered for awards that are determined by the school committee, students must have completed a minimum of 24 credits at Fernie Secondary School in their grade 12 year. Any exceptions to this criterion will be determined by the school scholarship committee.
- To be considered for awards that require additional applications the student must return the application to the designated address by the stated deadline. Please check the application carefully as the deadlines for submission vary.
- Unless otherwise specified, all scholarships and bursaries will only be awarded to students attending a post-secondary institution and taking a full-time program, as described in the institution's program guide or calendar.
- If a student does not plan to use the award in September of the graduating year, the scholarship/bursary donor should be contacted for permission to defer.

SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES

This booklet provides information about each of the scholarships and bursaries on offer to our students. In order to apply for these awards, you must complete and return the Fernie Secondary School application package by the stated deadline. Please note, **for some of the awards listed below, you must complete an additional application form, essay, or presentation.** If the award has additional application requirements, it is noted underneath the scholarship heading. Please see the School Counsellor if you have any questions about application processes.

3300 CLUB ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

Up to \$2000 is available to students who intend to register in an academic program at a post-secondary institution. Preference will be given to the children of 3300 Club members. A one-year deferment is available upon written request to the club.

3300 CLUB TRADES & TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP

A \$1000 scholarship is available to students who intend to pursue a career in the trades. Preference will be given to the children of 3300 Club members. A one-year deferment is available upon written request to the 3300 club.

3300 CLUB DR. ROY MCLEAN SCHOLARSHIP

A \$1000 scholarship is awarded in memory of Dr. Roy McLean to recognize his contribution to the 3300 club in the community. This scholarship will be awarded to a student who has shown a commitment to volunteerism in the school and/or wider community. Preference will be given to the children of 3300 club members.

BC PRINCIPALS' & VICE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION

(Additional application – submit online)

The BCPVPA offers up to 20 \$1000 scholarships to students across the province.

Applications can be found at <https://www.bcpvpa.org/about-bcpvpa/supporting-students/scholarships>

BAYNES LAKE COMMUNITY SOCIETY BURSARY

(Additional application – return to Baynes Lake Community Society)

A \$500 bursary will be awarded to a graduating student of Fernie Secondary. The student must reside in the Baynes Lake area, as outlined by the Baynes Lake Fire Protection District. In addition, the student must have been accepted into an accredited post-secondary institution or apprenticeship program in Canada. An application, written statement, and outline of volunteer activities must be submitted to the organization.

CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF MINING SCHOLARSHIP

(Additional application – return to SD5 Cranbrook Board Office)

This bursary is available to all Elk Valley Secondary Schools and the Crowsnest Pass School Division. Found online at: <https://www.sd5.bc.ca/scholarships>

Bursary available to students who plan to enter a recognized post-secondary institution in the field of Earth Sciences, which will include, but are not limited to geology, geophysics, metallurgy, mineral processing, mining, mineralogy, etc.

\$1000 in the first year and \$2,000 upon successful completion of the first semester of the second year is available.

CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF MINING TRADES SCHOLARSHIP

(Additional application – return to SD5 Cranbrook Board Office)

A \$100 bursary is available to all Elk Valley Secondary Schools and the Crowsnest Pass School Division. Found online at: <https://www.sd5.bc.ca/scholarships>

This bursary is available to students who plan to enter a recognized post-secondary institution in the field of Trades, which will include, but are not limited to, mechanics, welding, electrician, etc.

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH AWARD

(Additional application – return to FSS)

A \$300 scholarship will be awarded to a French immersion student who has shown commitment to the French language and who will graduate with a bilingual Dogwood diploma. The student must be attending a post-secondary institution, and their family must have a current membership in CPF. An essay is required.

CANFOR SCHOLARSHIP

(Additional application – return to FSS)

Canfor awards \$1,000 High School Scholarships to graduating students in its operating communities to encourage young people to choose a professional, technical or trades career pathway that supports the forest and wood products manufacturing sector. Preference will be given to applicants who meet the above requirement and who are children of Canfor employees.

THE CITY OF FERNIE SCHOLARSHIP

3 education scholarships (1 academic, 1 trade, and 1 student in need), in the amount of \$750 each, are available to students who reside in the City of Fernie. Scholarships may be deferred for one year upon written request to the Corporation of the City of Fernie, with a copy to Fernie Secondary School. Students must reside within the municipal boundaries of the City of Fernie.

COLUMBIA BASIN TRUST YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

(Additional Application)

Three \$2000 scholarships are available to students who demonstrate extensive community service.

COLUMBIA POWER BURSARY

A \$500 award is available to a candidate who has a real desire to excel, but who has not necessarily achieved the highest grade-point average. The student must be registering for full-time studies within one year, immediately following graduation. Funding may only be applied against the cost of tuition and/or books.

THE CURTIS LAZAR TRADES SCHOLARSHIP

This bursary is offered in memory of Curtis Lazar. Curtis was an electrician by trade, and his family offers this bursary to students who are pursuing a career in the trades field. This bursary can be used for tuition, books, tools, or anything else that is required to help the student pursue further training in their chosen trade.

CUPE LOCAL 2093 (City of Fernie) RELATIVE'S BURSARY

A \$500 bursary is available to the son/daughter of a current CUPE 2093 union member. The student must be planning to attend a post-secondary institution in a full-time program.

CUPE LOCAL 2093 (City of Fernie) STUDENT EMPLOYEE BURSARY

A \$250 bursary is available to a deserving student who is member of CUPE Local 2093. The student must be planning to attend a post-secondary institution in a full-time program.

CUPE LOCAL 4165 (SD5 – SOUTHEAST KOOTENAY) BURSARY

(Additional application – return to FSS)

A \$500 scholarship is awarded in the memory of Tucker Barrass. One bursary will be available to a student of each secondary school in School District No. 5. To be eligible for the bursary, the graduating student must be a child or grandchild of an active member. Students must be accepted to a post-secondary institution. A one-year deferment is available upon written request to CUPE Local 4165, with a copy to Fernie Secondary School.

DIANE DURICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

(Additional application – return to FSS)

A \$2000 scholarship is available to a graduating student of Fernie Secondary School, who plans to enter a recognized post-secondary institution in the human service field, which includes but is not limited to: education, health care, counselling, or social work. No deferment available.

DR SPARLING AND MRS MARY EAST SCHOLARSHIP

A \$1500 scholarship is available to a student of Fernie Secondary School, who is planning to pursue a career in Health Sciences. The student must enroll in a full-time course of study at a recognized post-secondary institution. No deferment available.

DR SPENCER ROY MCLEAN SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is in memory and honour of Spencer McLean. A \$1000 scholarship is available to a student of Fernie Secondary School, who is planning to pursue a career in the field of medicine. For example, medical degree, nursing physiotherapy etc. This scholarship can be deferred for one year.

EAST KOOTENAY DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL BURSARY

(Additional application - return to FSS)

A \$400 award is available to a graduating student who is planning to attend a public post-secondary institution. Applicants must be family members of affiliates to the East Kootenay District Labour Council. Funds can be deferred for up to two years.

ELK RIVER MASONIC LODGE #35

(Additional application and essay - return to Elk River Masonic Lodge)

A \$1000 scholarship is available to students who can demonstrate the appropriate academic achievement to further their education at a post-secondary school and who need financial support to continue their studies. Students must complete an application form and submit an essay.

ELK VALLEY GYMNASTICS CLUB

A \$500 scholarship is available to students who have been a member of the Elk Valley Gymnastics Club throughout the graduation program years. The intention of this scholarship is to support students to pursue post-secondary education.

ELK VALLEY PRIDE SOCIETY

(Additional Application)

Fernie Pride is pleased to offer a \$500 scholarship to a 2SLGBTQ+ graduating student from an Elk Valley School. This scholarship seeks to empower the next generation of 2SLGBTQ+ leaders. Those applying must be furthering their education and show proof of acceptance prior to receiving the funds. Ideally, but not a requirement, applicants will have experience with their respective schools' GSA and have demonstrated community involvement.

ELK VALLEY THRIFT STORE

A \$1000 scholarship is available to a student of Fernie Secondary School, who is planning to attend a post-secondary institution. The recipient must have completed a minimum of 10 hours of volunteer time at the Elk Valley Thrift Store.

FERNIE ADULT HOCKEY LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIP

(Additional Application)

The FAHL offers up to \$1000 to a Fernie Secondary School athlete(s) who has played organized hockey to highest level while maintaining good academic standing. The scholarship amount can be split depending on the number of quality applicants. Scholarship encourages students to keep playing organized hockey while maintaining a high academic focus. Recipients have 3 years from graduation to utilize the scholarship at the accredited post secondary institution of their choice (University, college, trade school). Minimum grade average 75%.

FERNIE ALPINE RESORT COMMUNITY SUMMIT FUND

A \$500 award is available to a student who has shown dedication to their school work and who is planning to pursue post-secondary education in their chosen field of study. **The award recipient must meet one of the following criteria:**

- Pursuing a program in the tourism or recreational fields
- Be a child of resort staff
- Be a student employed at the resort

FERNIE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCHOLARSHIP

A \$500 award is available to a student who is pursuing an education in business, and whose parent is employed by Fernie Chamber of Commerce member. Alternatively, the student can be employed by a Fernie Chamber of Commerce member.

FERNIE CREATIVE LAUNCHPAD SCHOLARSHIP

(Additional application – return to FSS)

A \$1000 scholarship will be given to a student entering into a field of Fine Arts Study upon graduation (Fine Arts, Theatre, Performance, Music). It is presented by Fernie Artists and Creatives that wish to support students choosing a career in the fine arts.

FERNIE DISTRICT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

(Additional application – return to FDTA)

The FDTA is offering three scholarships of \$800 each. The recipient must plan to enter a recognized post-secondary institution. Awards are given to the three applicants with the highest GPA, based on the courses specified in the application. Recipients must also be dependents of a present member of the FDTA. Applications are available in the counselling area or online at www.ferniedistrictteachers.ca

FERNIE ELKS LODGE #81 SCHOLARSHIP

(Additional application – return to Fernie Elks Lodge)

Up to \$1000 is available to a graduating student who can demonstrate leadership and community spirit through involvement and assistance with community sports, the arts, school activities, and community groups. Submit a short essay (approx. 1000 words) addressing the importance of volunteers in the community, and the type of community activities with which you have been involved.

FERNIE LIONS CLUB AND ART ROBINSON MEMORIAL BURSARY

(Additional application – return to Fernie Lions Club)

Two \$1000 bursaries are available to deserving students of Fernie Secondary School. Students must demonstrate commitment to community volunteerism. Preference will be given to dependents of Lions Club members.

FERNIE ROD AND GUN CLUB BURSARY

(Additional application – return to FRGC)

The Fernie Rod and Gun Club will present one annual \$500 Bursary to a FRGC Member or dependent of a member.

FERNIE SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETIC BURSARY

(Additional application – return to FSS)

A \$1000 award is available to a grade 12 student who has shown dedication and commitment to their chosen sport. The recipient of this

scholarship is someone who has excelled in their sport and maintained excellent grades. The recipient will have demonstrated leadership skills and shown proper consideration for fairness, ethics, respect, and a sense of fellowship with one's competitors. This bursary is not tied to post-secondary education and can be used to support the student to continue to pursue athletic goals

FERNIE SECONDARY SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL BURSARY

2 x \$500 bursaries are available to deserving students who are graduating from Fernie Secondary School and planning to attend a post-secondary school.

FERNIE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTRE – LYNN MACE BURSARY

A \$250 award is available to a female student who has contributed to her community in a meaningful way. This bursary is not tied to post-secondary education.

GEORGE MAJIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE HUMANITIES

There are 3 awards of \$1000 available to candidates pursuing a degree in the field of Humanities. Examples include English, Geography, History, Philosophy, Economics, or Political Sciences.

HARRY BHAMRA SCHOLARSHIP

\$1000 is available to a top academic student who is planning to attend a post-secondary institution.

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 115

(Additional application – return to IUOE)

A \$500 scholarship is available to a deserving student who is planning to attend a post-secondary institution. This scholarship is only available to dependents of Local 115C. A one-year deferment is available upon written request to International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 115.

ISABELLA DICKEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PAC BURSARY

Two bursaries, in the amount of \$500 each, are available to deserving students who completed their full grade six year at Isabella Dicken Elementary School. Part-time studies are acceptable. One-year deferment is available upon written request to IDES PAC, with a copy to Fernie Secondary School.

JAFFRAY ELEMENTARY JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PAC BURSARY

(Additional application – return to JEJSS PAC Chairperson)

One bursary of \$500 will be awarded to a deserving applicant who completed their grade 10 year at JEJSS. You must have made a significant contribution to leadership/volunteering efforts at the school, or in the broader community, during your secondary school years. You must be pursuing post-secondary studies.

JAFFRAY-BAYNES-ELKO FIRE SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP

One bursary of \$600 is available to a deserving student, who is a resident of Jaffray, Baynes Lake, or Elko. Preference will be given to a student entering a firefighter college program to pursue a career in firefighting. Applicants must have a C+ average and be a community-oriented volunteer.

LEGACY FORD FERNIE SCHOLARSHIP

(Additional application – return to FSS)

Two scholarships of \$250 each are available to students who are pursuing a career in a field related to vehicle maintenance or vehicle sales. For example, automotive service technician, marketing, accounting, or business administration.

LES HOCKLEY MEMORIAL FIREFIGHTER SCHOLARSHIPS

Two scholarships of \$350 each are available to students who are relatives of past or present Fernie Firefighters. The student must be attending a post-secondary institution. A one-year deferment is available upon request.

NEIL MUTH SCHOLARSHIP

(Online Application)

Scholarships of various amounts are available to students who have triumphed over adversity and wish to pursue post-secondary education. This is an opportunity for someone to demonstrate their individual determination, future goals and self-motivation. It is evaluated on merit and not on academic achievements. You can access the online application here: <https://ourtrust.org/grants-and-programs-directory/neil-muth-scholarship/>

PIERRE MURY MEMORIAL HOSPITALITY BURSARY

The Pierre Mury bursary is a \$200 award that will be given to a deserving student who plans to pursue post-secondary education and who has completed at least one course in the cafeteria. Candidates must present good work habits and aptitude in this area. A one-year deferment is available upon written request to Fernie Secondary School. Recommendations from the chef in charge of the school cafeteria will be considered.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN OPTOMETRY SCHOLARSHIP

\$500 will be awarded to a graduating student who is planning to enroll full time at a recognized post-secondary institution. Applicants must be proficient in senior science.

ROTARY CLUB OF FERNIE

(Additional Application Required, return to FSS)

There are 3 x \$1000 awards available to graduating students who plan to attend a post-secondary institution. One of the awards will be given to a student pursuing an academic program. The other award will be given to a student who plans to complete a trades program. For both the academic and trade awards, the student must volunteer in the community and must complete an essay to show how their volunteer activities make a difference in the community.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BURSARY

(Additional application – return to Royal Canadian Legion)

A \$1000 bursary is available to a student who plans on attending any post-secondary institution. **Only relatives of Canadian veterans and ex-service personnel may apply.**

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIP

(Additional application – return to Royal Canadian Legion)

Scholarships in the amount of \$500 or \$1000 are available to students who plan to pursue post-secondary educational programs that include:

- Professional certification programs of two years or more

- Trades programs at recognized educational institutions where the program is at least 6 months in duration

A history of military service is NOT required to be considered eligible for this award.

SAND CREEK LADY LIONS SCHOLARSHIP

A \$1000 scholarship is available to South Country students who are enrolled in academic courses and who attended grade ten at Jaffray Jr. Secondary School. The eligible recipient must be registered in a full-time program at a post-secondary institution, beginning in the September of their graduation year. A one-year deferment is available upon written request to the Sand Creek Lady Lions, with a copy to Fernie Secondary School.

SAND CREEK LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

A \$1000 scholarship is available to students who are current residents of Elko, Grasmere, Baynes Lake, or Jaffray. This scholarship is available to students who intend to enroll in full-time post-secondary studies. Preference will be given to students whose parents or grandparents are members of the Sand Creek Lions Club. A one-year deferment is available upon written request.

SARAH WHETHAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

(Additional application – return to FSS)

A \$1000 scholarship will be awarded to a female student in School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay), who has received the highest mark on the Euclid Exam, and who plans to continue to post-secondary education, within 19 months of graduation, in one of the following disciplines: Math, Physics, Engineering or Computer Programming. **Please see the School Counsellor by March 1st to register for Euclid exam.**

SCHOOL DISTRICT #5 DISTRICT AUTHORITY SCHOLARSHIP

(Additional application – return to SD5 Cranbrook Board Office)

Applications found online at <https://www.sd5.bc.ca/scholarships>
Scholarships are available to graduates who excel in the following areas:

- Indigenous Languages and Culture
- Fine Arts (Visual Arts, Dance, Drama, Music)
- Applied Skills (Business Ed, Tech Ed, Home Ec)
- Physical Activity (not limited to PE)
- International Languages (including Aboriginal Language)
- Community Service (volunteer activity)
- Technical and Trades Training

Students will make a presentation to representatives of the School District #5 Scholarship Committee.

SCHOOL DISTRICT #5 TOP STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

(Additional application – return to SD5 Cranbrook Board Office)

A \$1000 scholarship is given to a top graduating student at Fernie Secondary School. Criteria include: best final mark in English 12, in school extra-curricular, community extra-curricular and special leadership qualities. Found online at <https://www.sd5.bc.ca/scholarships>

SENIORS DROP-IN CENTRE SCHOLARSHIP

The recipient of this \$500 award will be someone who is entering a field that benefits seniors, such as nursing, medicine, physiotherapy, or some other health/wellness related program. Academic grades and community service will be taken into account when choosing a recipient. There is no deferment option for this scholarship.

SETH DOERING MEMORIAL FUND

This scholarship is offered in memory of Seth Doering. The \$1000 award will be given to a student who is entering the trades field.

SOUTH EAST KOOTENAY PRINCIPAL AND VICE PRINCIPAL ASSOCIATION

A \$500 scholarship is available to a student who is the son or daughter of a principal or vice-principal in the South East Kootenay.

SPARWOOD AND DISTRICT FISH AND WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION

(Additional application – return to SDFW Association)

There are four awards of \$500 available to local grade 12 students from the Elk Valley area. This scholarship will be awarded to a student who plans to attend post-secondary within one year of graduation. The recipient will be a relative of a past or present Sparwood and District Fish and Wildlife Association.

TECK COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

(Additional application – return to SD5 Cranbrook Board Office)

A \$1000 scholarship is available to graduating students in SD5, as well as Crowsnest Consolidated High School, who demonstrate the qualities of a courageous leader. An additional application and an essay is required.

TERUS SCHOLARSHIP

A \$750 scholarship is available to a student pursuing civil engineering or a trade in mechanics or millwright). A one-year deferment is available.

TRIANGLE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE BURSARY

(Additional application – return to FSS)

Two \$300 bursaries will be awarded to a student who attended Jaffray Jr. Secondary School, lives in the South Country, has a relative who is a TWI member, and who has been involved in the South Country community.

WALDO STOCKBREEDERS LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION BURSARY

(Additional application – return to Waldo Stockbreeders)

A \$1000 bursary will be awarded to a student who is related to a Waldo Stockbreeders Livestock Association member.

WESTERN COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AND BURSARY AWARD

(Additional application – return to FSS)

\$750 will be awarded to a student who intends to seek further training or education to become a productive citizen and who:

- Has overcome adversity and/or
- Has displayed outstanding community/school spirit and/or
- Has demonstrated inspirational conduct in a crisis.

Must have nomination filled out by any staff member of Fernie Secondary School.

YAMAGOYA SUSHI SCHOLARSHIP

There are two awards of \$500 available to students who have demonstrated excellence in the culinary arts and who plan to pursue further training at a post-secondary institution. Preference will be given to students pursuing culinary arts and who are past or present employees of Yamagoya Sushi.