

## Scholarships and Bursary Program

In keeping with the Nanaimo Airport Commission's mandate to be inclusive of all YCD stakeholders within its service area, the Commission will designate funds to help ease the financial pressures faced by students pursuing post-secondary studies.

The NAC scholarship program will support its stakeholders by extending annual awards to deserving students in our service area, as follows:

- Scholarships will be available for graduates of public secondary schools who will be attending a post-secondary institution in an eligible field of study.
- Scholarships and bursaries will be available for students attending any campus of Vancouver Island University in an eligible field of study.
- Scholarships will be available annually through our partnership with the BC Aviation Council (BCAC).

### **Eligible Fields of Study**

Eligible fields of study for scholarship awards will include any of the following:

- Commercial or private pilot
- Aviation Maintenance
- Aerospace Engineering
- Engineering
- Sciences
- Trades programs
- Related airport service fields of study including Tourism, Business Administration, Airport Management.

### **Public Secondary Schools in Nanaimo Airport Service Area**

All awards to Public Secondary School students will be made on behalf of the Commission by the local School District based on the criteria outlined in this policy.

Students who are graduating in the current school year from any public secondary school and who reside within the following areas will be eligible for scholarships:

- District 68 (Nanaimo Ladysmith School District)
- District 69 (Qualicum School District)
- District 70 (Alberni School District)
- District 79 (Cowichan Valley School District)

One award of \$1,000 will be designated for a student from each of School Districts 69 and 70 and two awards of \$1,000 each to School Districts 68 and 79. Should there be no qualified applicants from a particular school district(s) in a given school year, the Commission will consider redirecting awards to student applicants from other school districts in our service area.

Awards will be based on the merits of the applications as determined by each eligible School District. The School District will review all applications, which will include a cover letter outlining why the student is deserving of the scholarship, and choose successful candidates based on this submission.

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**Annual scholarship submission deadline for public and secondary school students is April 30.**

**Vancouver Island University**

All awards to VIU students will be made on behalf of the Commission by VIU.

**Scholarships:**

Two awards of \$1,000 each will be available to VIU students enrolled in the fields of study listed above. To qualify, applicants must have achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 with an 80% course load in one of the fields of study listed above. All scholarship awards will be made in the Spring of each year.

**Mike K Hooper Scholarship:**

One award of \$2,000 will be available to a VIU student enrolled in the fields of study listed above. To qualify, applicants must have achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 with an 80% course load in one of the fields of study listed above.

**Bursaries:**

Two awards of \$1,000 each will be available to VIU students enrolled in the fields of study listed above. To qualify, applicants must have achieved a cumulative GPA of 2.0 and be able to demonstrate financial need. All bursary awards will be made in the Fall of each year.

**BC Aviation Council (BCAC)**

The NAC will support the BCAC scholarship program with one award of \$2,000 to a student pursuing training and education in aircraft engineering, mechanics, in airport operations, and to train future pilots.

Scholarship or Bursary recipients may not be immediate family members of Nanaimo Airport Commission employees and/or Board members.

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