

Scholarship 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:

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

Public Secondary Schools in Nanaimo Airport Service Area

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)

Three awards of \$1,000 each will be designated for students from School District #68 and one award of \$1,000 will be designated for a student from each of the remaining school districts listed. Should there be no qualified applicants from any 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 merits of the applications as determined by the YCD Scholarship Committee. The Committee 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.

Annual scholarship submission deadline for public 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 all 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 Spring of each year.

Bursaries

Two awards of \$1,000 each will be available to all 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 awards to students pursuing training and education in aircraft engineering, mechanics, in airport operations and to train future pilots.

Scholarship recipients may not be immediate family members of NAC employees and/or Board members.

For further information, contact Pam Myers, Nanaimo Airport,
pmyers@nanaimoairport.com