



Student Awards program

Abbotsford, BC, July 11, 2018 – 326 scholarships and bursaries awarded to graduating high school students in Abbotsford

Lead: The Abbotsford Community Foundation allocates \$319,000 to local high school grads.

The Abbotsford Community Foundation (ACF) is pleased to announce that the 2018 Student Awards program allocated 326 scholarship and bursary awards - totaling over \$319,000 - to graduating students for their post-secondary education goals.

“Thanks to the generosity of local community groups, companies and individuals, we have been able to financially assist 326 students planning to attend university, college, or training institutions this coming fall,” said Lorna Hart, Board Chair of the ACF.

Over the past seven years, the ACF has provided over \$1.8 million dollars in scholarships and bursaries to Abbotsford high school graduates. “ACF is proud to partner with the Abbotsford School District to facilitate this program for the community”, said ACF Executive Director, Wendy Neufeld. “Our impact on these students’ learning is a lasting legacy for the community. We are pleased to invest in the future of our local young people. This program is inspiring in so many ways!”

Student awards are funded by income from endowments and from annual donations. This year there were several new student awards including: Cst John Davidson “Shine On” Legacy Memorial, Groove Force Productions, Liz Louwersheimer Memorial, Peter Dobson Memorial and Geoff Horner Memorial.

The following high schools are part of ACF’s Student Awards Program: Abbotsford Senior Secondary, Abbotsford School of Integrated Arts (ASIA), Abbotsford Traditional Secondary, Bakerview Centre for Learning, Mennonite Educational Institute Secondary (MEI), Rick Hansen Secondary, Robert Bateman Secondary, W. J. Mouat Secondary and Yale Secondary.

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Student Awards Overview Abbotsford Community Foundation 2018

The purpose of the Abbotsford Community Foundation (ACF) Student Awards Program is to increase access to post-secondary education by granting scholarships, bursaries and other awards to students graduating from participating public and private secondary schools in the City of Abbotsford. ACF provides approximately 300 awards each year funded by the income from student award endowment funds and support from annual student award donors.

Please visit <https://abbotsfordcf.org/> for more information.

The publications on our site are used year-round by the foundation to build local knowledge, set strategic priorities, inform granting and engage in community leadership activities.

Abbotsford Community Foundation is one of 191 community foundations across Canada. For more information about *Community Foundations of Canada* visit www.communityfoundations.ca.

About Abbotsford Community Foundation

Vision

Together we build a stronger, more caring community.

Mission

Inspire philanthropy and develop partnerships by investing in people, projects, and programs to strengthen our community.

Definition of Success

Abbotsford Community Foundation is an outstanding community leader and capacity builder in the not-for-profit sector. Abbotsford Community Foundation has 20 million dollars in endowment funds by 2020.

Strategic Priorities

- Fund Development
- Promotion
- Impactful Granting

Values

Caring, engaged, responsible, trustworthy, accountable



Our History

The Abbotsford Community Foundation was conceived by a series of initiating events that started with a substantial donation by the Trethewey Family to the Matsqui Parks and Recreation Commission in 1978.

The Directors of the Commission at that time felt that the sizable donation could have a much longer effect on the community if it was invested in perpetuity and revenues from the investment spent annually.

Funds

12- Endowment Funds

18 - Agency Funds

13 - Donor Advised Funds

12 - Donor Designated Funds

81 - Student Award Funds

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