

CITY OF BURNABY BURSARY AWARD PROGRAM

POLICY

POLICY PURPOSE

The City of Burnaby Council recognizes the importance of a post-secondary education in a student's career pursuits and the value of a well-trained workforce in the region's continued economic vitality. To that end, the City of Burnaby Bursary Award Program is intended to enhance the future of Burnaby public secondary school students by recognizing leadership qualities, volunteerism, community involvement, and encourage them to pursue post-secondary education and training.

POLICY STATEMENT

The City of Burnaby Bursary Award Policy recognizes eligible Burnaby public secondary school students, residing in Burnaby, who are working towards successful completion of Grade 12 and are continuing their education and training with a post-secondary institution. The financial needs of a student are taken into consideration in order to prioritize and provide assistance and encouragement to promising students that may be challenged by the cost of post-secondary education.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for a City of Burnaby Bursary, students must meet the following criteria:

- » Be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of the City of Burnaby;
- » Be in Grade 12 and eligible to graduate (within the year of application) from a public secondary school in Burnaby School District 41;
- » Be accepted to a program of studies at a post-secondary institution in Canada, such as universities, community colleges, technical schools – proof of registration in a minimum of three courses in a post-secondary institution will be required before any bursary award payment is made to a recipient;
- » Preference will be given to a student who has participated in a community program prior to graduating and can demonstrate outstanding community involvement and volunteerism; and,
- » Students who demonstrate financial need (family income below \$50,000) will be given priority.

For the purpose of processing City of Burnaby bursary awards, a student's personal information will be collected under the authority of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Section 26(c). A student's personal information is used for the purpose of verifying eligibility, selecting successful candidates, and processing the scholarship payment.

**APPLY BY:
FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 6,
2026**

BURSARY AWARD

A bursary award of \$1,000 will be awarded to one student in each public secondary school in Burnaby each year, and will be based on established eligibility criteria.

SELECTION AND NOMINATION PROCESS

The City of Burnaby will forward the Nomination Form (attached) each year to the appropriate personnel at each School District 41 public secondary school.

Each Burnaby public secondary school must nominate three potential bursary award recipients based on the established eligibility criteria, then complete and return the Nomination Forms to the City of Burnaby by February 6, 2026.

Subsequent to the review of submitted Nomination Forms by the Mayor and two members of the Executive Committee, the Mayor's Office will forward a congratulatory letter to the successful recipient, with a copy to the school principal or an appropriate secondary school representative. A certificate will be presented by a City Councillor or designate to the recipient during their School Leaving Ceremony.

PAYMENT OF BURSARY AWARDS

For the selected bursary recipient, proof of registration in a post-secondary institution with a minimum of three courses in a program must be provided to the Finance Department.

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2026 BURSARY NOMINATION FORM

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- » Be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of the City of Burnaby;
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STUDENT INFORMATION

Burnaby Secondary School

Student's First and Last Name

Address

Postal Code

Email

Phone Number

Family Income per year: (Please check-off one box)

☐ \$30,000 & under ☐ \$30,000-\$50,000 ☐ \$50,000-\$70,000 ☐ \$70,000-\$90,000 ☐ \$90,000-100,000+

Detailed description of your intended post-secondary program or field of study

Intended Post Secondary School(s):

What program or field of study have you selected, and what motivated your choice?

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Detailed description of your participation in a community program

CONSENT TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION

The City of Burnaby requires your written consent to disclose student information, such as your name and your secondary school's name for the purpose of public notification and recognition at a future Open Council meeting if you are a successful recipient of the 2026 City of Burnaby Bursary Award.

Provision of consent is voluntary. Your response will not impact your eligibility for the bursary.

I, _____, provide consent to have my name and name of secondary school I attend released to the public in an Open report to Council and on Burnaby.ca regarding receipt of the City of Burnaby Bursary Award.

Student Name

Date

Secondary School Principal

Date

Please forward this Bursary Award Nomination Form to the City of Burnaby Finance Department by February 6, 2026 or email your completed form to **finance_admin@burnaby.ca**